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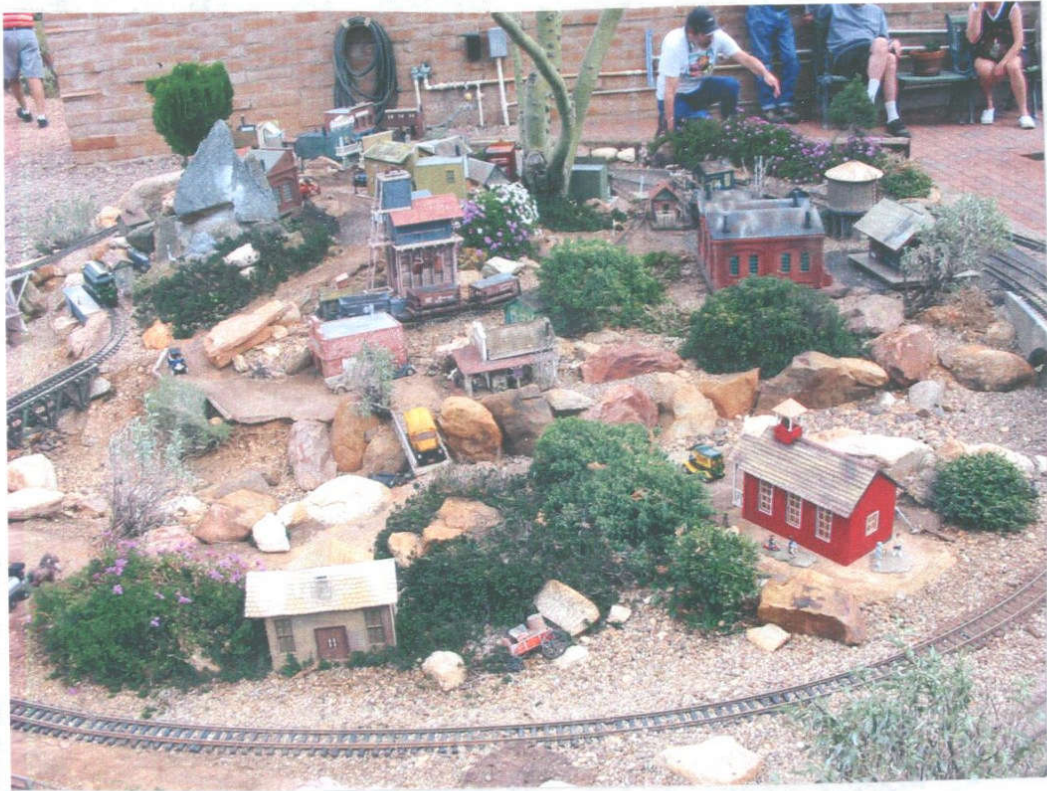
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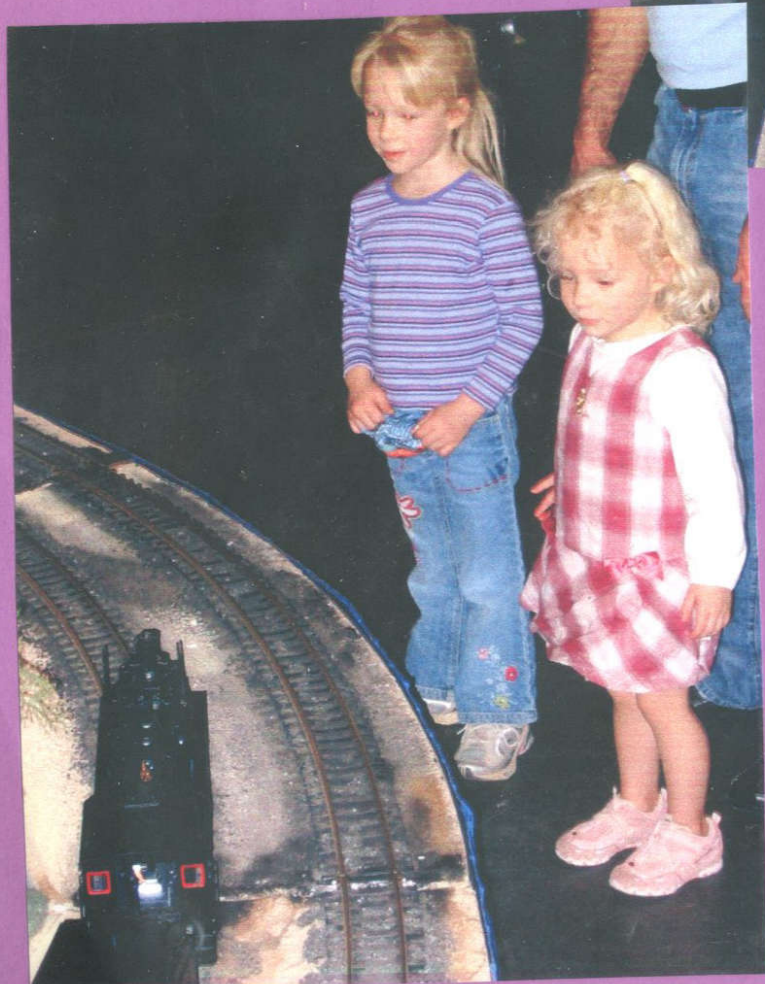
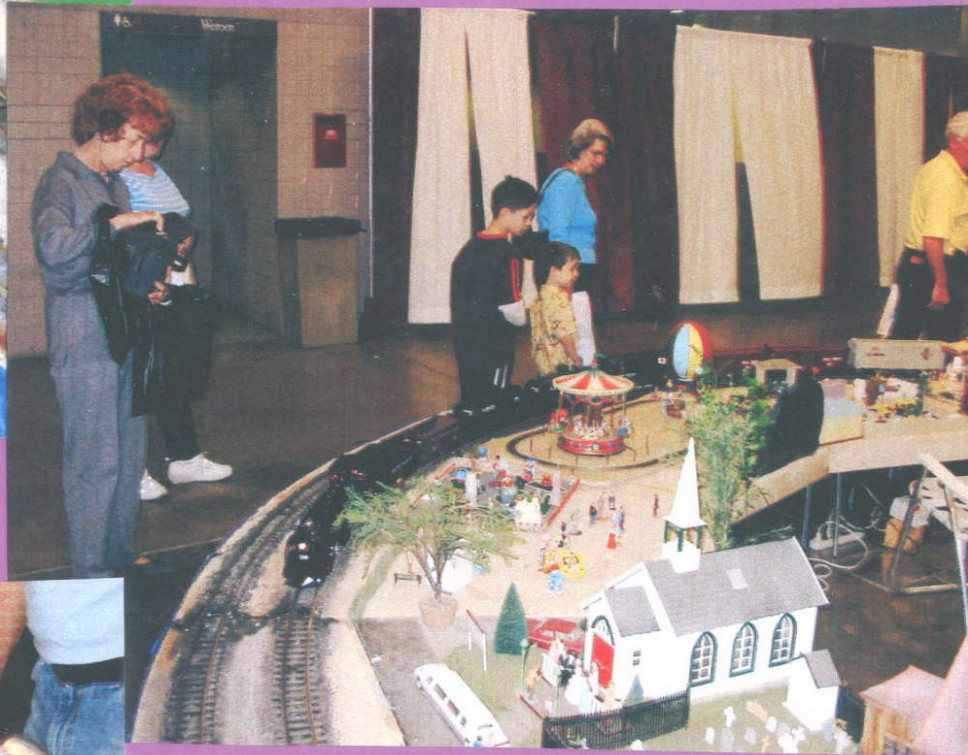
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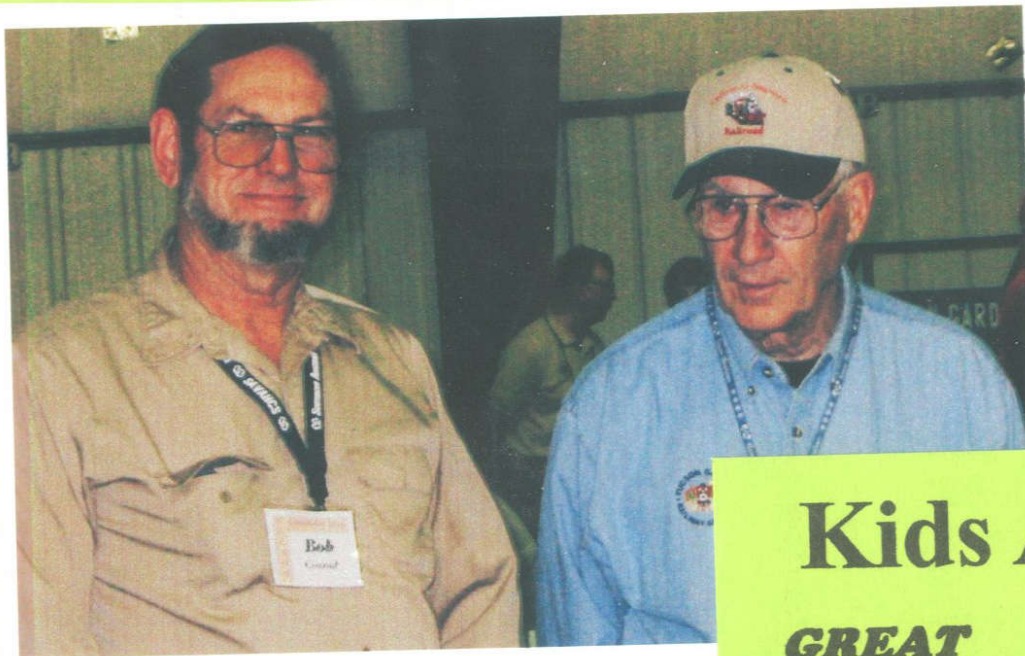
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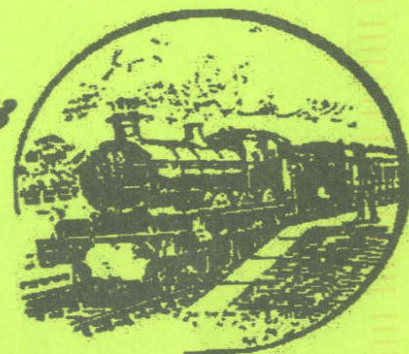






