



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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June, 2007

There is no meeting in June due to shows and the National Convention

History of the TGRS

Alan and Jan Lathrem joined TGRS in 1995 and have been active ever since. Alan has served as Vice President and Jan was Membership Chairman for a while.



The Lathrems have a business selling products for building models, such as Jigstones and Precision Scale Products. They regularly attend the Big Train Show in Long Beach and have also sold their wares at every National Garden Railway Convention, except Cincinnati, since the 10th in Chicago. So, if you are going to either of those events, stop by and see Alan and Jan.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30. Membership renewal for the 2007/8 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the

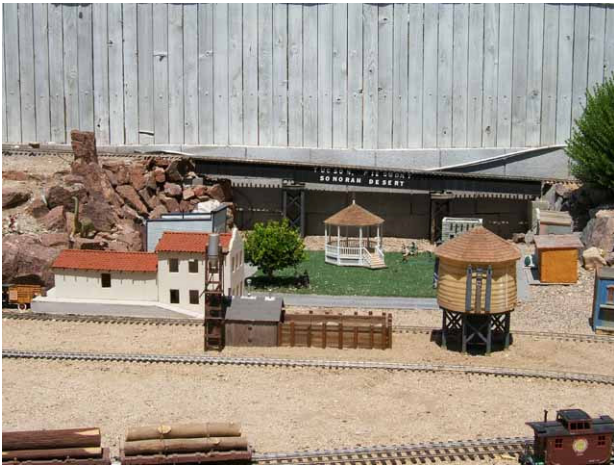
monthly meetings or by mail (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

Willis Fagg
12440 E. Ave. de la Vista Verde
Tucson, AZ 85749

This year our membership chairman has changed the format of our badges. Badges in the new format will be printed for members upon receipt of dues payment.

Photos from the May 26 Meeting at the home of Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker





Photos by the Miller Family

Minutes of the May 26th, meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the home of Mary Ker and Nick Buchholz. Nick thanked Mary for hosting.

There were 48 attendees at the meeting. We also had 2 guests who have moved to Tucson. Minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: There is a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$4,907.55.
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,011.29 for a total of all accounts of \$7,918.84.
3. Revenue to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$8,472.75 and expenses are \$12,614.81 for a net decrease to date of \$4,142.06
4. Revenues to date for the Rails in the Garden tour are \$5,160 and expenses are \$1,271.82. Revenue for this year's event is down about \$900.00 from last year. There are still some outstanding expenses to be submitted.

5. Revenues for the raffle at the fair were \$639.00 down from \$1,224.00 last year, and the prize expense was \$233.49 for a net of \$405.51.
6. Membership renewal is at 103, with 9 now current for fiscal year 2007-2008.
7. The treasurer's report was approved.

Editor's Report: Jim Miller reported that the newsletter is going well.

Venues Report: Chuck Cook reported.

1. **UMC North:** That Norm Ulmer and he are continuing to work on this project. Norm said "we were waiting for information about the removal of a door and they were waiting for the estimates from us. "This will be a 20x10 space. UMC has allotted \$50,000.00 to this project and we will design and build the layout. We will be responsible for long term maintenance. Andy Muscarello will donate 100 pieces of LGB stock. The layout will have an automated push button control.
2. **American Home Show:** June 1-3, 2007. Chuck is still looking for members to fill shifts at the Home Show and the Swap Meet. Members were reminded to change engines ever 2 hours when running them at events.

Committee Reports:

Membership Committee: lby reported we would get new name tags after we pay our annual dues. These will have our logo on them as well as our names.

Modules: Crossovers on modules. Nick is looking into this.

Old Business:

Non-Profit Status: Because we did not ask the government for permission to be a non-profit we may now owe \$3-4,000 federal taxes plus penalties. While we were a 501 © 7 we obtained more than 35% of our monies from non-members, such as RITG, raffles. We have 2 tax accountants working on reviewing what can be done. We will have 28 months free back time of forgiveness. We are now working on applying for a 501 © 3, the form is 26 pages long. Filing this form will cost around \$700.00 and we are spending \$600.00 for consulting. We will have to be even more of an educational club, such as signs on the layout explaining railroads did this, steam engines did this. Some wording in our *Articles of Incorporation* will have to be changed. In what order these things need to be done is not know yet.

