



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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May, 2008

The June Meeting is on the 21st of June. 9:00 am run trains, 10:00 am for the meeting and noon for the lunch, only \$5.00 a person.

To be held at the home of:

Jack and Rosalie Forgues
61786 E. Sandlewood Road
Tucson, Arizona 85739
Phone 818-9598

Directions to SaddleBrooke and the Forgues home

Drive north on Oracle Road (RT. 77) through the town of Catalina.

Turn right onto SaddleBrooke Blvd. at the signal. As you come over the hill, turn right on Mountainview Blvd.

Just past the tennis courts turn right onto Club House Drive

Follow Club House Drive to Northwood, turn right and continue to Winding Trail Drive.

Turn left on Winding Trail Drive and then left on Sandlewood Road.

Our home is on the left side of the street.

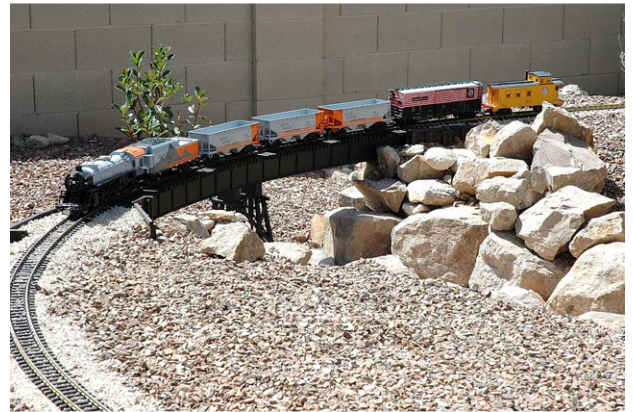
The Quail Ridge Railroad

The QRR came into existence in April of 2006, when we moved into our new home in SaddleBrooke.

Rosalie and I decided that it would be easier to have an elevated railroad that would work with our landscaping plan. After two attempts at building the elevated railroad, we decided to add elevated pads and a new rock canyon to our existing landscaping. Our new plan will consist of two independent loops with a switch yard for each loop. The new layout is coming together nicely but we still have much work to do.

The layout time period will be the early 1950's to the late 1980's. When completed we will have

approximately 600 feet of track and a new water feature.



Locomotives & rolling stock are Aristo-Craft and USA Trains in 1:29 scale, along with a 2-8-8-2

Aristo-Craft Mallet modified into a 4-8-8-2 Cab Forward locomotive. Most of the buildings are mostly kits or scratch-built in 1:25 scale.

The members of the TGRS have been most helpful in providing technical information and advice in the construction of our layout.

Lunch will be served immediately at the close of the meeting for those wishing to enjoy. The menu will be turkey wraps, veggies, chips, cookies and soda or water. The cost is \$5.00 per person.

Buzz Weaver sent this photo in, it looks suspiciously like the convention car.



Taken at Dulce, NM west of Chama, NM. It has the platforms in it for sheep. Not as nice as the convention car. I took it a couple of years ago. I used to go to Chama on business from '56 to '69. It was a busy railroad town in those days.

Buzz

SWAP MEET AND HOME SHOW

First, for a variety of reasons, the board has elected to CANCEL our participation in this home show (which, in case you have not heard, has been moved to the fairgrounds). A big THANKS to all of you that signed up early to participate. Hopefully, you can come by and visit us at the swap meet. We will be displaying at the TTOS Swap Meet on Saturday June 7th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. We will have the Kids Layout there and we will have 2 tables. One table will be to tell folks about TGRS and show off some pictures off our layouts and one table will be to sell some of the equipment given to us under our status as a non-profit organization. We still need 1 more person to help out with the morning session (setup and running trains) and 5 more people for the afternoon session (run trains and tear

down). If you do not get e-mail from the club, please call me if you want to volunteer. Otherwise, an e-mail requesting help will go out soon. The swap meet is held in the freestanding building to the rear of the motel located on the SW corner of I-10 and Grant. Chuck Cook 797-1066.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Great fun and conversation was had by all at the pizza outing on May 17th. Again, about 15 members were in attendance to hear some of the odd and humorous stories from the convention. The next social luncheon is Wednesday June 18th. This luncheon will be at the Hometown Buffet on Oracle Road just north of River Road (the location of our last couple Xmas parties). We won't have our own room, but we will get there early and gather a group of tables together. Everybody else can arrive at 11:30 for lunch.