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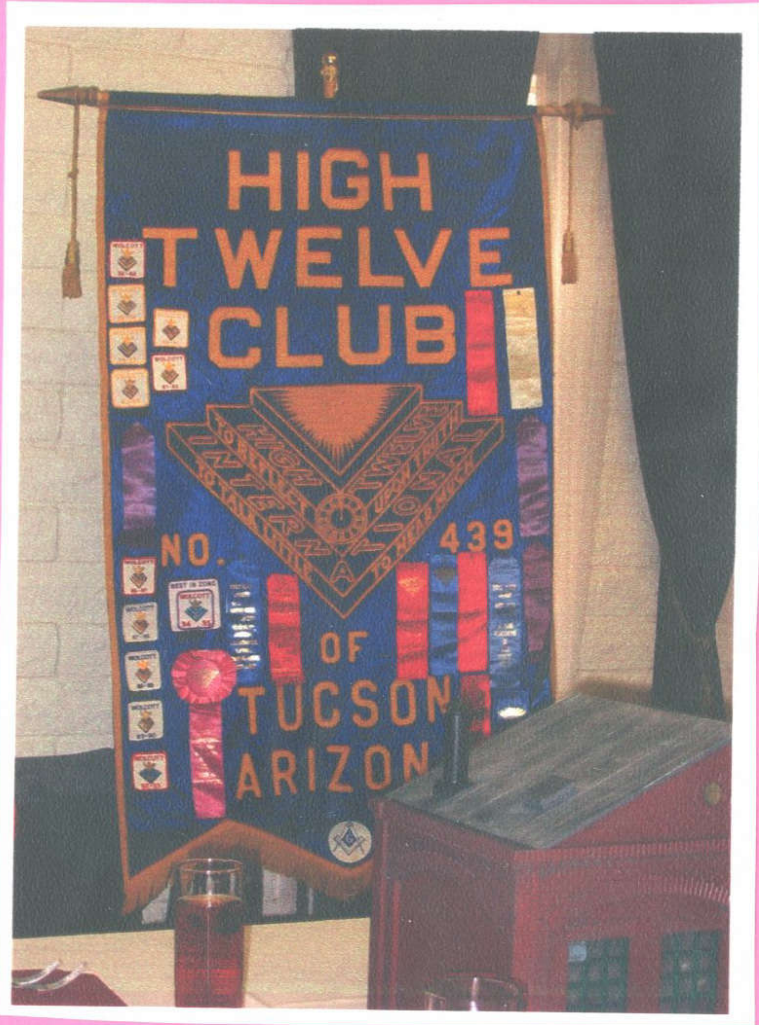








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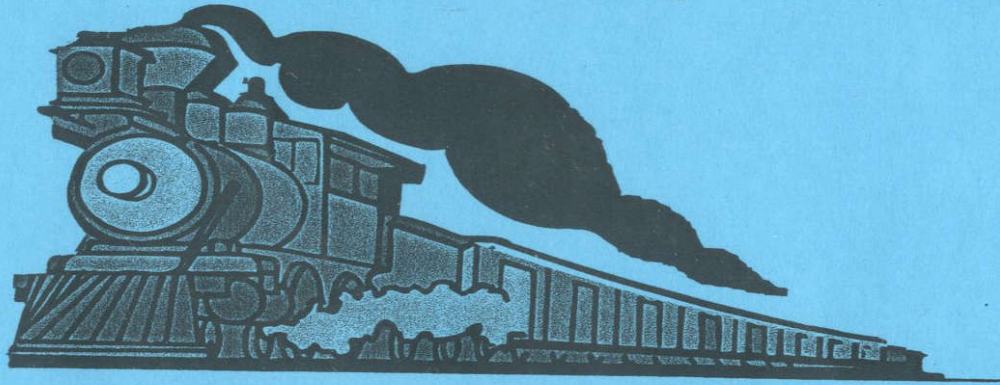


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For more information go to

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**Tucson Garden Railway Society**



MONDAY, FEB 27, 2006

**GARDEN RAILROAD TOUR**

# No wrong side of these tracks

**LEFT:** Jim Cook sets up some of his trains and figures in his backyard garden railroad. This is Headstone, a movie studio theme park designed with Tombstone and Old Tucson in mind. All the buildings were constructed by his wife, Madelyn.

**BOTTOM:** Madelyn Cook holds one of the buildings she made for her husband's backyard garden railroad.





# Life is good for East Side couple who have built 2 'towns'

By PAUL L. ALLEN  
pallen@tucsoncitizen.com

**T**hey used to say of small railroad towns: "If you blink, you miss it."

That's the case with the town of Headstone. In fact, if you're not looking over Jim and Madelyn Cook's back wall, you don't see it at all.

Headstone is a "garden railroad" community, along with a companion town, Lowell Bluff, conjured by the Cooks to add realism to the model railroad that graces most of the backyard of their far East Side desert home.

They work as a team. He builds track, trestles and bridges, and builds or collects locomotives, boxcars, passenger cars and cabooses. She devotes her energies to designing and building the nearly 70 houses, stores, schools, water tanks and other facets of the miniature communities.

Headstone is a hybrid of Old Tucson and 1880s Tombstone, with appropriately garbed cowboys, gamblers, miners, saloon girls, horses, wagons and other accouterments.

Lowell Bluff is 50 years nearer the present, boasting a police and fire station, school, gasoline station and auto body repair shop.

And beyond that is a rocky hill with a mining tunnel running through it and waterfall over the top. It is a community-to-be, as yet unnamed - a work in progress.

"I have three separate tracks," said Jim, a retired IBM executive. "They are connected, but we don't normally run them like that. I can run three separate trains at once."

He added, "I build the jigs for the trestles, glue



them together and put them up. They are made from cedar. It's not all that complicated but it does take a lot of time."

Madelyn said she builds the structures for her husband's railroading pursuits, but acknowledged that they are not nearly as challenging as her own hobby, building miniature houses completely furnished with intricately crafted furniture, carpets, light fixtures and other interior motif details.

Their garden railroad will be one of eight included in a tour Saturday and Sunday, sponsored by Tucson Garden Railway Society, an organization that has more than 100 member families living here, in Sierra Vista, St. David and as far away as Flagstaff.

Not all of them have railway setups as elaborate as the Cooks', said tour chairman Robert Dirksen, who has only about 70 feet of track, but all are enthused about the hobby, which can involve assembling one's own track and acquiring "rolling stock" either already built, in kit form, or from

## If you go

**What:** A tour of eight "garden railroads" in various locations around the city.

**Where:** Maps will be provided with ticket purchase to guide participants to the various sites.

**When:** Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.  
**How much:** Tickets are \$5 for individuals or \$10 for a couple or family. They are available at Barbeques Galore, 5656 E. Broadway and 5068 N. Oracle Road, and at Ace Hardware, 6959 E. 22nd St., through Friday. To buy tickets on Saturday or Sunday, call 551-4699.

**More about the trains:** The trains are about twice the size of the old Lionel "electric trains" that were a staple Christmas gift of a generation ago, and the society members have built realistic settings - stations, people, automobiles and animals from various eras.

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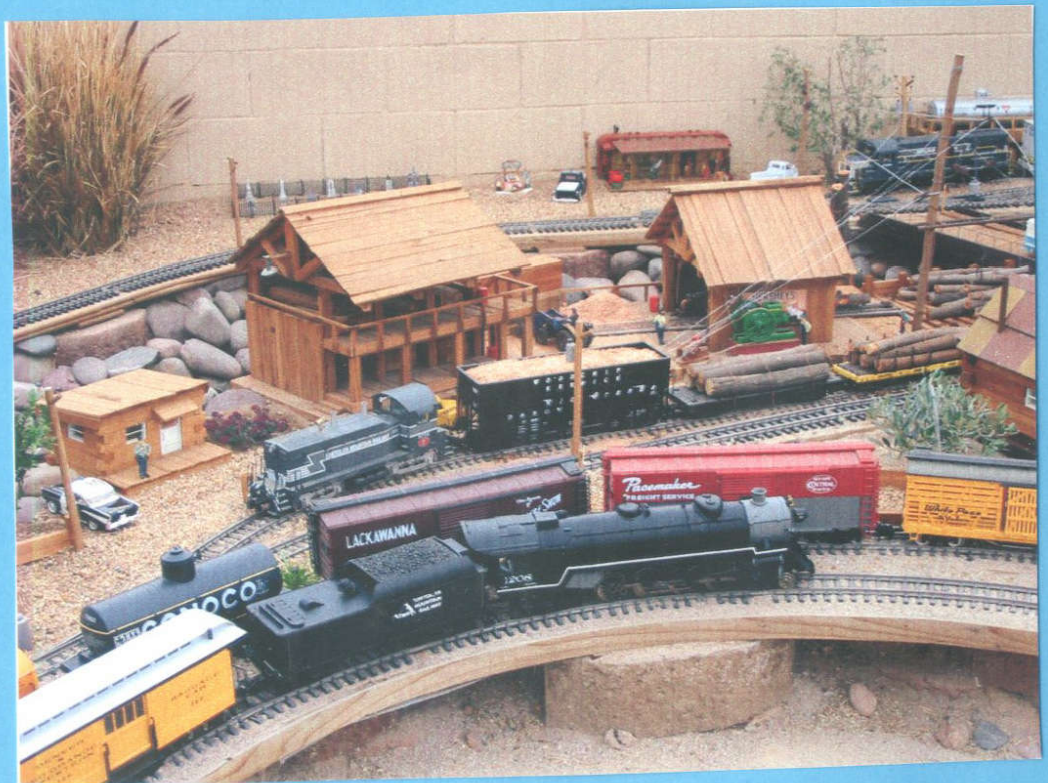
He said last year's tour attracted nearly 900 visitors.

One of the challenges, said Cook, is finding human figurines, animals and automobiles appropriate to the time being depicted, and - a critical factor - of a size that is proportionate to the size of the train.





