



Tucson Garden Railway Society's Time Table

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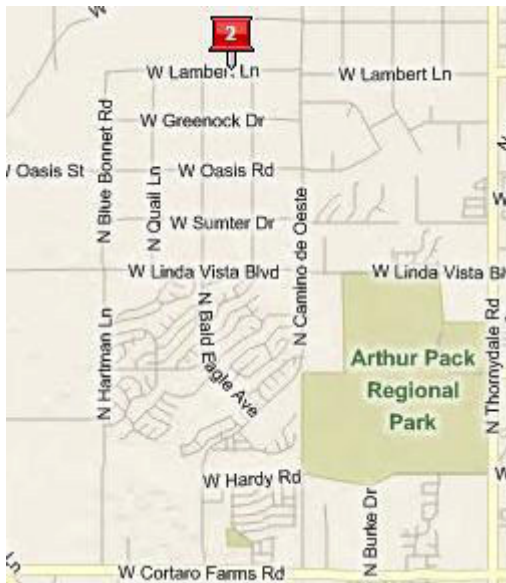
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October, 2007

The October meeting will be a Roundabout on October 27th The Three Garden Railroads open for drop in viewing starting at 8:00am with the meeting to be held at the Mitchell's at 10:00am, remember to bring chairs. There will be a lunch at the Mitchells

These three garden railroads will be featured during the 2008 National Garden Railway Convention so it will be a treat to see them now. There will be a small fee for the lunch of \$3.00 a person or \$5.00 a couple due to a technicality with our incorporating as a 501.c.3.

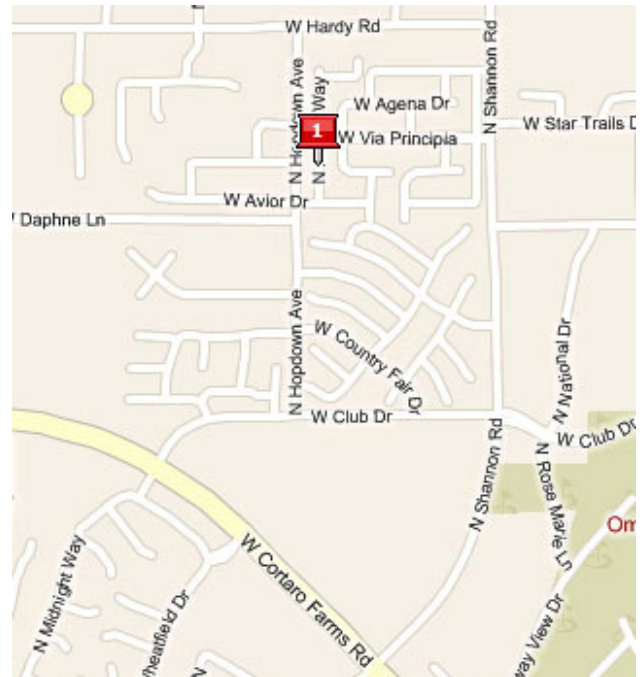
BRUCE & CAROLYN LYNN
4901 W. Lambert Lane • Tucson, AZ 85742
744-1232



Directions to the Lynns

1. From Thornydale Rd North of Cortaro Rd
2. Turn west at Lambert Lane 0.9 mi
3. Turn right (north) at Camino de Oeste <0.1 mi (Lambert Lane jogs right (north) a few yards at Camino de Oeste)
4. Turn left (west) at Lambert Lane 0.3 mi, portions are unpaved; home is on the left (south)

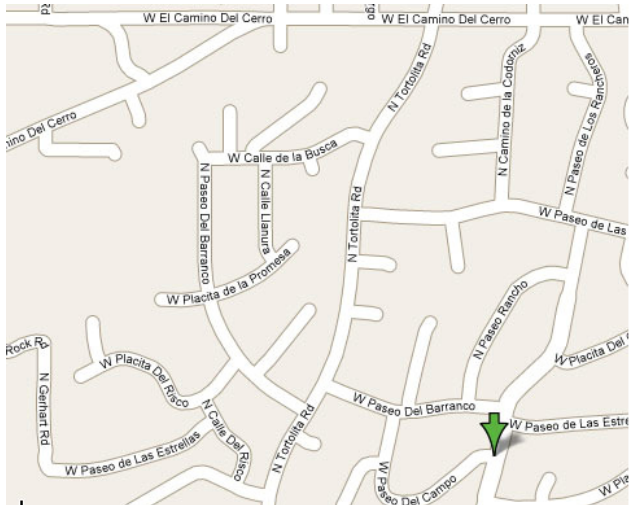
BOB & PHYLLIS DIRKSEN
8648 N. Auriga Way • Tucson, AZ 85742
742-9503