Come out and enjoy some good conversation with your railroad friends.

Any questions, call Chuck Cook @ 797-1066 or 977-7673

Convention Quilt

Our convention quilt was a big success! The gross receipts from ticket sales were \$1869.00. (Don't ask why it's an uneven number.) This number is well over the cost, but probably not as much as the quilt and other prizes are worth. The quilt was won by Carla Hanks of Fair Oaks, CA. The second prize wall hanging was won by Elizabeth Ruth of Reno, NV. The third prize - the Thomas wall hanging - was won by Laura Murphy of El Cajon, CA. The table runner was won by Dave Woodburn of Georgetown, Ontario, Canada and the fifth prize - the pillow - was won by Mary Gonzales of New Mexico. Some of you will remember her and her husband who come to Tucson every year for the Rails in the Garden Tour.

Many thanks to all who were involved.

Ibby Ulmer

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30.
Membership renewal for the 2008/9 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:

Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

This letter was sent to ABTO



Tucson Garden Railway Society
22 May, 2008

To all the members of ABTO;

As the Co-Chairman of our recently completed National Garden Railway Convention 2008, and as President of Tucson Garden Railway Society, I want to take this opportunity to thank the officers and members of Arizona Big Train Operators for their gracious help, hard work and assistance in making NGRC2008 one of the very best and most successful Conventions ever. The comments from both attendees and vendors were uniformly congratulatory in praise of the Convention, and this would not have been possible without your diligent efforts.

Our TGRS members join me in extending our appreciation of your work, and we want you to know that the friendships that have developed between members of our two clubs will be valued for a long time to come. We enjoyed working shoulder to shoulder with you on the planning and preparation for the Convention, and look forward to future mutually beneficial relations between our clubs.

Sincerely,

Norm Ulmer

ABTO sent this letter to TGRS



Arizona Big Train Operators

To the members of the Tucson Garden Railway Society:

On behalf of all the members of the Arizona Big Train Operators, I would like to thank each and every member of TGRS for all the effort put forth in the joint venture of hosting the 2008 National Garden Railway Convention. It was a vast undertaking which from all I have heard, was one of the best conventions ever. The outcome of a successful venture is a satisfied customer. I think we can rank our convention as successful.

It has been an exciting project and we have gotten to know each other better and have established new and I hope lasting friendships. In the future, I hope we can enjoy more joint activities. I know the memory of this convention will live on for many years to come.

Warmest regards.

Tony Vacek
President of ABTO

Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum

Toy Train Show & Meet

Saturday, June 7, 2008

Open to the Public 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Quality (Rodeway) Inn Events Center
(Grant & I-10)**

**Exit I-10 from Prince Road from the North or 29th
Street from the South**

**Use the Frontage Road to Grant Road
Events Center is located on Grant immediately West
of I-10 & behind the Quality Inn**

Minutes of the May 24, 2008 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

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

There were 66 attendees, which included several guests

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Lew Sleeper has "stepped down" as Vice President. The Board approved Willis Fagg as our new Vice President and Ruth Taylor is our new Treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth Taylor reported a;

1. Current checking account balance of \$9,757.74.
2. Reserve account balance is \$5,623.24 for a total of all accounts of \$15,380.98.
3. Revenues to date are \$13,210.10 and expenses of \$6,254.31 for a net increase of \$3,955.79.
4. Revenue total includes \$3,000.00 loan payback from the 2008 convention.
5. Membership renewals are due next month. Current renewal status is 8. Membership total is 94.
6. The treasurer's report was approved.

Editor's Report: Jim Miller reported things were going well. Jim thanked the members for their articles. Norm thanked Herb Hoffman (not present) for writing his "How to do Things" column.

Membership Committee: Iby Ulmer reported we have 94 members. Ticket sales for the raffle quilt were just under \$2,000.00.

Maintenance Committee: Gary Martin reported all equipment is ready to go.