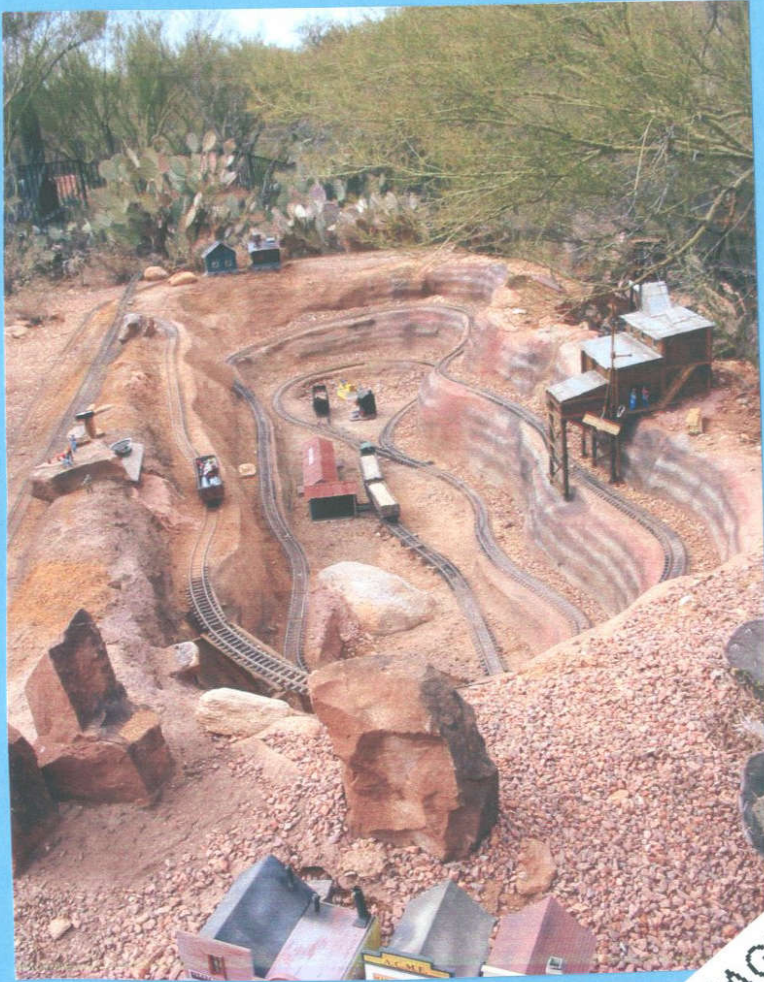
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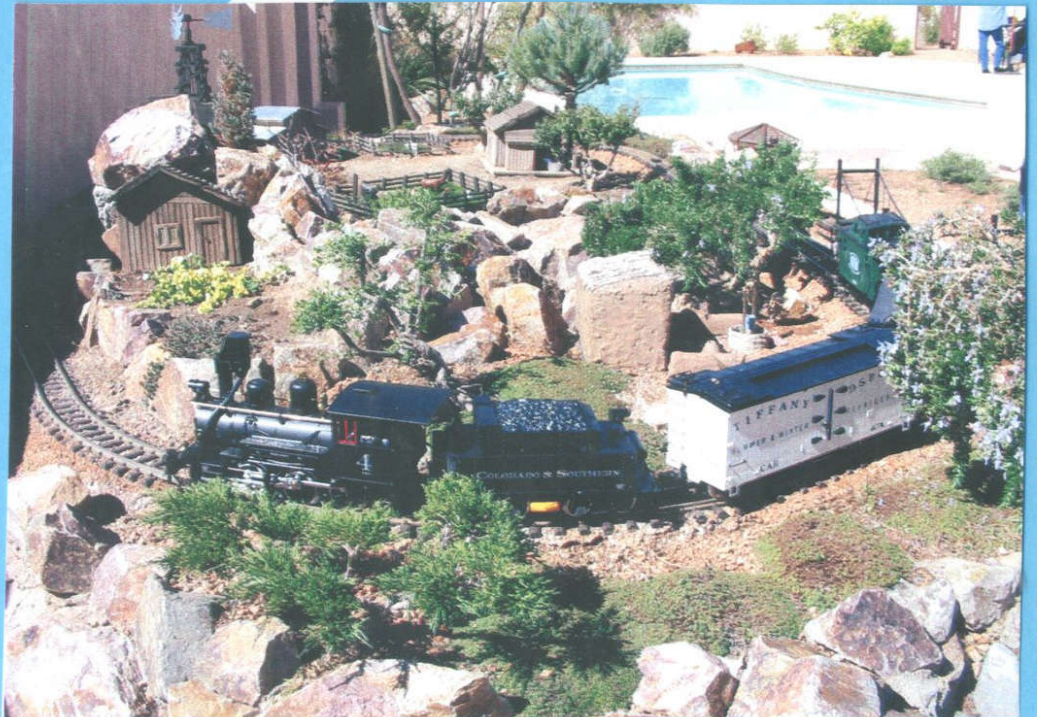
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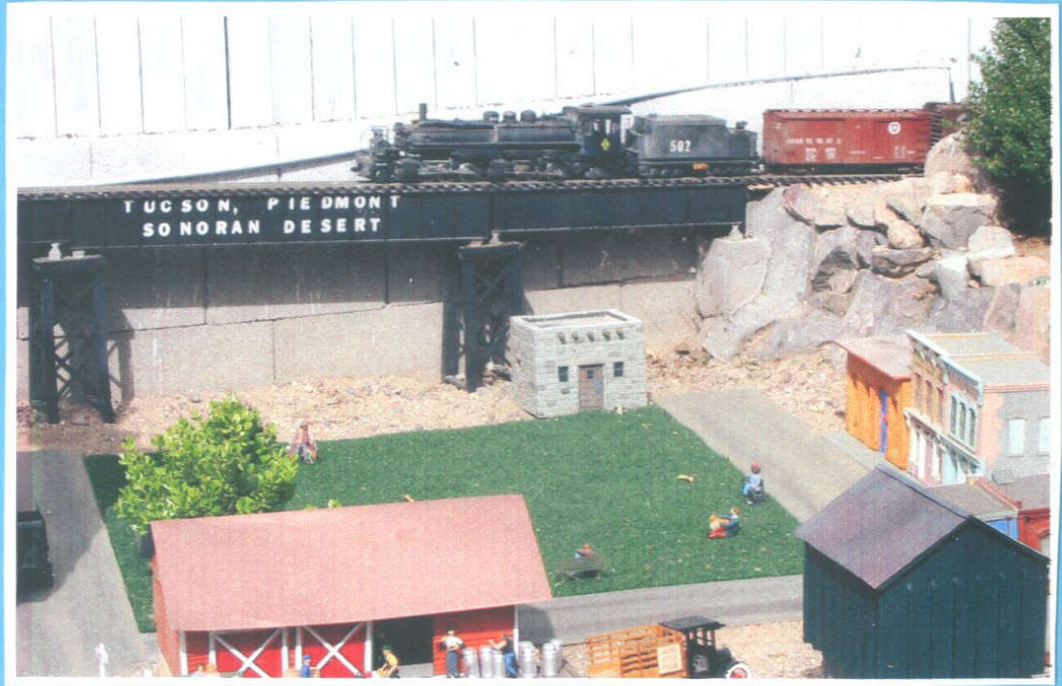


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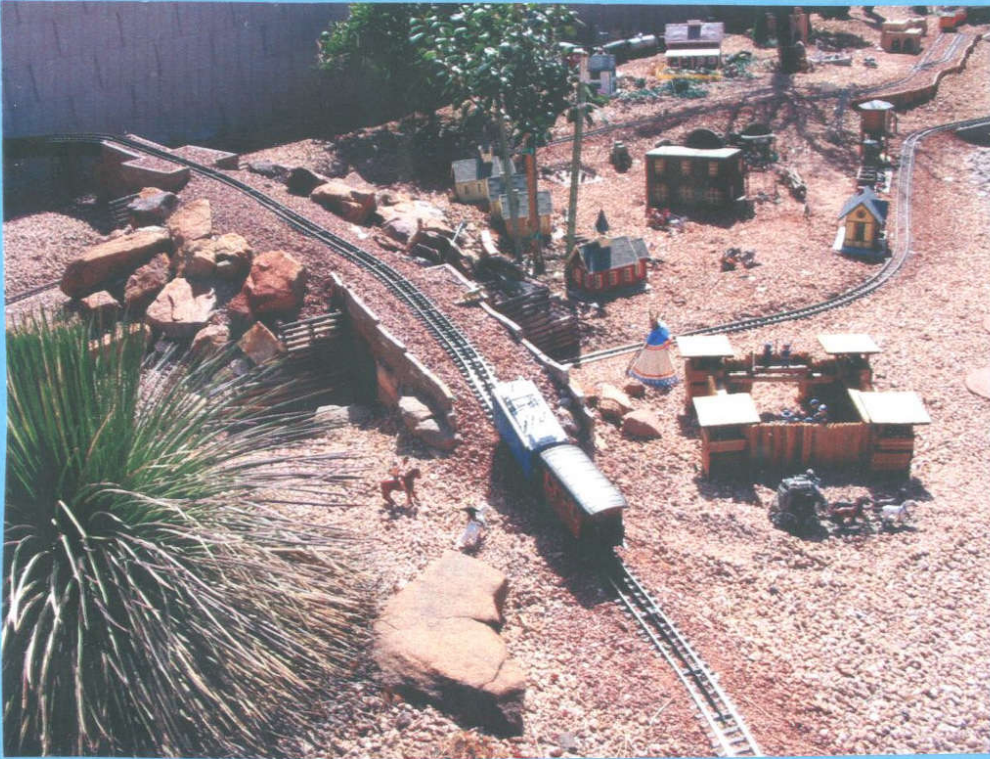


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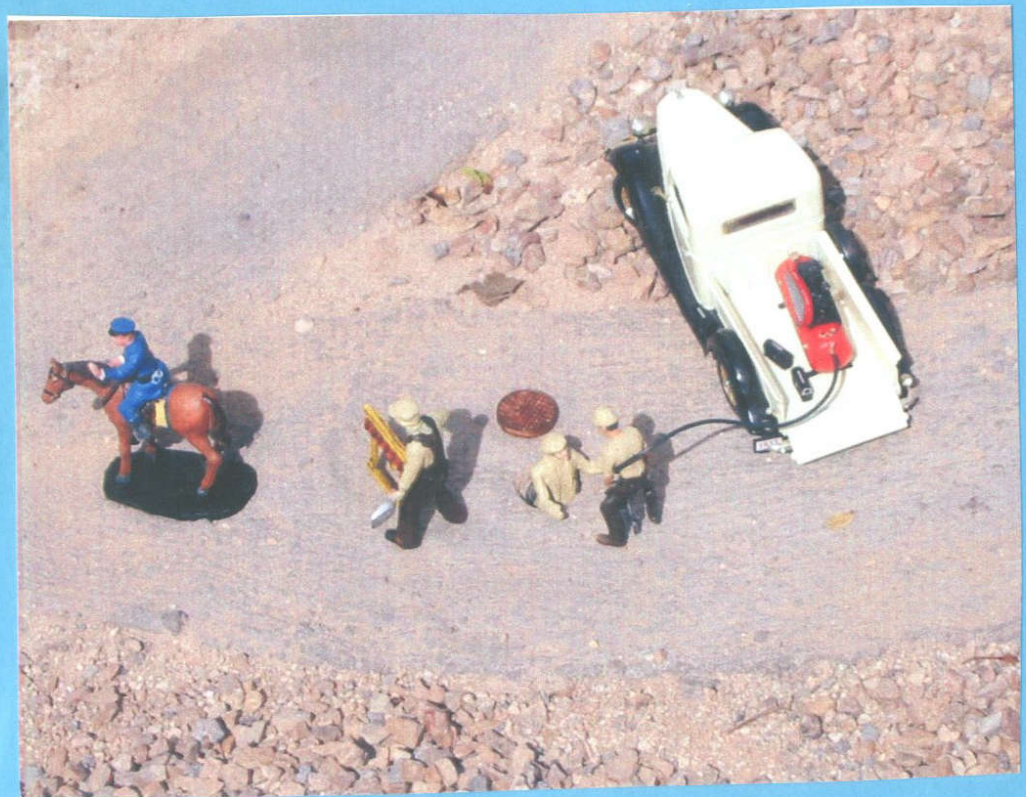


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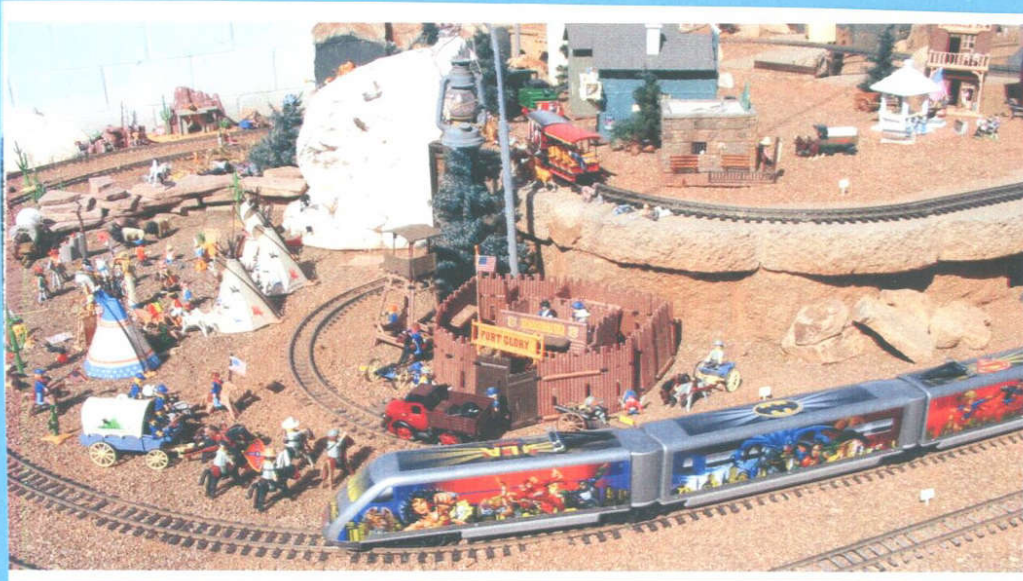