Directions to the Dirksens from the Lynns

1. Turn right (east) at Lambert Lane 0.3 mi
2. Turn right (south) at Camino de Oeste <0.1 mi (Lambert Lane jogs south a few yards at Camino de Oeste)
3. Turn left at Lambert Lane 0.9 mi
4. Turn right (south) at Thornydale Rd 2.4 mi
5. Turn left (east) at Cortero Farms Rd 0.5 mi
6. Turn left at Club Dr 0.2 mi
7. Turn left (north) at Hopdown Ave 0.2 mi
8. Turn right (east) at Avoir Dr to Auriga Way
9. Turn left at Auriga Way; home is on the right (east)
10. Parking - visitor parking spaces are just north of Dirksen's on Avoir between Hoptown and Auriga

GLENN & JANET MITCHELL
5100 W. Paseo Del Campo Tucson, AZ 85745
743-9263



DIRECTIONS TO THE MITCHELL'S—

FROM THE NORTHWEST AND FOOTHILLS—

Take La Cholla (2 miles west of Oracle Rd) south to Ruthrauff (2nd light south of the Rillito River), turn right on Ruthrauff which becomes El Camino del Cerro west of I 10)

OR

FROM THE SOUTH—

Take I 10 west to El Camino del Cerro/Ruthrauff exit, turn left

FROM THE EASTSIDE—

Take Grant Rd or Speedway to Silverbell Rd., turn right on Silverbell and continue to El Camino del Cerro, turn left

OR

FROM LYNN'S OR DIRKSEN'S

Take Thornydale south to Orange Grove, turn right on Orange Grove to I 10, take I 10 east to Ruthrauff/ el Camino del Cerro exit, turn right

AND

Continue west on El Camino del Cerro, approx. 1 ½ miles west of Silverbell Rd, turn left on Paseo de los Rancheros (large wooden "Rancho del Cerro" sign), at the "T", turn left and immediately right, back onto Rancheros, just over the top of the hill (about ½ mile) turn right on Paseo del Campo—we are the first house on the right.

There is parking for several cars in the driveway for those who need to be close and street parking on our street.



The Mitchells Garden Railway

My apologies, but I have just been informed that there is indeed "no free lunch". This has been relayed to me from Norm Ulmer: It was brought to my attention that our By-Laws prohibit distributions to club members for any reason, and that a free lunch is classified as a distribution. Therefore, we will have to charge our members for the lunch at Mitchells. I've set the amount at \$5 per couple and \$3 for individuals.

History of the TGRS by Ibby Ulmer

Our featured members this month are Ken and Mary Karrels. They started their garden railroad and joined TGRS in 1995. Ken is in the process of building a 7 ½ inch gauge ride on railroad on their property.



Ken and Mary Karrels

They have been proprietors of a Bed and Breakfast at their place for almost 20 years now. One of the rooms where their guests stay is a Caboose that has been converted to a comfortable bedroom suite. (see photo.) They also raise Weimarners and have other animals on their grounds.

Ken is a semi retired Clinical Psychologist and besides his work with TGRS and the upcoming National Garden Railway Convention, he is chairman of the museum management group of the Railroad Depot Museum downtown. Mary is an artist and a few years ago when the call went out to decorate horse statues to be placed around Pima County, Mary painted one, which can now be seen at the City Hall in Marana.

Tucson Garden Railway Society Community Education

On September 5 to 9, 2007 the National Model Railroad Association held its Pacific Southwest Regional Convention in Tucson at the Sheraton Hotel. Over 160 model railroaders (mostly N, HO and O scale) registered to attend clinics, visit layouts, self guided and bus tours.