Mentors Report: Nick Buchholz needed a mentor for the east side. Norm volunteered.

Education Committee: Janet Mitchell reported that Phyllis Dirksen is going away for the summer and the committee will be on break. Peggy Martin will help in the fall. Madelyn Cook is going to help with **The History of Railroading in Arizona**. They are looking for members to help give presentations.

Social Committee: Chuck Cook reported that 15 members attended the luncheon at R&R Pizza. In June it will be on the 18th at the Hometown Buffet on Oracle where we have our Christmas Party. The meeting at Forgues's on June 21st will also include lunch. The menu will be the same as at Karrel's and the cost is \$ 5.00 a person.

Home Show:

1. The Board cancelled the **Home Show** for several reasons.
2. It was moved to the Fairgrounds
3. They could only get the 2 halls.
4. The distance for members to travel.

Swap Meet:

Chuck had a sign-up sheet for the Swap Meet on 6/7/2008 at the Rodeway Inn. There will be 2 shifts-- Set-up and run will be 7-11:30----Run and tear down will be 11:30 to 4:00 P.M. Chuck would like members who would like the idea of having a table at the swap meet to sell a couple of items to talk to

him. Maybe we could get the table free like we do for RITG and club info. We could sell the leftover donated items and maybe the rest of the Convention items.

Old Business;

A. Convention Report:

- a. There were Convention books for the members who were unable to attend the Convention. Next month we will give away the leftover tote bags.
 - b. Norm forgot to thank Eileen and Bob Schwab for showing their layout for the convention.
 - c. Leftover items from the convention - convention cars----cost of each car---\$68.00 ---now selling for \$50.00---polo shirts---\$10.00---visors---\$5.00.
 - d. Norm thanked Gina Blackwell for stepping in and finishing up the registrations.
 - e. **Exhibit Hall:** Gary Martin thanked all the volunteers who helped in the Vendor Hall. The vendors said "their sales were the finest vendor sales in history". Also the layouts were the finest.
 - f. There were Piko catalogs free for the taking.
 - g. Bob Dirksen thanked all those that worked on the Convention.
 - h. Ruth would like a "thank you" be sent to the Maricopa Live Streamers.
- B. Rails in the Garden:** Glenn Mitchell is the new Chairman of this event. Ace Hardware and BBG will get Conventions cars for their valuable help in selling tickets for the event.
- C. Boy Scouts Railroad Badges:** Nick reported he has not heard back from anyone.
- D. UMC Children's Hospital**—Norm reported this is on hold.
- E. New Business:**
- F. Chef for a Day:** Jerry Tulino and several club members will do a "**Chef for a Day**" at the Ronald McDonald house on Saturday, August 16. There are usually about 40 people. Meal time would be around 6 in the evening and the menu would be a meat loaf, rice dish, and vegetable. The meat loaf can be made at home. The Tulino's will bring the salad, desert and drinks. We would also set up the Children's Layout and the shifts will be 8-12:00 and 12:00-4:00 P.M. They are located at Campbell & Allen. This will be in the calendar of the newsletter
- G. Donations:** Some of the G scale railroad equipment donated from Dennis Foy was auctioned off at the meeting. The rest will be auctioned off at the next meeting. Ron Kuykendall donated G scale railroad equipment to the club this was also auctioned off.
- H. Projector:** We will purchase a projector for the club. Nick will go to Office Depot to see if he can get a discount there and if he can the price

would run around \$5-600.00 then, if not it will be around a \$1000.00.

- I. Clint Watkins wanted to thank the members for keeping the club going.
- J. **TBG.** Thor Pierce thanked the club for setting up the loop at TBG. He would like to set up a static display. He had diagrams of the layout he would like help with. The club could donate stuff as soon as he frees up a place to put it. He would like to form a Thursday night group called the **TBG Modular Group.** He is looking for ideas, suggestions and he will make a list of things needed.
- K. Gary had wheels for sale at \$2.00 an axle. Contact him if you need wheels.
- L. **Children's Museum:** Dick Izen reported that the Children's Museum would like us to help develop an elevated interactive train display. Norm, Dick and Ken Karrels met with Sandy Napombejra and Samantha Schreiber to discuss this project. Dick had a tentative budget and a pros and cons list for this project. Chuck Cook made a proposal that the club allow up to \$4000.00 to participate in this project and what monies the Children's Museum can't raise, we would give them. This was approved.
Educational: We would have signs, placards, and information. Maybe have a small TV which we could use cd's and DVD's. Wooden train cars the kids could sit in to control the train or a station front that could dispatch the train and sell tickets. Work on this project would start in September