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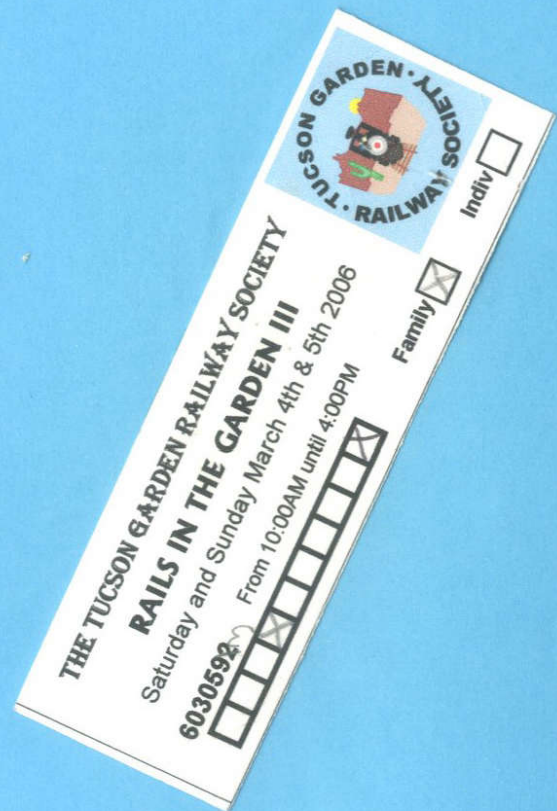


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# See outdoor model railways

By Anne Gardner  
SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

Gary and Peggy Martin can see Nogales, Jerome, Monument Valley and the White Mountains from their back yard. They don't have eagle eyes, but they do have Eagle Mountain, their outdoor garden railroad.

Eagle Mountain is just one of eight sites on this year's annual Rails in the Garden tour, sponsored by the Tucson Garden Railway Society. The event, Saturday and next Sunday, is a fund-raiser, and it's the only time the club charges to view the railroads. Proceeds support exhibitions at schools, hospitals and other places.

Named after the Martins' street, Cerro de Aguila, the Eagle Mountain Railroad covers 5,100 square feet of the couple's yard. Several radio-controlled model trains travel over 1,400 feet of track through replicas of Arizona towns,

complete with miniature buildings, cars, people and animals, circa the 1930s.

"Everything I built, except the trains and the track. It's all the little things that make the difference," Gary Martin said. He added that it takes at least one hour of maintenance every day to fix fallen figures, tend to the plants and clean debris off the tracks. "It's constant work."

Though garden railroading is only about 30 years old, it's the fastest-growing hobby among modelers. The major difference is that it's an outdoor activity.

"With indoor (railroading), you have a room and can fill it with whatever you want," Martin said. "Outdoors, you have to deal with the real stuff — nature."

The event will be canceled only in case of extreme weather.

▶ *Anne Gardner is a local freelance writer.*

## » IF YOU GO:

**What:** Third Annual Rails in the Garden tour

**Sponsored by:** Tucson Garden Railway Society

**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and next Sunday

**Where:** At eight homes throughout Tucson. When tickets are bought, maps will be provided with directions to each home. All homes are wheelchair-accessible, but extra assistance may be needed at some.

**Cost:** \$5 per person; \$10 for a couple or family. Tickets are available through Friday at Barbeques Galore, 5616 E. Broadway and 5068 N. Oracle Road, and Ace Hardware, 6959 E. 22nd St., from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. To buy tickets on the days of the event, call 551-4699.

**Etc.:** For more information, call 551-4699 or go to [www.tucsongrs.org](http://www.tucsongrs.org) online.



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# 2006 RAILS IN THE GARDEN

Tucson Garden Railway Society



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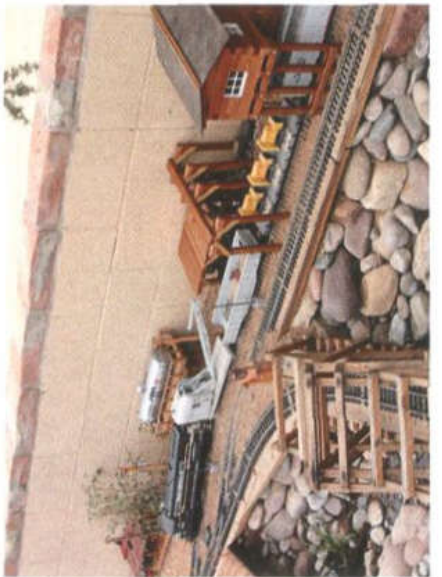




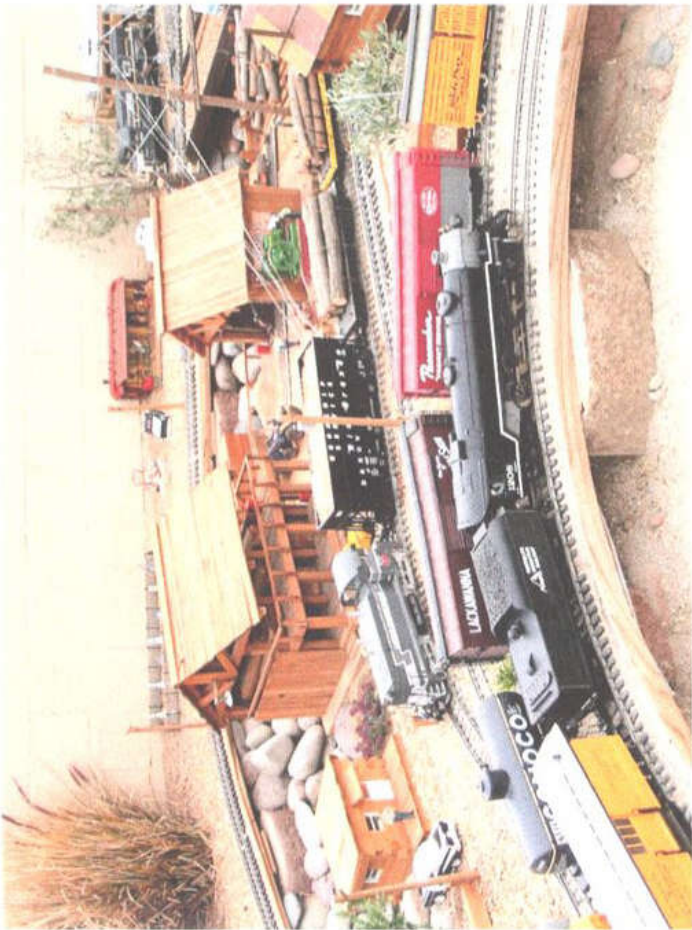








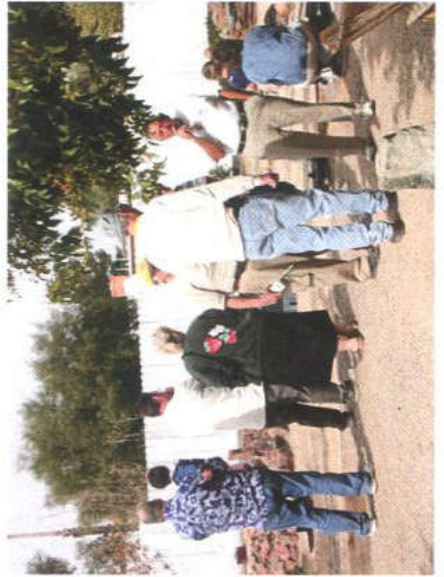
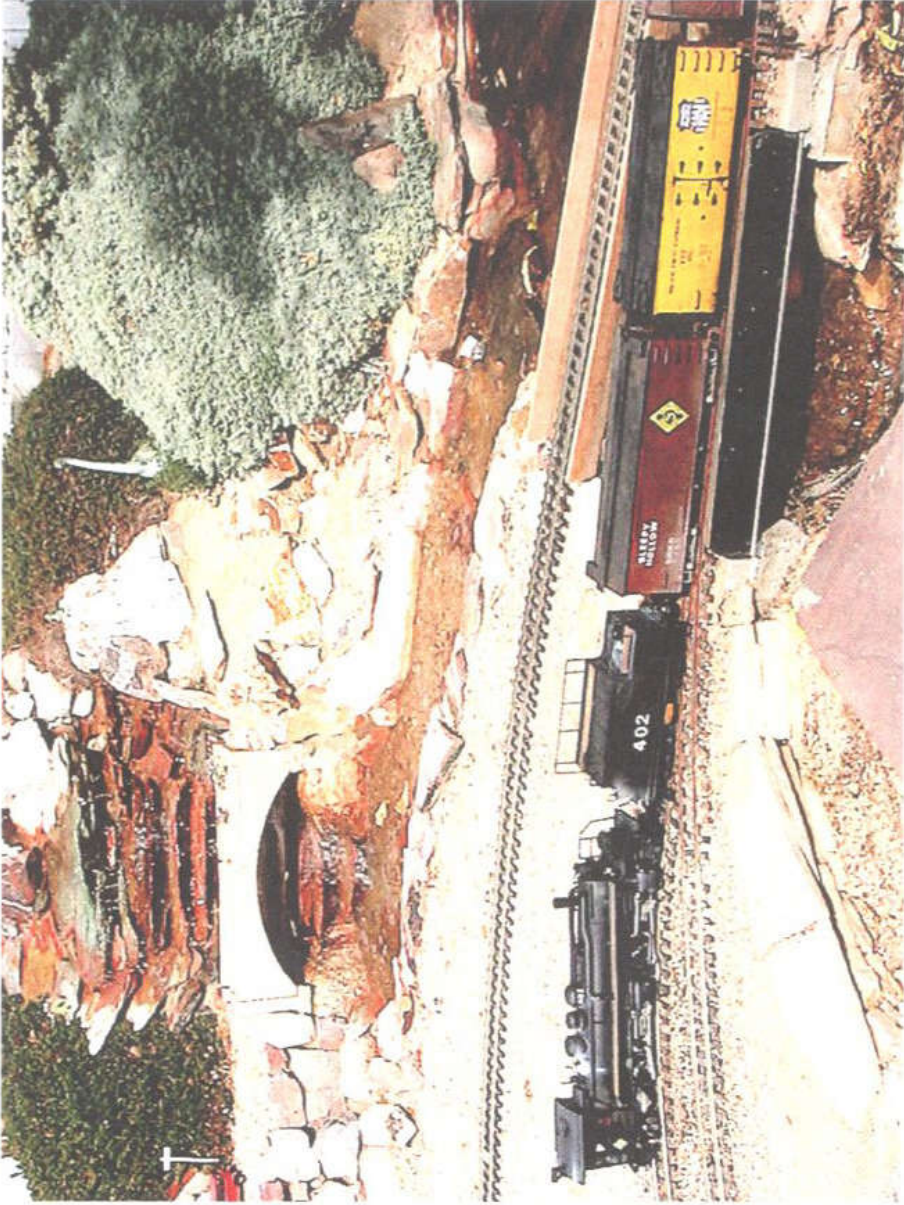