Model of the Tucson Depot on the Karrels Railway, built by Wayne Wesolowski

TGRS member, Professor Wayne Wesolowski presented two scholarly clinics on "The Lincoln Funeral Train." The clinics covered the history of the trip and secrets of building a museum quality model. In addition, attendees visited the garden railway layouts of the Martins, Dillons, Schwabs and Karrels. For some of the visitors this was a first time visit to a garden railway. They were impressed with the amount of scenic detail and operational sophistication on all the four outdoor layouts.

By giving presentations and opening our varied layouts to guests we are furthering the community education offered by TGRS.

Ken Karrels

Pictures from the September meeting at George and Katrina Fitzner



Photos by the Miller Family

Minutes of the September 8, 2007 General Meeting of TGRS

The meeting was called to order by President, Norm Ulmer, at 9:00 a.m. at the home of George and Katrina Fitzner. Forty eight members were present.

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

In the absence of the Treasurer the President read the financial report as follows:

- 1) Current checking account balance is \$3,323.36. Reserve account is \$3, 912.88 for a total of all accounts of \$7,237.24. Revenues to date are \$847.00 and expenses of \$2,025.59 for a net decrease of \$1,178.59. The major expense for the year has been for the 501 (c)(3) application process.
- 2) Final accounting of the 2007 RITG Tour is: revenue of \$5, 180.00 and expense of \$1,393.04 for a net of \$3,786.96.

Newsletter Editor, Jim Miller asked that those members who have dial-up internet service and are

having trouble downloading the newsletter contact him so that he can mail them a copy.

The Vice President, Lew Sleeper, gave the following report:

Feedback from all of you suggested that we cut back on the number of shows, particularly until after the convention next year. Thus, when we were asked to participate in the SAHBA homeshow next month we declined, especially when they wanted to give us a space behind the skating rink with very poor lighting.

We will be using the children's layout extensively in the Swap Meet on December 8, for Dirksen's church also in December and probably the Stoesser event and Jerry Tulinos's show for Casa de los Ninos. These are all one day events, so very few volunteers are needed. The modified, reduced large layout will again be used at the Veteran's Administration December 26-28. We will be preparing for the American Home Show soon to be held in January.

We are thinking of ways to get more members involved so we can get to know each other better. For example, we need to rebuild the cog train, and Gary Martin has agreed to host a meeting to generate ideas on how to build it, and then hold a work session(s) at his house to build it.

Membership Chairman, Ibbey Ulmer, reported that we now have 80 paid members. A new roster will be posted on the website in October.

It was announced that Nick Buchholz has agreed to be chairman of the mentoring committee and he asked for names of those who are willing to be mentors and what they might specialize in. He also would like the names of people who are willing to be co-hosts at meetings.

Social Chairman, Chuck Cook, announced that we will be beginning to hold luncheon get-togethers once a month for those that just would like informal social events. After taking suggestions from members, he will set a given day each month and find a restaurant that could handle a group.

The next meeting, October 27, will start with a round-about at Dirksen's and Lynn's and meeting at Mitchell's followed by a lunch.

Old Business

A. Nick Buchholz reported the application for 501 (C)(3) has been received by the IRS and they will notify us within 60 days of anything else we might have to do or if it is accepted as filed.

B. President, Norm Ulmer, reported that the appreciation plaques have been delivered to BBQs Galore and Ace Hardware.

C. Plans for the 2008 Convention are going well. Norm asked people to sign up to volunteer in the various areas.

D. Bob and Jackie Conrad were thanked for their donation of a stool to the club for use at displays
E. Due to the high cost of torque screw drivers, the Board of Directors has decided to simply limit the removal and replacement of motor block screws to those weaklings who are not strong enough to over tighten screws in plastic.

F. The cross over bridge has been modified and George Fitzner is in the process of re-doing the railing.

G. We need 2 2ft. connection modules to mate with the lift bridge and carry the track extensions to the bridge itself. These will be designed by Nick and built by Norm.

H. As we do every year, those folks who are not paid up by the end of September will be dropped from membership.

New Business:

A. Jim Cook has accepted the task of developing some guidelines for the Day Chairman's responsibilities at our shows such as the VA, Home Shows and County Fair.

B. There was a call for a Volunteer Coordinator.

Nick Buchholz made a motion that the Club Pay for the repairs to the overhead door at the Fairgrounds that was damaged when one of our trailers bumped it when it was not fully raised.

Motion seconded and passed.