The next regular meeting will be at the home of Jack & Rosalie Forgues on June 21, trains will run at 9:00 A.M., and the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Minutes of the May BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

May 20, 2008-7:00 P.M. at the home of Norm and Ibby Ulmer

All Board members were present
Pres. Norm thanked Ibby for hosting
Minutes of the April meeting were approved

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- 5. Membership renewals are due next month. Membership is at 94.
- 6. Interest rates for the CD's are still being checked.
- 7. The Treasurer's report was approved.

Vice Presidents Events: Lew Sleeper has stepped down as Vice President and his resignation became effective at the end of the meeting. Willis will be our new VP.

Norm made a motion we would not do the Home show and this was approved by the Board. It has been moved to the Fairgrounds and there is not enough room for us. Maybe they could move it to the Expo Center on Irvington. We will pursue going with SAHBA if they give us a decent site for the layout. The **Swap Meet** is ready to go. Chuck Cook will have a sign-up sheet at the regular meeting. Jim Miller will pull the trailer; he will get the bar and ball from Chuck. Should we get a table to sell the convention goods at the Swap Meet? It is \$20.00 for a table. Nick made a motion that we get a table and sell the leftover donation and convention goods. This was approved.

Editors Report: Jim Miller would like articles about the convention.

Membership Chairman Report: Ibby Ulmer informed us about the enthusiasm of our new members. Our membership form will need to be changed because of the changes in the board.

Mentor Committee: Nick needs mentors for the east side of town.

Social Committee: Norm reported that there were 15 at the Social Luncheon at R&R Pizza. 6/18/2008 will be the next social and it will be held at Hometown Buffet on Oracle.

Old Business:

- A. **Convention Report:** Norm reported that the convention was great and had some "interesting moments". We have leftover cars, shirts, visors and a starter set. We will save the starter set for our next raffle. Tote bags and books will be given to those who were unable to attend the convention. We had 70 volunteers that worked at the convention.

New Business:

- A. Ruth Taylor was approved as the new Treasurer
- B. June meeting at the Forgues's will be a lunch meeting
- C. Tucson Children's Museum: Norm, Dick Izen, and Ken Karrels had a meeting with Sandy Napombejra and Samantha Schreiber about putting an interactive train display there. They have 88,000 visitors a year and are expecting 90,000 for the 2007-8. The proposed loop would be elevated and one loop would go through 2 tunnel portals above existing doors. We could build scenery going behind the train and using bells at the crossing. Dick also supplied a list of pros and cons to the project. Nick made a proposal that we pursue this project and come up with a firm plan and budget then present this

to the museum. This was approved by the board.

- D. **Railway Museum & Gift Shop:** Norm reported we will put a back and forth trolley with sound in the Museum. The track will be on acrylic -13 ft long and 6-7 inches wide and this would be counter high at the museum. It will take 2 guys to set up.
- E. Norm thanked Lew for serving and welcomed Ruth to the Board.
- F. Bob Dirksen proposed a letter be sent to thank the ABTO for the opportunity of working with them.

There was no date for the next board meeting.

2008 Convention DVD

The 2008 National Garden Railway Convention DVD is an excellent 3 disk set featuring 41 of the 47 railroads that were open at the convention. The only problem that I have had with the set is that the railroads are presented in a more or less random order that jumps about with no regard to location or the day on which the railroad was open. It is very difficult to relate the railroads on the disks to the descriptions in the program.

Accordingly I have prepared a chart that lists each of the railroads in the order listed in the program with a cross reference to which disk and which position on that disk the railroad is shown. For example the Lynn's Tortolita Mountain Railroad is number 1 in the program and can be found on Disk 2 in position (or chapter as the Disk calls it) 6.