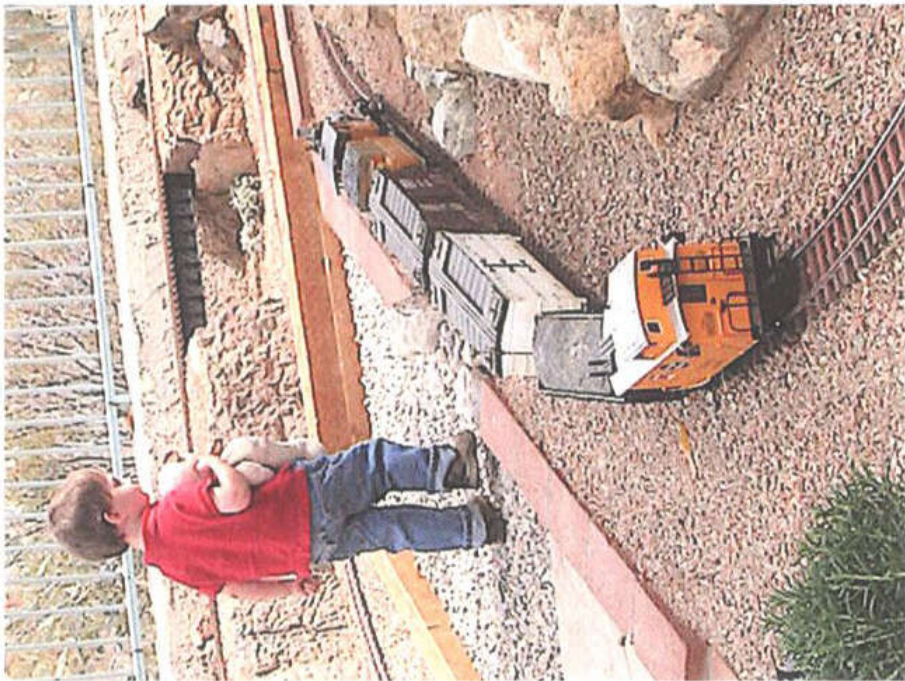




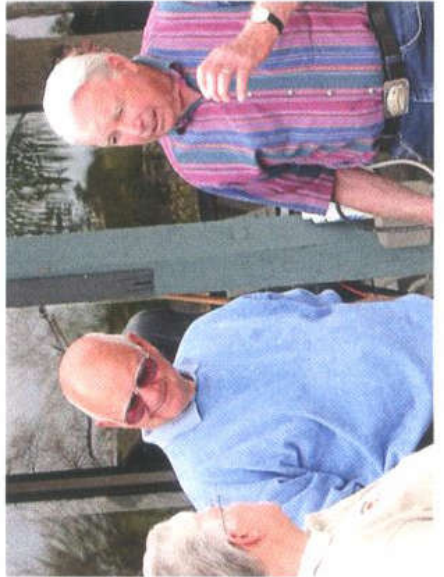
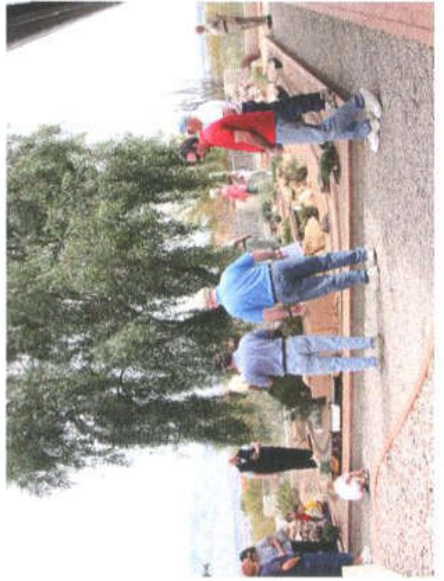
















