



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

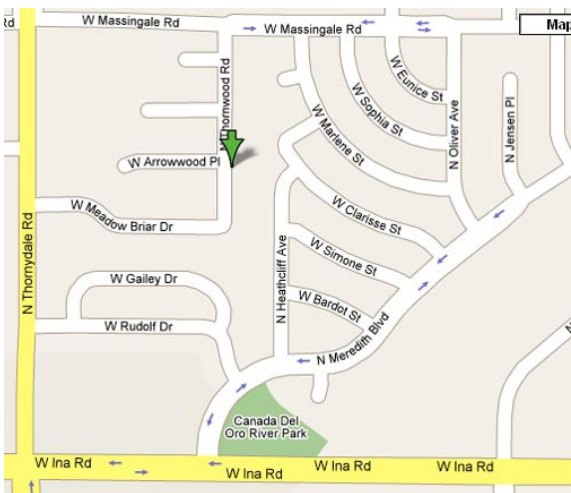
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There will be a Special Meeting at 10 AM on the 28th of July at home of Chuck & Debbie Cook, for the purpose of approving certain revisions to our TGRS By-Laws. The reason for this is that in order to comply with Federal requirement, our By-Laws must contain some language about dissolution, anti-discrimination, etc. This will facilitate our filing for a tax-exempt 501C(3) charitable organization. Thanks, and we'll see you there. Norm Ulmer, President.

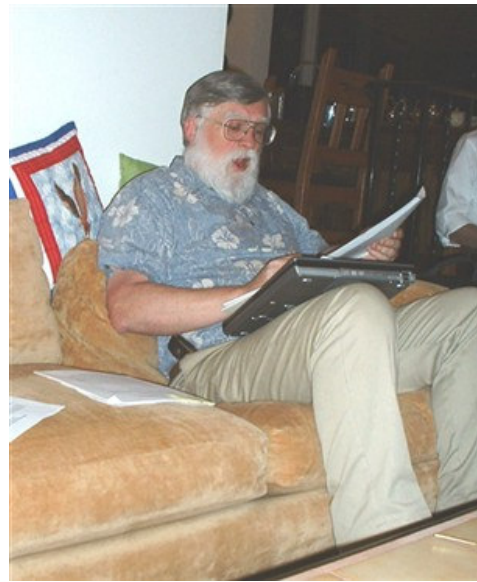
Chuck and Debbie Cook live at 7470 N Thornwood Rd. their phone number is 797-1066.



Directions:

Go North on Thornydale from Ina/Thornydale about 1/4 mile turn right into Foothills West Subdivision on Meadow Briar. Follow down to bottom of hill where you are forced to bear left on Thornwood. We are about 1 block down on the right. Watch for balloons on the mailbox. This is an INDOOR MEETING with A/C. Please do NOT bring chairs.

History of the TGRS



As you know, we held our biannual election at the May meeting and the new officers will take over as of July 1. This seems like a good time to feature our outgoing President, Nick Buchholz in our History story for this month.

Nick and his wife, Mary Ker, joined the club in December 1997. He served as Newsletter Editor for six years and has been President for four and a half years. He designed the current module system and some of the racks we use to store the modules. As is the case in many of our families, Mary has gotten involved with the railroad. She is a ceramic artist and uses some of her talents to build buildings and figures for their railroad which was featured in the 2007 Rails in the Garden Tour.

When he's not playing with trains, Nick works for the National Optical Astronomy Observatory at Kitt Peak.

Request for Volunteer Participation Norm Ulmer

Hi, Folks, This is your (new) President speaking -- Seriously, what I would like to do is get your ideas and input as to how we can encourage more of our members to participate as volunteers for such activities as setting up and/or running trains and "smoozing" with the public at shows. Do we need a program of incentives? If so, what do you think would work best? We also have a need for a chairman for our Mentor Committee, to contact and work with new members as they come into the Club. Another opening is the need for a chairman for our Education Committee, someone who is willing to help develop workshops, etc., to be presented at the events we participate in. So, Let me hear from you, either by phone at 299-9401, e-mail at nhulmer@earthlink.net, or in person, whatever is best for you. Thanks,

Membership Renewal Time is Now

Membership renewal for fiscal year 2007/8 is now due. Current membership expired on June 30 and renewal is \$30.

Payments may be made at our next monthly meeting 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.

2008 Rails in the Garden Tour Set

The 2008 Rails in the Garden Tour will be on March 8 and 9, 2008. The tour will include the following layouts:

Jim and Madelyn Cook
Rick and Sue Gast
Mike and Jane Dorgan
Joe and Ellen Stoesser
Gary and Peggy Martin
Jay and Sallie Sanders
Ken and Mary Karrels
Barry and Gina Blackwell

Keep your calendars open for this important event.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO TGRS SEWERS

The 2008 Convention Team would like to thank all of the club members who worked hard making convention vests. First, Jane and Mike Dorgan for arranging for us to use their community center. It was a great place to work with lots of room to spread out. We had a great group of ladies who spent one or two days sewing. Thank you—Phyllis Dirksen, Jane Dorgan, Dottie Fagg, Rosalie Forgues, Jamie Martinez, Ellen Stoesser, Ibby Ulmer, June Weaver, and Mary Cay Wesolowski. We worked hard, laughed and had a good time. Now we know why our grandmothers had sewing bees! Thanks again, ladies. This is just one proof that the convention can't happen without all of our club helping.

