



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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There is no meeting in January due to the numbers of displays of our Layouts

The next regular meeting will be a Round-a-Bout with the meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's. This will be on February 17th. It will start at 10:30 and the meeting will begin at 1:00.

The three (3) layouts for the Feb. 17th round-about will be:

1. Barry & Gina Blackwell
2. Joe & Ellen Stosser
3. Mike & Jane Dorgan.

The layouts will be open from 10:30AM until 12:30PM and the meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's house and will start at 1:00PM.

RITG NEWS from Bob Dirksen

The plans for the 2007 RITG Tour are coming together. Bruce and Carolyn Lynn have volunteered to show their layout. Tickets will go on sale to the general public on January 1. Full sheet and half sheet ads will be available at the Christmas party on December 2 and tickets will go on sale on January 1. Members can get ticket packets after December 7 by calling 409-3269 and leaving a voicemail message. I can deliver tickets to the Botanical Gardens on any day beginning December 9th. Tickets will also be distributed at the VA hospital show, the January Home Show and the February meeting. Keep you calendars open for March 3rd and 4th. We will need volunteers for that weekend. Please call one of the venues and volunteer. The venues are as follows (Rincon West will provide the volunteers for their layout):

The Bob Schwabs
The Bob Hofmanns
The Eberbachs
The Dorgans
The Martins

Buchholz and Ker
The Lynns

Club Shirts and Hats

An order for shirts and caps will be placed in January so we can have them for the March Rails in the Garden Event. If you would like to place an order, contact Joe Stoesser.

Update on the County Fair

From Chuck Cook

Here are the notes from the meeting with the County Fair people. Obviously, this is a work in progress. The meeting was between Peggy Buerenstein and Jon Baker of the Fair Commission and Willis Fagg, Jim Cook and Chuck Cook from TGRS. Thanks, Chuck

FAIR COMMISSION GIVE AND TAKE

Gaining Entrance

We will:

- 1) Give one month notice of the bulk of the people signed up to man the layout.
- 2) Appoint a single contact person to work with a single contact person at the Fair Commission.
- 3) Gather the names to show the people that are staffing the layout the bulk of the times.
- 4) Police ourselves with regard to misuse of any tickets and we will return to them any unused tickets.
- 5) There will be NO reuse of previous year badges.

They will:

- 1) Give us a contact person that is most easily reachable in the month and days closest to the event.
- 2) Establish an information flow plan that we can use to make last minute changes due to illness, or late add ons.
- 3) Establish a "will call" system at the Brekke Gate so that members helping out at the last

minute can get their ticket and parking pass there on their arrival.

- 4) Fine tune the system so that our members that require special assistance (either due to disabilities, or those needing to carry equipment in from the front gate) know how to get a transportation cart to help them when arriving at the front gate.

Layout and Space Requirements

They will:

- 1) Give us one months notice of the space we will be given for our layout. They have been given the space needed for our largest layout, and our smallest acceptable Fair layout (not necessarily the smallest layout we can build).

We will:

- 1) Design our layout in advance so that we can plan on what scenery and equipment will be needed.

Set up and Tear down

They will:

- 1) Give us an exact time at which set up can begin.
- 2) Let us know the correct time for teardown to begin.
- 3) Allow people associated with the tear down and with picking up their own personal scenery or equipment park in the lot immediately to the west of the Brekke check in station.

We will:

- 1) Not have members signed up for tear down, or members picking up personal supplies; show up at the gate before a predetermined time.
- 2) We will rent a golf cart or they will allow us one vehicle to move freely between Old Pueblo Hall and the above parking lot to transport members delicate equipment in a more efficient manner.

Minutes of the Dec. 2nd, meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the Hometown Buffet. There were 79 attendees at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Willis Fagg reported a:

- 1) Current checking account balance of \$8,447.52.
- 2) Reserve account balance is \$3,006.65 for a total of all accounts of \$11,454.17.

- 3) Revenue to date for fiscal year 2006-2007 is \$1,150.50 and expenses are \$2,483.34 for
- 4) A net decrease to date of \$1,332.84.
- 5) Membership renewal is at 96.

Christmas Party was a huge success and lots of fun for all. 79 people attended and it was agreed that it was a good idea to have it there. Maybe for the August meeting we could have a Round-a-Bout and have the meeting there.