I hope this chart will be helpful to others who purchased the DVD.

<u>Book Number</u>	<u>Railroad Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Disc & Position</u>
1	Tortolita Mountain Tucson, Piedmont & Sonoran	Tucson	2 - 6
2	Desert	Tucson	1 - 4
3	The Rock Bottom	Tucson	1 - 3
4	Eagle Mountain	Tucson	2 - 7
5	Red Rock	Tucson	1 - 9
6	Grand River Southern	Tucson	3 - 5
7	Mogollon Rim	Phoenix	2 - 4
8	Southwestern	Phoenix - NW Valley	3 - 12
9	Grand Central	Phoenix	NOT on DVD
10	Grizzly Flats	Phoenix - NW Valley	2 - 13
11	Sun City Citrus	Phoenix	1 - 2
12	Johnsonville	Phoenix - SE Valley	2 - 2
13	Palo Verde & Southwestern	Phoenix - East Valley	NOT on DVD
14	A & T Express	Phoenix - East Valley	1 - 12
15	Skunk Creek & Deer Valley	Phoenix - NW Valley	3 - 3
16	Shady Glen	Phoenix - NW Valley	2 - 9
17	Wild Eagle	Phoenix - NW Valley	1 - 13
18	Sun Dancer	Phoenix - East Valley	3 - 9

19	Gilbert & Southern	Phoenix - East Valley	3 - 2
20	Phoenix East Valley	Phoenix - East Valley	2 - 14
21	Sunset & Boulder	Phoenix - East Valley	1 - 5
22	Apache Gap & Western	Phoenix - East Valley	3 - 13
23	Ogden - Lawrence Dispatch	Phoenix - East Valley	3 - 6
			NOT on
24	Dry Wash & Tumbleweed	Phoenix - East Valley	DVD
25	J & J Spare time	Arizona City	2 - 8
26	Catalina Southern	Tucson	1 - 8
27	Turtle River	Tucson	2 - 11
28	T & T	Tucson	1 - 11
29	Double K Ranch	Tucson	2 - 3
30	Caliches' & Saguaro	Tucson	1 - 7
31	Cloud Mountain	Tucson	3 - 4
32	CC & MF (Cactus Corners)	Tucson	1 - 14
33	Grandpa Choo Choo's	Phoenix - NW Valley	1 - 10
34	Snort Bear & Widget	Phoenix - NW Valley	1 - 6
			NOT on
35	Adobe Mountain	Phoenix - NW Valley	DVD
36	Eagle Pass	Phoenix - NW Valley	3 - 11
37	St. John	Phoenix - NW Valley	2 - 5
38	Arizona Red Brick	Phoenix - NW Valley	1 - 1
39	Whiskey Flats (Whiskey River)	Phoenix - NW Valley	2 - 10
40	Westerwalder Guter Zug	Phoenix - SE Valley	2 - 12
41	Clearwater	Phoenix - SE Valley	3 - 1
			NOT on
42	San Juan Southern	Phoenix - SE Valley	DVD
			NOT on
43	Swiss Alpine	Phoenix - SE Valley	DVD
44	Rooster Creek	Phoenix - SE Valley	2 - 1
45	Bonneville Mills	Phoenix - SE Valley	3 - 8
46	Desolation	Phoenix - SE Valley	3 - 10
47	Dry Creek & Arizona Short line	Phoenix - SE Valley	3 - 7

New Members

A late welcome to Charlie and Ryan MacCabe and Melissa Halpern. It seems that 12 year old Ryan is the train buff. He has started his own version of a garden railroad and after attending the Rails in the Garden Tour, they decided that they wanted to join the club. So, we welcome another young railroad enthusiast.

We welcome Peter & Julie Firos, Peter and Julie were at the convention. He is retired from the Border Patrol. She works at the Post office in Nogales. They do not have a layout as yet, but are clearing a place in their yard.

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

Jun 6&7 **TTOM Swap Meet**
Jun 21 **Jack and Rosalie Forgues**
Nov **Gary and Peggy Martin**

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401
V-President:..... Willis Fagg.....520-760-0147
Secretary:.....Ellen Stoesser...520-577-1210
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