Jay Sanders reported that those who will be working at the layout tour for the convention will need to wear convention T shirts. Volunteers will be able to buy T shirts at cost - \$7.00 for small through extra large, \$8.00 for XX and \$8.50 for XXX.

It was announced that the cost of the club's insurance will be going up and that the officers will have to be indemnified by the club with D & O insurance.

Bruce Lynn announced that he has recently modified an Aristocraft engine and if anyone wants to know how he did it he would be glad to show them.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Ibbey Ulmer, acting Secretary

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of TGRS September 4, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the home of President Norman Ulmer. Members present were: President Ulmer, Vice president Lew Sleeper, Board members Nick Buchholz, Jim Cook and Chuck Cook and Membership Chairman acting as Secretary Ibbey Ulmer.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

In the absence of the Treasurer, the President read the financial report submitted by Willis Fagg.

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- 2) Final accounting of the 2007 RITG tour is: revenue of \$5,180.00 and expense of \$1,393.04 for a net of \$3,786.96.
- 3) Membership total is 79 including two new members.

Vice President, Lew Sleeper, reported

- 1) That the display at the Veteran's Hospital will be set up on December 26th and taken down on December 28th. He suggested that a program for children by Operation Life Saver might be added. There is a van available with a train cab simulator. Lew will see if the VA will allow us to bring the van in if it is available.
- 2) We are not going to the SAHBA home show as requested.
- 3) He will check with the Dirksens about the display at St. Mark's Church and with the Stoessers about doing a display again at their church.
- 4) He will also talk to Jerry Tulino about the Casas de los Ninos.
- 5) The Toy Train Operators' swap meet is on December 8.

Newsletter Editor, Jim Miller has told Norm that the newsletter is on its way to the printer's and will be out soon.

Membership Chairman, Ibbby Ulmer, reported 79 paid members. The new roster, containing only those who have renewed their memberships will be published about October 1.

Old Business;

- A. Nick has received a notice from the IRS that our application for 501(C) (3) has been received and we should receive a notice within 60 days as to whether it is accepted as is or we have to do something else.
- B. The appreciation plaques for their participation in the RITG tour have been delivered to Ace Hardware and Barbeques Galore.
- C. Nothing new currently on the Convention according to Norm Ulmer. He will pass out sign up sheets at the meeting on Saturday for volunteers which are still needed. There is a meeting on Thursday of the ABTO part of the committee in Chandler to which Norm and Dick Izen are going.
- D. Committee Chairmen.

- 1) Nick has consented to be chairman of the Mentors Committee.
- 2) Janet Mitchell said she would continue as chairman of the Education Committee. She has requested suggestions for speakers. It was suggested that Ken Karrells would be a good prospect to talk about the Railroad Museum.
- 3) Chuck Cook has agreed to be Social Chairman.
- E. Bob and Jackie Conrad have donated a stool to the club for use at the displays.
- F. Nick has looked into torque screwdrivers and discovered that at \$120 and up it would not be worth the purchase.
- G. Nick will design and Norm will build the two new connection modules requested.

New Business:

- A. Social Chairman, Chuck Cook, has suggested that we hold no host luncheons each month. All members would be welcome to the strictly social lunches at a restaurant. It was agreed that this would be a good idea and Chuck will look into places, such as the Hometown Café and set a particular day of each month. This will be announced at the meeting and in the newsletter.
- B. Norm suggested that it be announced in the next newsletter that those who have not paid their dues will be dropped from the newsletter mailing list. Agreed.
- C. Jim Cook suggested that we establish a certain Saturday of each month for the meetings. This would make it easier for members to plan. The board meetings should also be established on a certain day. Agreed. However, there are some meetings that are already arranged for that do not follow this pattern.
- D. Nick has agreed to get together a list of members who, because they are not in a position to have meetings at their home, will agree to be co-hosts at meetings. This list would be made available to those who are hosting meetings.
- E. There was a discussion of how to get members to volunteer for our activities. Some suggestions were to have training sessions for running the trains at displays and encourage the volunteers to interact with the viewers more so that the job would not become boring. Lew Sleeper agreed to get together a committee comprised of some members who have not been that active to design concept for a cog train display.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Ibbby Ulmer, acting Secretary

New Members

We have not had any new members join our club in September.

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:

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4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

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
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