Venues Report: Chuck Cook reported on events:

- 1) **Buddy Walk:** A "Thank You" from them. Their goal for their fundraising was \$25,000 and they raised \$42,000.
- 2) **UMC:** Andy Muscarello: said "the space that we would have been using would be tight" for a setup. Maybe it could be in the Children's Ward, which will not be built until 2009.
- 3) **Hotel Arizona:** there will not be an event there this year.
- 4) **Veterans Hospital:** hours for this event: it will run 12/27&28—29th half a day. There will be an email sign up sheet.
- 5) **Home Show:** January 6-8-2007. Chuck will call about this event.
- 6) **TBG:** the start time has been changed to 9:00 A.M.
- 7) **County Fair:** Willis Fagg, Jim Cook and Chuck Cook had a meeting with the John Baker. It was an informative meeting, details of the meeting will be in the *Time Table*.

Old Business:

Rails in the Garden: Bob Dirksen had 39 tickets packets for the members to take and sell. He has 8 layouts and needs volunteers to help man them. Bob is having a meeting on Thursday to finish making the rest of the packets.

Trailer: Pres. Nick reported the Club purchased the 5x8 trailer for \$600.00. It needs painting and will be used for the Kid's Layout.

Announcements:

Alan Lathrem let us know that Sam's Club still has Bachmann starter sets for \$170.00.

Gary has houses and some engines for sale.

Shirts and Caps: an order will be placed in January so we can have them for the March, **Rails in The Garden** event. Contact Joe Stoesser if you would like to order either or both.

Buzz Weaver is in the hospital, he might have had a heart attack.



SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

EVENT: DILLINGER DAYS!
DATE: Saturday January 20th, 2007
TIME: 10am – 5pm
PLACE: Southern Arizona Transportation Museum at the Historic Depot, 414 N. Toole Ave. Tucson, Arizona, 85701
PRICE: Free admission, open to public
CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

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New exhibit: Dillinger Exhibit unveiled at Transportation Museum. This small exhibit will focus on the transportation aspect of the Dillinger capture in Tucson. How did Dillinger and his friends come to Tucson? Learn how a new national highway system influenced how Americans traveled from state to state by 1934? Learn the make and model of car Dillinger drove. How was the group of criminals extradited and how was the Depot involved? Learn the answers to these questions and more. The exhibit will be on display from January 20th to February 20th, 2007.

Free parking surrounding the Depot, metered street parking is always free on weekends or park in the new Pennington Garage. In cooperation with the Tucson Downtown Alliance and Hotel Congress.

EVENT: STEAM LOCOMOTIVE SATURDAYS
DATE: EVERY SATURDAY
TIME: 10AM - 1PM
PLACE: 414 N. Toole Ave.
SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
PRICE: Admission Free
CONTACT:Laura Caywood Barker, 623-2223
RELEASE:January 7th - April 1st, 2007

LEARN! and have all your steam locomotive questions answered by knowledgeable volunteers at the locomotive no.1673 ramada. 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. **SHOP!** for that train fan in our unique gift shop!

Museum Hours of operation
11AM - 3PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
10AM - 4PM Friday, Saturday
11AM - 3PM Sunday
Admission FREE

EVENT:HISTORIC DOWNTOWN WALKING TOURS - 10th Season!

DATE:Warehouse Tours; January 13, February 10, March 10.
Armory Park Tours; January 27, February 24, March 24
TIME: 9AM - 11AM
PLACE:Meet in the Hotel Congress Lobby, 311 E. Congress St. (Congress St. & 4th Ave.)
SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
PRICE: \$5 a person, at the beginning of the tour.
CONTACT:Laura Caywood Barker, 520-623-2223, www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org

Warehouse District Tour

Enjoy downtown art galleries while learning about the historic use of these interesting Warehouse District buildings - Conducted by Ruth Wenberg

Armory Park Tour

Explore the beautiful architecture of Armory Park while learning of this historic downtown neighborhood's exciting relationship to the railroad - Conducted by Dave Devine

All tours meet in the Hotel Congress lobby at 9am and run until approximately 11am. **NOTE:** Bring water, a hat and wear walking shoes - 2 mile walk total. The Cup Cafe at Hotel Congress is hosting "Railroad Breakfasts" before the tour (breakfast is not included in tour). Armory Park Tours ARE wheelchair accessible, please call for more information. Warehouse Tours are NOT wheelchair accessible.

New Members

Eb Ebelein, his wife, Gwen Goodman, his son, Lucius and his daughter, Karennah.

They have smaller scale trains, but want to get into Garden railroading. The membership is a Christmas present to son, Lucius. He said that's the only thing he asked for for Christmas. They have attended our tours the last few years. They say they would like to have a mentor. Lucius had a lot of questions, one of which was whether or not we have workshops

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

Jan No meeting due to multiple setups
Feb 17 Roundabout then meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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