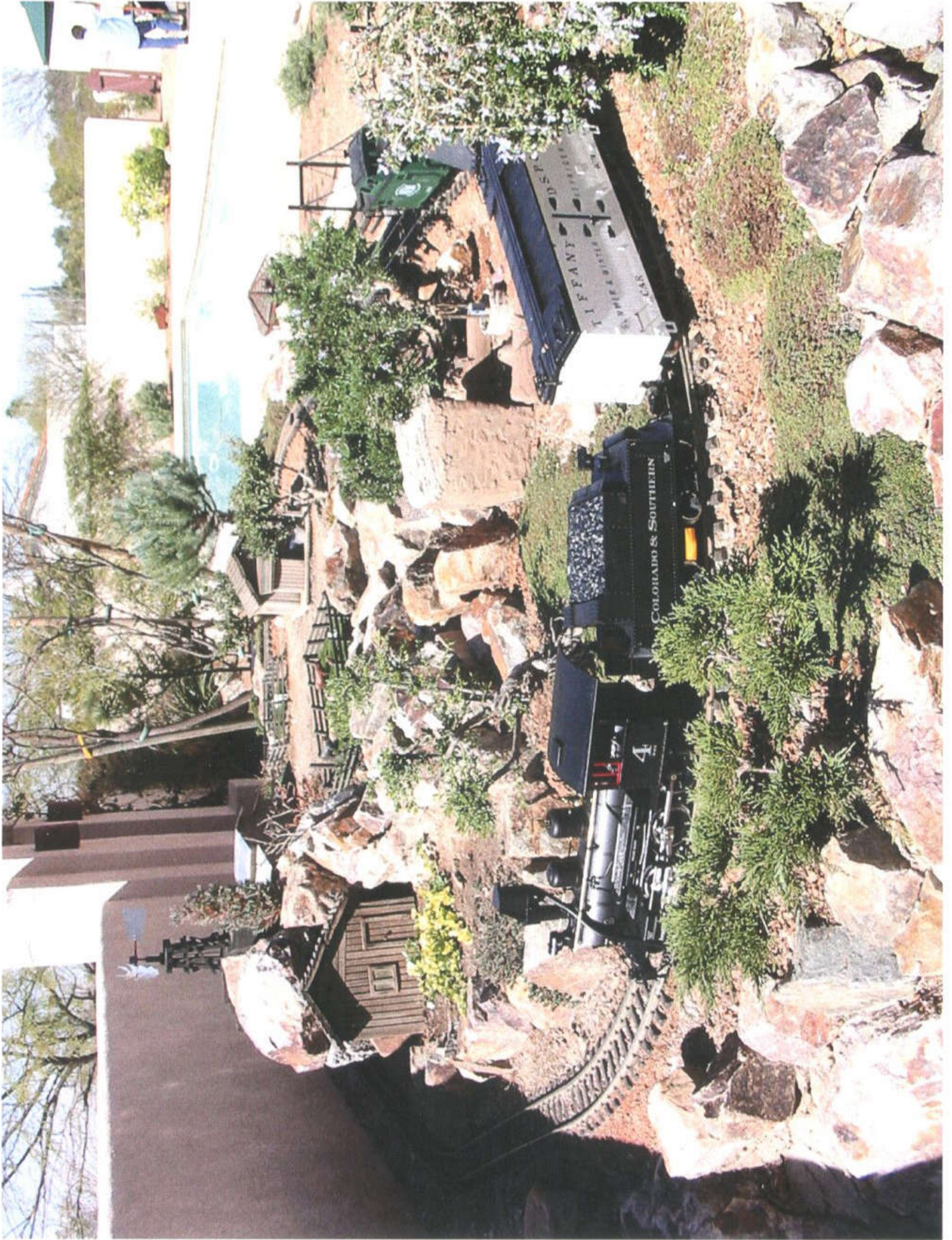








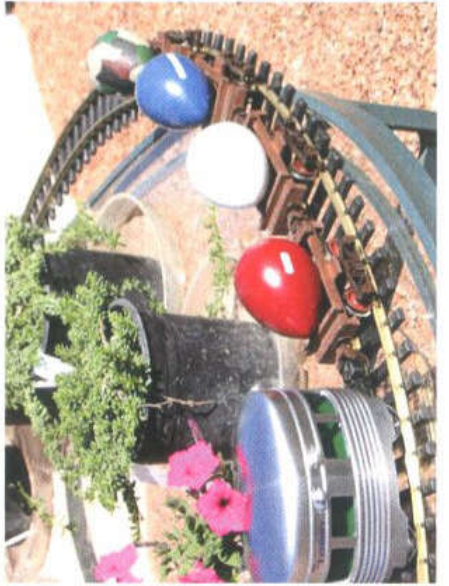




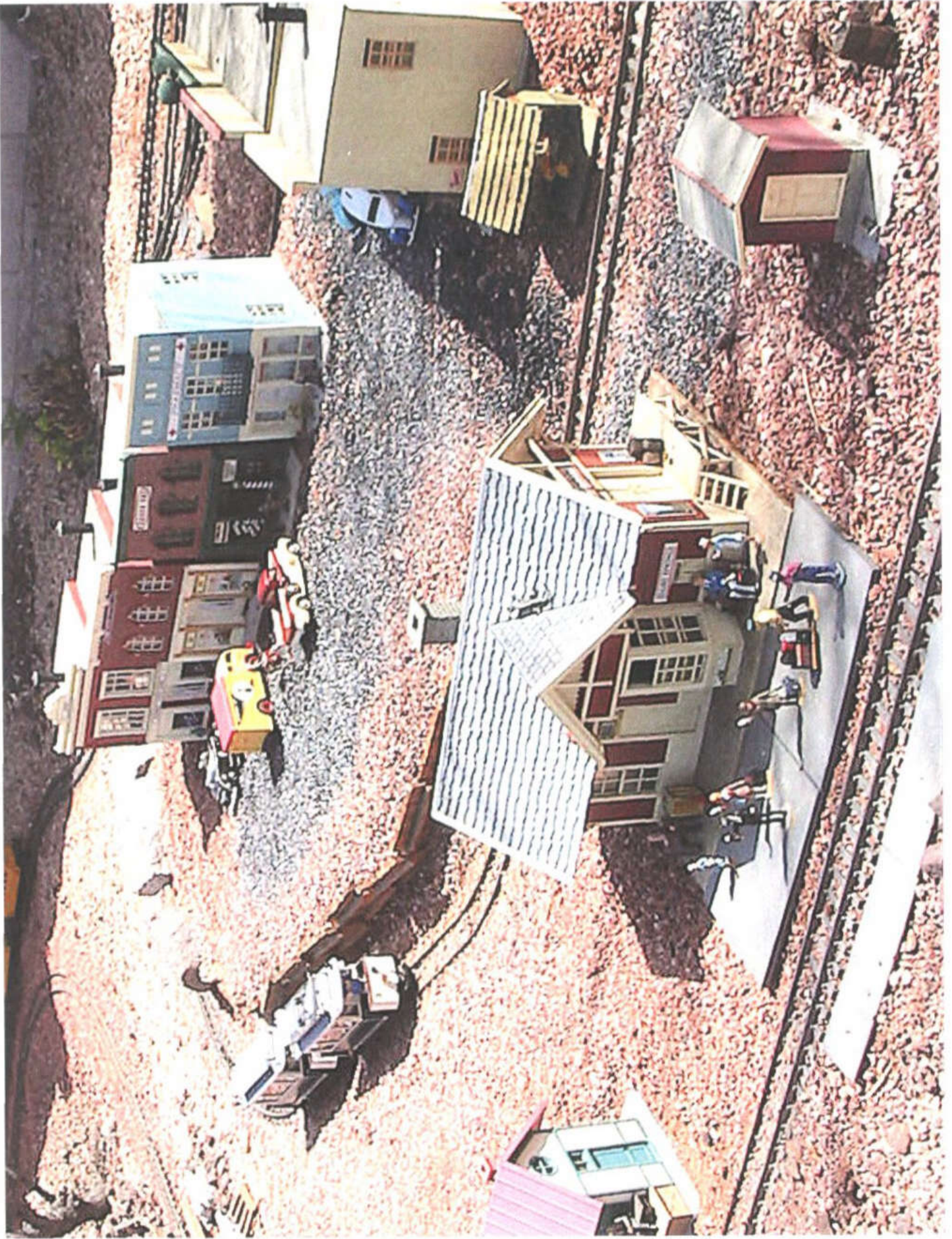




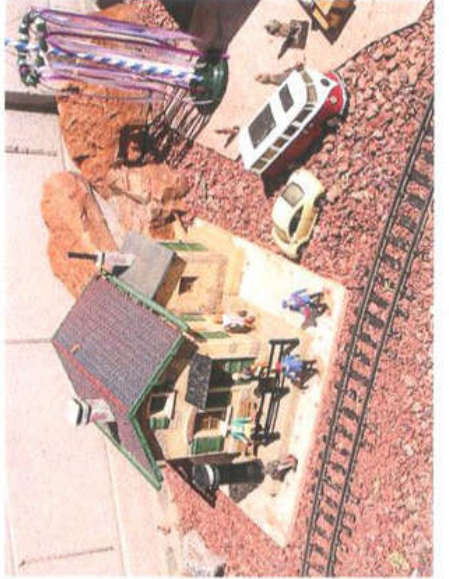
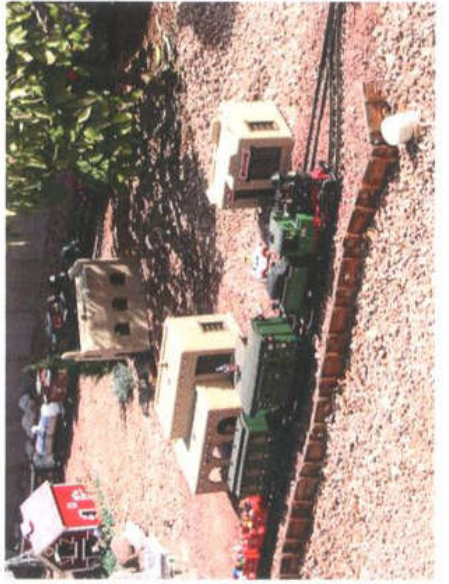
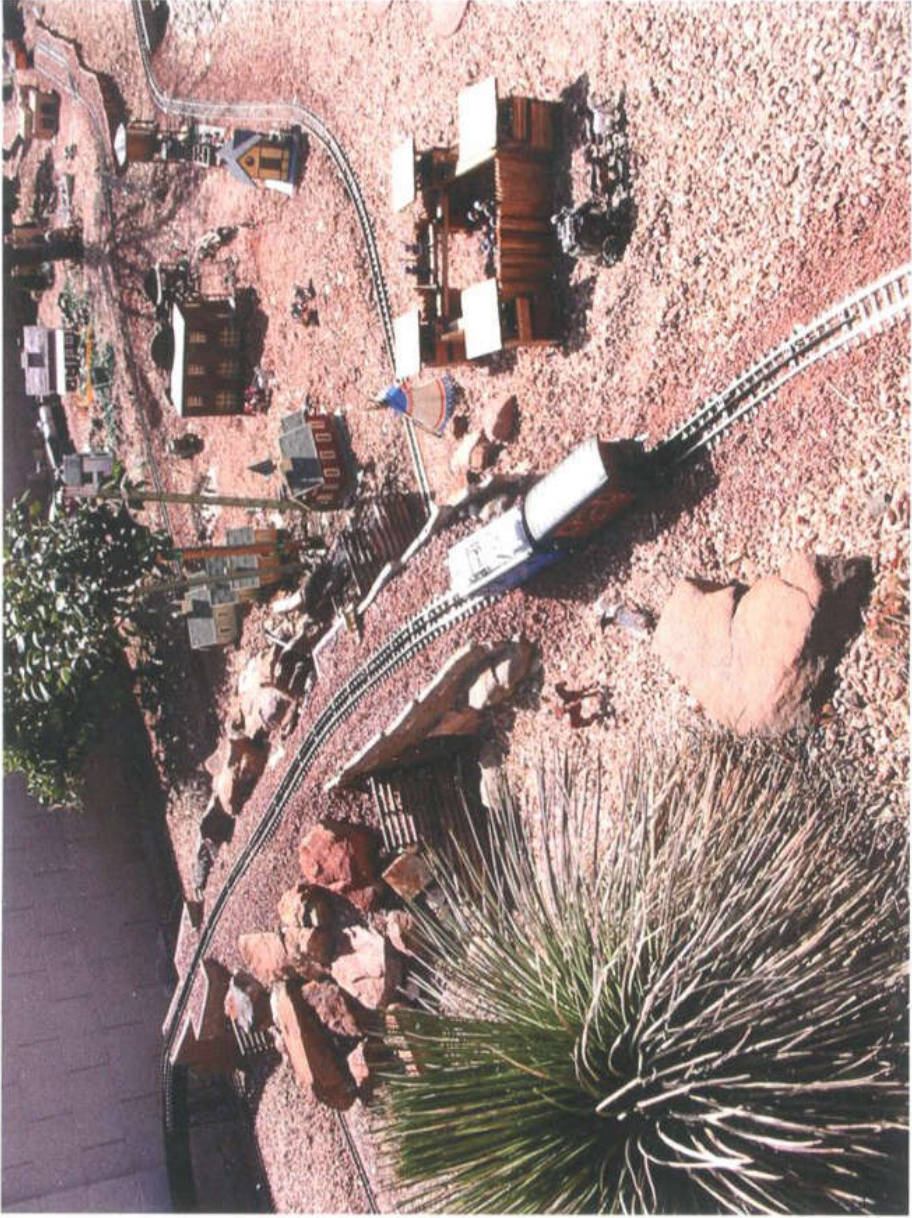




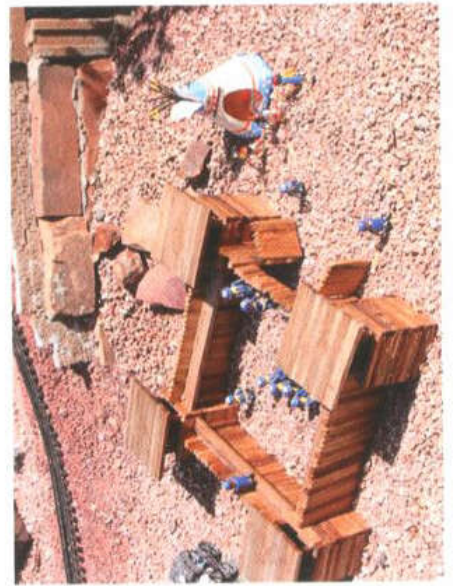








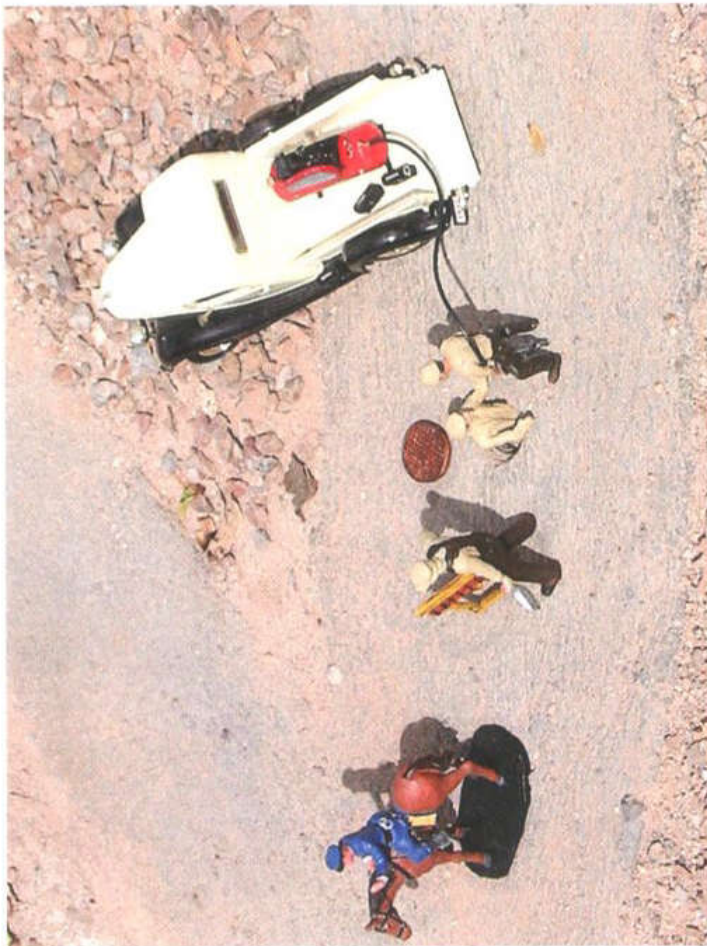
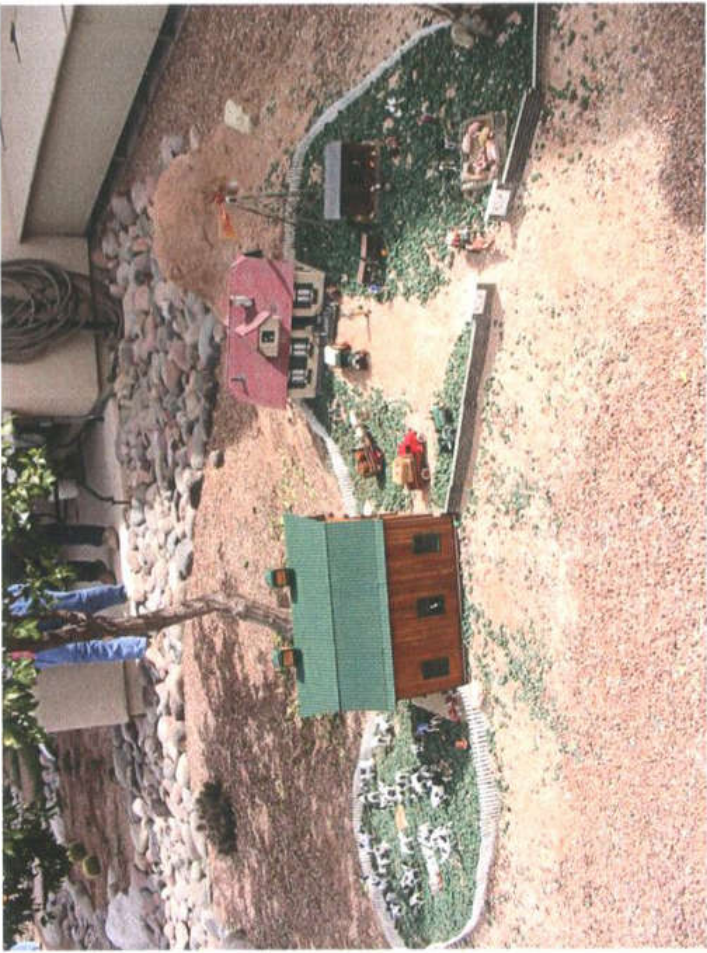