Rails in the Garden: All 8 sites have been selected for the 2008 RITG. It will be held the second weekend of March, the 8th and 9th and will be on the east side.

2008 Convention Report:

Janet and 6 ladies made vests at Dorgan's club house with another session on June 14th. There is a need for people to help sew the vests. The vests will be ready for the Las Vegas Convention.

Publicity: Our ad is in the Garden Railway. We are also having posters being made. There will be an ad in the Las Vegas book. Las Vegas as of this date has 1200 registered and 70% of the exhibitor's space sold. Anyone who has not registered to help at our booth in Las Vegas can just stop at the booth.

Quilt: Ibby had tickets for the quilt raffle. \$2.00 each or 6 for \$10.00.

Lee Willets: Our online registration bailed on us. Willis and Lee have been working with a new company and it is ready to go. Download at www.ngrc2008.org.

Election: Nominations were seconded and closed. The officers slate was approved as presented.

New Board New BOD members at large.

President: Norm Ulmer	Nick Buchholz
Vice President: Lew Sleeper	Chuck Cook
Treasurer: Willis Fagg	Jim Cook
Secretary: Ellen Stoesser	Bob Dirksen
Editor: Jim Miller	

Announcements:

Shirts and Caps: were available.

Jay Sanders brought a box of equipment for sale. Glenn informed us that Bill Wright had died last week. His son Tom donated a box of magazines to the club for anyone to take. Phyllis had a "Thank You" card to be signed for **Uncle Bob's Popcorn**.

Thank you gifts for Ace Hardware, BBG, RITG hosts and our trailer painter are in the works

Meetings: There will be a joint Board Meeting of the old and new board in June at Norm and Ibby's. There will not be a regular meeting in June or July. There will be a Round-a-Bout in October. It will be held on the 27th. No time was set. Bruce & Carolyn Lynn---Bob & Phyllis Dirksen, with the meeting being held at Glenn & Janet Mitchell's.

Minutes of the May BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

May 8, 2007-7:00 P.M. at the home of Dottie and Willis Fagg

All Board Members were present except one.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasury Report: Willis Fagg reported a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$5,667.55.
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,011.29 for a total of all accounts of \$8,678.84.
3. Revenues to date for the fiscal year 2006-2007 are \$8,379.75 and expenses are \$11,761.81 a net decrease to date of \$3,382.06.
4. Revenues to date for the RITG are \$5,160 and expenses are \$1271.82. Revenue for this year's event is down about \$900 from last year. There are still some outstanding expenses to be submitted.
5. Revenues for the raffle at the fair were \$639.00, down from \$1,244.00 last year, and the prize expense was \$233.49 for a net of \$405.51.
6. Membership renewal is currently at 103 with 8 now current for the fiscal year 2007-2008.
7. The treasurer's report was approved

Events: Chuck Cook reported:

1. **SAHBA:** October 12-14---He will go to TCC to see if there is enough room for our layout.
2. **Reid Park:** May 12,--11A.M.--this was cancelled by Bookman's.
3. **American Home Show:** June 1-3--Chuck is sending out sign up sheets for this
 - a. Setup is May 30th with Nick in charge. **Setup will start at 10:00 a.m.**
4. **UMC Cancer North:** Norm reported that Winnie Andrews, Director of Oncology Services is working with us on this. There are a couple of spaces they are looking at using. We could wind up with maybe a 20x10 space with a glass wall and also some storage. This would be a very nice space. Andy Muscarella is still going to supply the stock and UMC will supply the money. In the June issue of *Garden Railways*, page 86, there is a very nice article about a large-scale layout at the San Diego Children's Hospital. This was designed by Bob Treat (SDGRS) and built by the members of the club.
5. **Colossal Cave:** October 13---We are still checking on this.
6. **Swap Meet:** June 2---Setup will start at 7:00 a.m.-Children's Layout.

Old Business:

Non-Profit Status: There was again, much discussion about what to about our status and the amount of our possible tax liability.