Minutes of Joint BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ibby Ulmer

June 19, 2007 - 7:00 at the home of Norm and Ibby Ulmer

Members Present: Nick Buchholz, Norm Ulmer, Jay Sanders, Rick Gast, Jim Miller, Jim Cook, Willis Fagg, Lew Sleeper and Ibby Ulmer, acting Secretary.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Treasurer's Report: Willis Fagg reported the following:

1. Current checking account balance is \$5,931.39
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,012.06 for a total of \$8,943.45
3. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 are \$9,593.85 and expenses are \$12,712.07 for a net decrease to date of \$3,118.22
4. Membership renewals appear to be running a little behind normal this year at \$1290.00. This represents 49 members have paid for the new year.

Rick Gast moved and it was seconded and passed that the Treasurer transfer \$900.00 from the checking account to the reserve account.

Events: Lew Sleeper reporting

1. The SAHBA Home Show in October is being explored. The location that SAHBA wants to give us is questionable since it is under the bleachers in the ice rink and is dark and lacking of electrical facilities. This must be explored before we can make a definite commitment.
2. Reid park was discussed briefly, and rejected.
3. Colossal Cave Pioneer Days is the same time as the SAHBA home show and therefore is out.
4. American Home Show in January
5. There will be a Swap Meet on December 8th. This may conflict with something else. There will be another Swap Meet in January.
6. St Mark's Methodist Church - December 9
7. Botanical Gardens - Gary Martin will coordinate.

8. VA Hospital will be the week between Christmas and New Years.
9. University Medical Center. Norm Ulmer and Chuck Cook met with the people at the new Cancer Care Center and saw the place the railroad would be put in. There was a question of putting in a new access door to the area. Norm has gotten two quotes for the new door and gave those to UMC. The ball is in their court.
10. Pima County Fair. They had been told that we cannot have a layout there in 2008 due to the Convention, but had sent a letter to Willis as if they are expecting us. Willis will send them a letter making it clear that we are not able to be there.

Old Business

- A. Convention Report - Norm Ulmer
- B. Non-Profit Status. Jay Sanders presented an analysis from his tax consultant which indicated that as a 501C(7) we may have accumulated a tax liability of approximately \$5000.00. However as a 501C(4) we do not have a tax liability. After much discussion concerning the application for 501C(3) it looks like, upon filing the application we have the option of selecting the status of a 501C(4) commencing with the original date of our incorporation.
- C. In order to file an application for 501C(3) status we must first do several things:
 1. We must file a copy of our amended and restated Articles of Incorporation. This will be done tomorrow right after Norm Ulmer, Ellen Stoesser and Willis Fagg have their signatures on the Articles notarized. Jay expects this will be approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission before the 28th of July.
 2. We must revise our By-Laws to reflect the inclusion of anti-discrimination and dissolution clauses. Jay Sanders will provide Norm Ulmer with the required language for these revisions and Norm will post them by email to the Society members. There will be a special general membership meeting at 10:00 A.M. on July 28th at Nick Buchholz house in order to vote on these revisions.
 3. Nick Buchholz will complete the 1023 {501C(3) application} by the time of the special meeting.
 4. Assuming all of this is accomplished by the end of July, we will file the application together with a copy of our State approved restated Articles of Incorporation and our revised By-Laws. This will require a filing fee of \$750.00. Willis moved and it was seconded that we approve the expenditure for the filing fee. Motion passed.

New Business

- A. A new town design was put on hold because it was not requested by the Convention Committee.
- B. New infra-structure purchases (Work lamp, bench stool and torque screwdriver, etc.) were approved.

- C. There was discussion of the re-building of the over the track stairs to lower the step height. And to re-work the lift bridge.
- D. Membership Chairman, Ibbey Ulmer, presented a revised version of the Membership Application folder. A few suggestions were made and will be incorporated.
- E. There was also a discussion of re-wiring the medium size trailer and putting swivel casters on all racks.

Announcements

Norm Ulmer announced that he would like suggestions for new Education and Mentor chairmen. He will add an additional committee for Maintenance and Gary Martin has agreed to serve as Chairman. He also asked for ideas to encourage more membership participation in the Society's activities.

The meeting was adjourned.

From the Railroad Depot

STEAM LOCOMOTIVE SATURDAYS-The gates to the locomotive are open! Come ring the bell or take pictures next to the locomotive. EVERY SATURDAY, 10am – 1pm.

TRAIN CLUB-A free, fun gathering of train loving youth! The museum will host different activities centered around trains and transportation. 2nd and 4th Saturdays in June, July and August, 10:30am – 11:30am.

Summer Transportation Lecture Series, Tuesdays from July 17th-August 14th, 2007, Noon – 1pm, PLACE: Hotel Congress Copper Room, \$5 per person

DEPOT ART FAIRS-Free, outdoor, artesian fairs at the Depot, 9am – 5pm. Fall Fair-November 17th, Holiday Express-December 8th & 9th, 2007, Dillinger Days-January 19th, 2008.

DEPOT VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP-Thursday, September 20th, 2007, 9am – 11am. Become an integral part of the museum at the Depot.

3RD ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS AT THE DEPOT - Saturday, December 8th, 2007

7am – 10Am - Hobo Breakfast with Hobo hash and pancakes. \$5 per Person

10am – 1pm - Photos with Santa at the Locomotive: Let us capture your child's holiday photo with Santa & the locomotive, activities and much more.

Dillinger Days exhibit in conjunction with the Tucson Downtown Alliance's annual celebration. January 19th, 2008 - 10am – 5pm

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:

lby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

- Aug 18 Meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's**
- Sep 8 Meeting at the home of George and Kathy Fitzner**
- Oct 27 Round-A-Bout; Dirksen, Lynn, Mitchells**
- Nov 10 Buzz & June Weaver's**
- Dec 1 Christmas/Holiday Party**
- Apr Jim and Madelyn Cook**

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401
V-President:.....Lew Sleeper.....520-751-9628
Secretary:.....Ellen Stoesser...520-577-1210
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