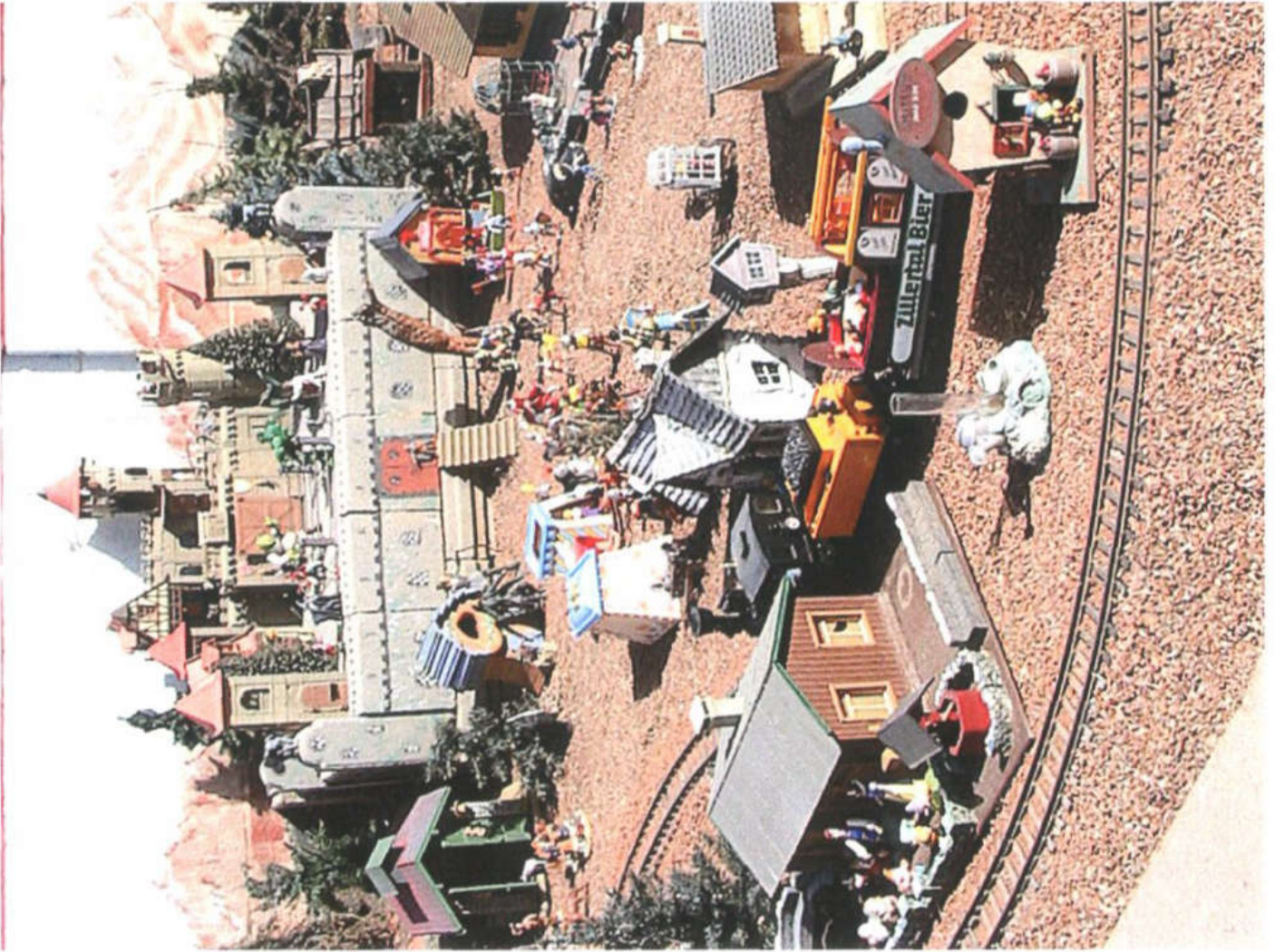




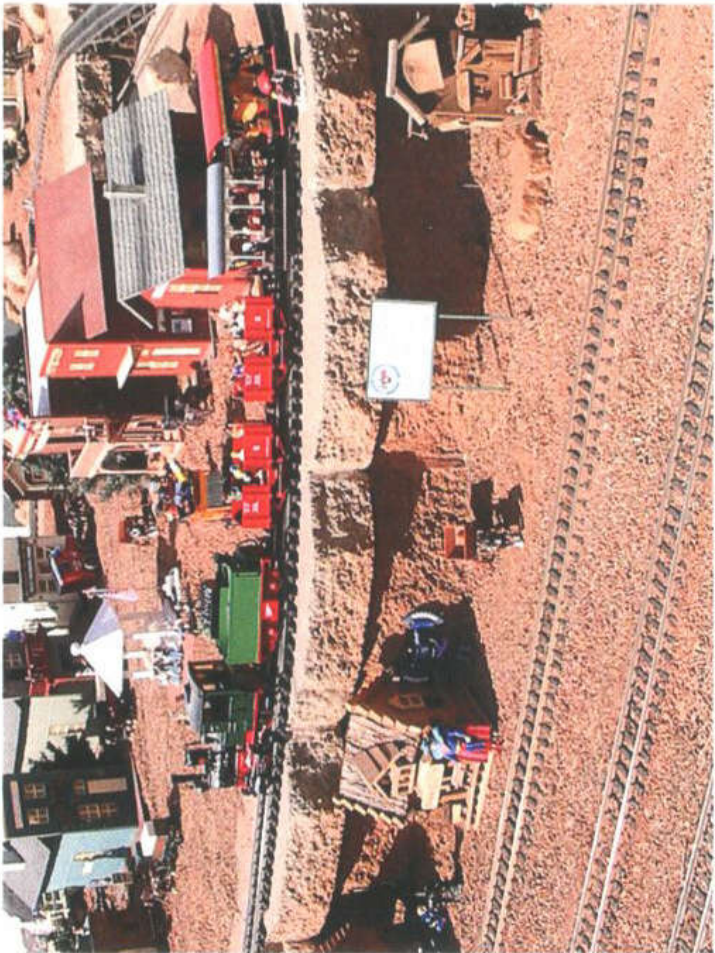
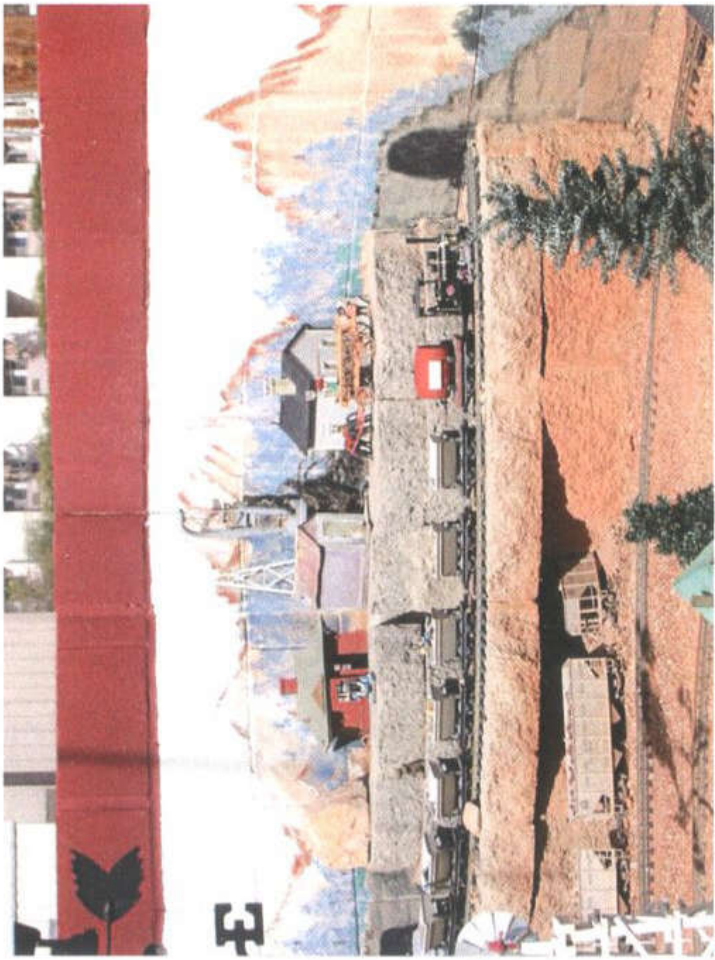