A 501 (c) 7—no longer applies because 65% of our income comes from non-members. Because the RITG and the raffles come to about 65% of our gross revenue and the convention could exceed twice our current gross we would be violating the restrictions of the © 7.

Purpose as they apply to TGRS:

A 501(c) 3 is organized and operated to instruct the public on subjects useful to individuals and beneficial to the community.

A 501 (c) 4 is organized and operated to further the common good and general welfare of the people in the community.

For either of these:

1. We would need to file application to obtain IRS recognition- (3) form 1023 & 8718—(4) Form 1024 & 8718
2. Cost would be \$750--\$ 300 if we get the gross revenue below \$10,000.00 with certain deductions —shirts, caps, bus trip to Phoenix
3. Contributions: (3) may result in a tax deduction for donors—(4) generally will not result in a tax deduction
4. IRS filing-(3) must file Form 990 EZ or 990 and schedule A --- (4) must file Form 990 EZ or 990
5. Minor changes and additions to our Articles of Incorporation. We would need a Mission Statement, a Strategic Plan, Business Plan. We would need a budget, record keeping and accounting system. Our articles would have to include a non-discrimination policy, how our assets would go to another organization with similar goals if we disband, it could not go to the members.

Tax Liability: Tax returns would have to be filed from the the inception of the club up to the 2006/2007 return which is due the 5th month after of the fiscal year of the corporation which is June 30th. We will be checking on the 28 month grace period.

Penalties: The late filing of a return is subject to a penalty of 5% of the unpaid tax for each month the return is late up to a maximum of 25% of the tax. The late payment of tax due is ½ of 1% of the unpaid tax for each month the tax is unpaid up to a maximum of 25% of the unpaid tax, .Interest and and penalties will be assessed, usually 501 (c) 7 has resulted in compromised penalties.

Jay will continue to work with Brenda at Phoenix Accounting Agency about our tax liability.

Ruth Taylor will contact her son-in-law, tax accountant, about this also, she will also check on our EIN # to make sure we can modify the status and not need to change the #.

Adobe Mountains, Ken Bain and Wm. Inman have volunteered to help us if needed.

We will also start the 501(c) 3 application form..

2008 Convention: Norm reported that the online registration was not going well and we are redoing it. Tracks ahead, Dave Beaulé is going to be a speaker at the convention.

Our convention car will be on display at the Las Vegas Convention. If all goes well we are looking at a preliminary figure of over \$50,000.00.

Rails in the Garden: Bob Dirksen reported that he will be doing the RITG for one more year, he is working on getting his replacement, and he will prepare a folder with all the information and tips for the next person. RITG 2008 will be held on the weekend of March 8th. All 8 sites have been selected.

New Business: Ad for 2007 NMRA Regional Convention for TGRS—they would like us to place an ad.

Ad for 2007 NMRA Regional Convention for 2008 NGRA—we will be in Garden Railways for 3 issues and they will hi-lite our layouts.

Caps: Joe Stoesser will order a new supply of caps.

2012 Convention—Chicago would like to hold this.

Next Board Meeting—no date has been set.

From the Railroad Depot

EVENT: TRAIN CLUB on Locomotive Saturdays
DATE: 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June, July and August.

June 9th, June 23rd, July 14th, July 28th, August 11th, and August 25th

TIME: 10:30am - 11:30am

LOCATION: Museum at the Historic Depot, 414 N. Toole Ave. Tucson, Arizona, 85701

SPONSORED BY: Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

CO-SPONSORED BY: Pima County Main Library & Teller of Tales

PRICE: Free, open to public

CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

Short Description:

Join the Depot's Train Club! A free, fun gathering of train loving youth! The museum will host different activities centered around trains and transportation every 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June, July and August.

All are welcome and there are no age requirements although some activities are more appropriate for certain ages.

Full Description:

Story Time co-sponsored by Pima County Main Library.

Saturday, June 9, from 10:30-11:30am, The Depot welcomes the first ever Train Club with storytelling experts from the Main Library. Listen to exciting train and transportation stories while trains roll by outside. These stories will be enjoyed by all ages.

Train Tales -co-sponsored by Tellers of Tales "Trouble, Tragedy and Triumph" Saturday, June 23, from 10:30-11:30am, Train Club continues with storytellers from Tucson's Tellers of Tales sharing favorite railroad stories. Listen to the "set-huh-clank" of the hammers as the railroad track is laid. Imagine saving the train when the bridge is washed out. Wonder at the mystery of the railroad ghost. These stories will be most enjoyed by children Grades 2 and above.

From 10am - 1pm LEARN! and have all your steam locomotive questions answered by a knowledgeable volunteer. The locomotive no.1673 ramada gates are open from 10am - 1pm every Saturday. Explore transportation history in Southern Arizona through interactive museum exhibits! LISTEN and LOOK! at the modern day freight trains passing by! Ring the locomotive bell! Pick up an audio phone in the museum to learn an exciting story of a railroad job or rest your feet in front of our beautiful photo media wall.

CAPTURE! your photo with the "Doc" Holiday & Wyatt

Earp, life-size sculpture or relax on an original 1941 bench while taking in the beauty of the restored and still operating passenger lobby.

EVENT: Summer Transportation Lecture Series
DATE:July 17th, 24th, 31st, August 7th, 14th, 2007
TIME: Noon - 1pm
PLACE:Hotel Congress Copper Room, 311 E. Congress St. (Congress St. & 5th Ave.
SPONSORED BY:The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
CO-SPONSORED BY: Hotel Congress
PRICE:\$5 a person, all lectures for \$20
CONTACT:Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223
ContactUs@TucsonHistoricDepot.org,

Lectures are held in the Hotel Congress Copper Room. Make time for a delicious lunch before or after the lecture series at the Cup Cafe. \$5 a person or \$20 for all 5 lectures

July 17th "The Arizona and South Eastern Railroad and Bisbee"

Speaker: Richard Dick, Historian
Early Bisbee and the railroad that served it.

July 24th "The Arizona Narrow Gauge Railroad"
Speaker: Gene Caywood and Richard Dick
The Arizona NG RR, a short-live line that originated in Tucson. The time period discussed is 1882-1907.

July 31st "Southern Arizona Railroad Engineers and Construction"
Speaker: Winton Hall, Long time Southern Pacific employee
A Southern Pacific Railroad Craftsman, Surveyor and Industrial Products Engineer gives his perspective.

Aug. 7th "Hooves and Rails: The History of the Tucson Street Railway"
Speaker: Gene Caywood, Author, Old Pueblo Trolley CEO,
Transportation consultant and historian
The horse-car period of the Tucson Street Railway, just prior to the electric cars.

Aug. 14th "On the Ground in the Steam Age"
Speaker: Bill Kalt, Author and historian
This Tucson native gives an image-packed presentation of local railroad family photographs combined with tales of Tucson's steam era. Join us for a stroll along the Southern Pacific Railroad during the first decade of the 20th Century.

New Members

There are no new members to welcome this month

Electronic News Letter

With so many new members, I want to remind you that you can have the news letter delivered by e-mail. The club saves printing and postage costs but more importantly you get the news letter faster and can view the photos in color.

To join the email mailing list send an email to members-subscribe@tucsongrs.org; include your name and a simple message like "I am a new TGRS member and would like to join the mailing list".

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pima County, Arizona. Society members are interested in all areas of garden and modular large scale railroading. We welcome new members and hope you will consider joining. Members help each other build layouts and learn about railroading and modeling.

The TGRS dues are \$30.00 per year and are due on June 30th of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30th plus a \$15.00 initiation fee, the first year. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 for each badge after the first.

If you are interested in the TGRS please contact one of the officers at the phone number listed below. If you wish to join immediately, send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to:

Ibby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Sep	Meeting at the home of George and Kathy Fitzner
Oct 27	Round-A-Bout; Dirksen, Lynn, Mitchells
Nov	Meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's
Dec 1	Christmas/Holiday Party
Apr	Jim and Madelyn Cook

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Nick Buchholz.... 520-744-4932
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Secretary:.....Ellen Stoesser.....520-577-1210
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Lew Sleeper.....520-751-9628
Joe Stoesser.....520-577-1210

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