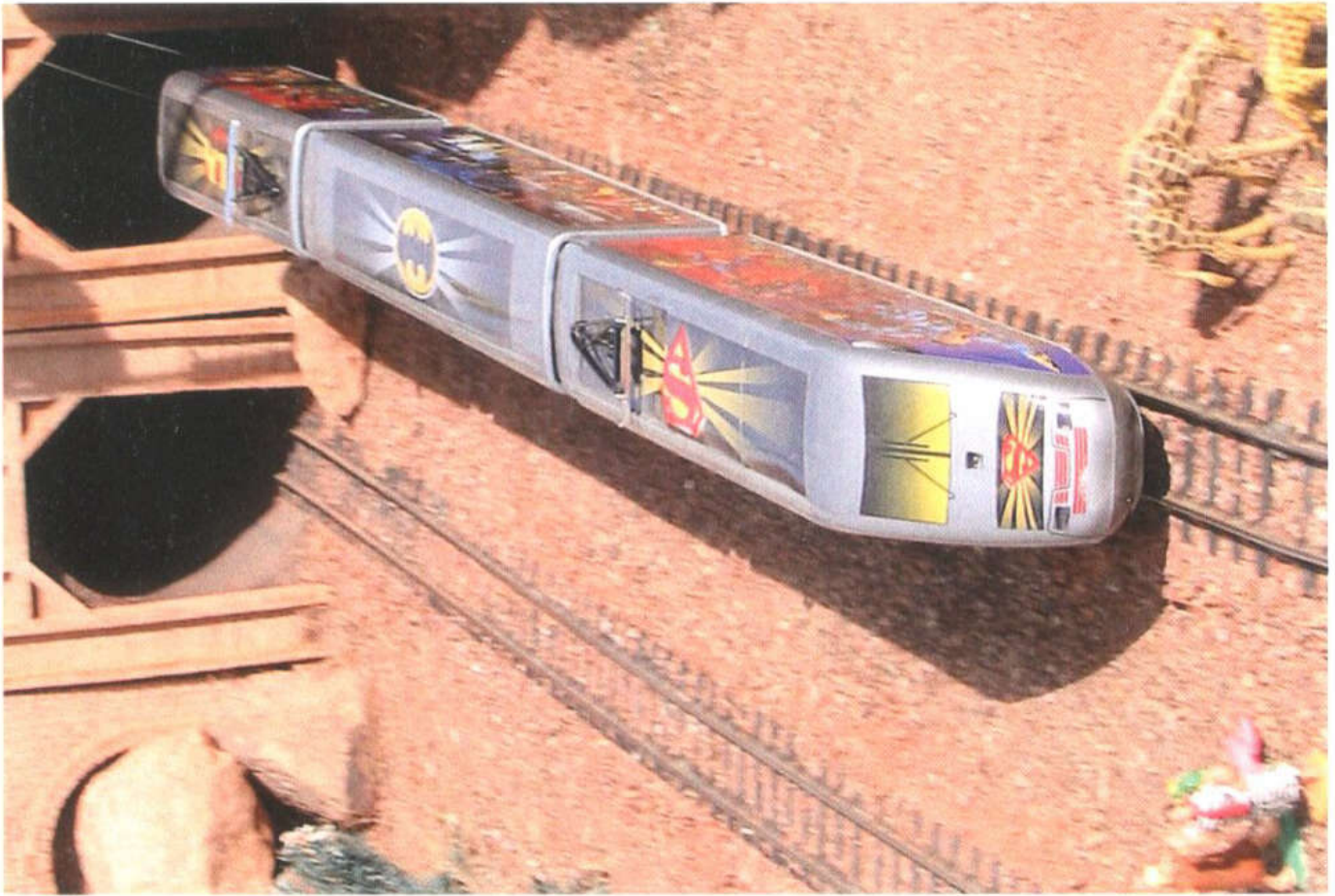












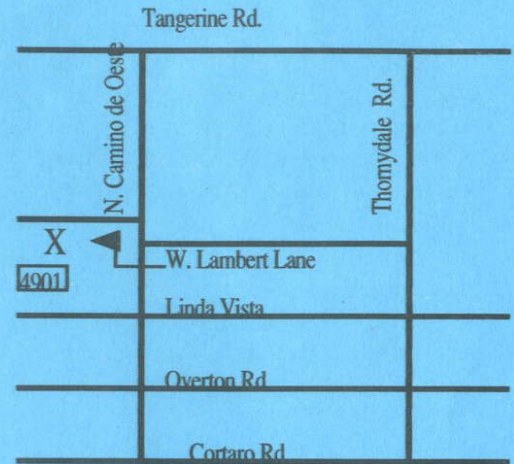


**Tucson Garden Railway Tour**  
**March 4-5, 2006, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Railway #1 "TORTOLITA MT. RAILWAY"**

**Bruce and Carolyn Lynn - 4901 W. Lambert Lane - Tucson**

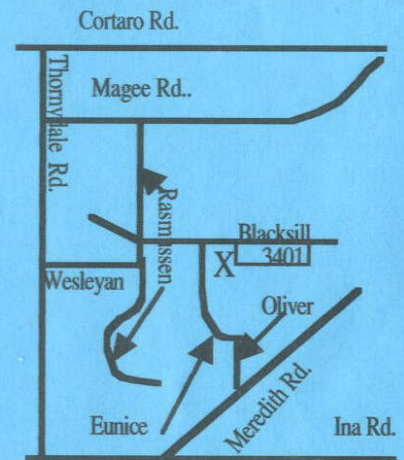
Bruce and Carolyn's railroad is a medium-sized railroad. Its major features are completely scratch-built buildings and a watercourse. **Directions:** From the north on I-10 take Tangerine Rd. east to Camino de Oeste. Turn South to W. Lambert Lane: From Oro Valley take Oracle Rd. to Tangerine Rd. Turn west to Camino de Oeste. Turn south to W. Lambert Lane.: From the city take Oracle Rd. to Ina Rd. Turn west to Thornydale Rd. Turn north on Thornydale to W. Lambert Lane. Turn west on Lambert Lane, jog north at Camino de Oeste and turn west on Lambert Lane: From the south exit I-10 at Cortaro Rd. Turn north on Camino de Oeste to westbound Lambert Lane.



**Railway #2 "The Tucson, Piedmont and Sonoran Desert Railroad"**

< accessible> **Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker - 3401 Blacksill - Tucson**

The TP&SD is a mythical 3' gauge railroad set in 1926 southern Arizona. It connects Douglas and Klondike via the Sulphur Springs Valley. The structures are scratch-built to 1:20.3 scale. The existence of domesticated dinosaurs in our world allows us to ship saurians instead of cattle to market. **Directions:** From RR #1, go back to Camino del Oeste. Turn right to Linda Vista. Go left on Linda Vista to Thornydale. Turn right to Magee. Turn left to Rasmussen. Turn right to Blacksill. Turn left. ca . 5 miles-8 min. from RR #1.

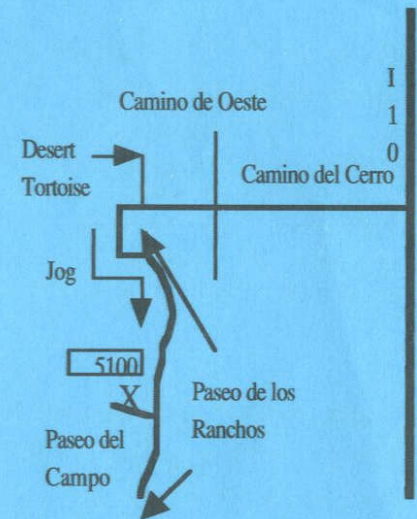


**Railway #3 "The Turtle River Railroad" <accessible>**

**Glenn and Janet Mitchell - 5100 W. Paseo del Campo - Tucson**

The Turtle River Railroad is a western narrow gauge railroad with light freight and ore traffic and local passenger traffic. One of the branch lines climbs to a plateau where passengers can go to escape the desert heat. An independent company is constructing a branch line to carry ore to the main line for transshipment. The mining branch features several trestles and eight plate girder bridges. The buildings are a combination of scratch-built and kits.

**Directions:** From RR #2, retrace the route to Thornydale. Turn left and go to Orange Grove Rd. Turn right on Orange Grove and turn south on I-10. Exit at Camino del Cerro. Turn right and follow Camino del Cerro to Paseo de los Rancheros (Rancho del Cerro sign). Turn left and follow Paseo de los Ranchos to Paseo del Campo. 5100 is the first place on the right. ca. 8 miles-15 min. from RR #2.

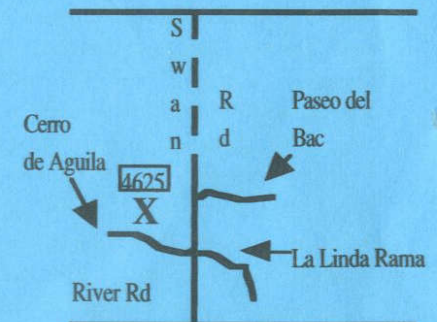


**Railway #4 "The Eagle Mountain Railroad" <accessible>**

**Gary and Peggy Martin - 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila - Tucson**

The Eagle Mountain Railroad is one of the largest in the state. There is well over 1000 feet of track serving mines, lumber camps and towns. The setting is Arizona's deserts and mountains in the late 1800's. The garden incorporates a variety of plants. There are two large water features and sound and animation. Gary's latest addition is a large open pit copper mine.

**Directions:** Cerro de Aguila is a small street west of Swan between River and Sunrise. From RR #3, retrace your route to I-10. Take I-10 north to Orange Grove Rd. Turn Right on Orange Grove to Skyline. Turn right on Skyline (becomes Sunrise) Turn right on Swan. Turn right on Cerro de Aguila. ca. 17 miles-35 min. from RR #3.

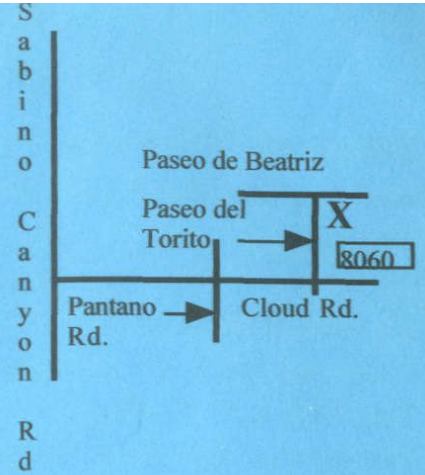




**Railway #5 "The Cloud Mountain Railway" <accessible>**

**Jay and Sallie Sanders - 8060 E. Paseo de Beatriz - Tucson**

In the world of garden railroading, there are many small "jewels" that are rarely seen. This is such a railroad. Measuring only 10' by 22', this layout has two separate loops and is elevated two feet off the ground for ease of access. The layout is track powered, and features miniature trees, plants, and ground covers. The plantings are serviced by a drip system that waters three times a day. If the size and complexity of some railroads frightens you, you will want to visit this simple, but effective, layout. **Directions:** From RR #4, turn right on Swan Road to River Road. Turn left on River Rd. At Sabino Canyon Rd., turn right to Cloud Rd. Turn left at Cloud Rd. to Paseo del Torito (first left after Pantano Rd). Railroad is located on the SE corner of Paseo de Beatriz and Paseo del Torito. ca. 6 miles-9 min. from RR #4.



**Railway #6 "The Railway at the Lakes at Castle Rock" <semi-accessible>**

**Garb and Dorothy Mechigian - 2142 Split Rock Pl. - Tucson**

Garb and Dorothy's layout is in a gated community. When you enter the Lakes at Castle Rock, show your ticket to the TGRS member at the gate. Persons with a wheel chair will need a helper.

The layout includes a 1930's town, a western town and an Austrian Village. The equipment is of German design and there is a fire fighting train that sprays real water. The layout is next to the family pool and has many lush plantings.

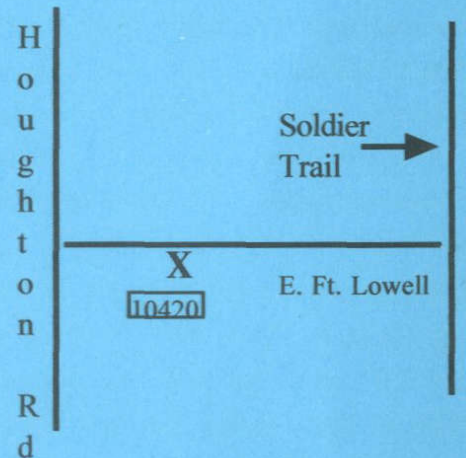
**Directions:** From venue #5 retrace your route to Sabino Canyon Rd. Turn left on Tanque Verde. Just past the Catalina Highway turn right on Castle Rock Rd. (The Lakes at Castle Rock West Gate) and show your ticket at the gate. Follow Castle Rock Rd. to Lake Vista Dr. Turn right and right again on Split Rock Pl. Look for the signs. ca. 5 miles- 9 min. from RR #5.



**Railway #7 "The Caliche and Saguaro Railroad <accessible>**

**Jim and Madelyn Cook - 10420 Ft. Lowell - Tucson**

Begun in 2002, the railroad covers about 35' by 100', runs 4 tracks and a trolley, and contains over 60 buildings and nearly 200 figures. The town of Headstone is a movie studio, Lowell Bluffs is the shopping center, and Pinnacle Peak is the dairy. Three waterfalls and four bridges complete the scenery **Directions:** Take Tanque Verde east to Houghton Rd. Turn north on Houghton and east on Ft. Lowell to signs. ca. 3 miles-5 min. from RR #6.

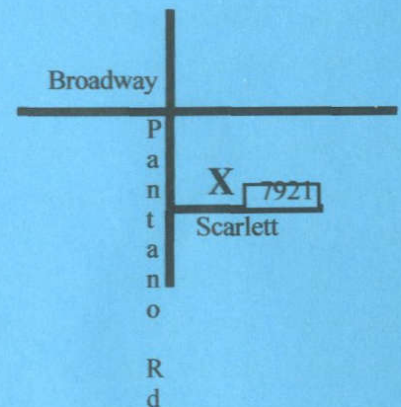


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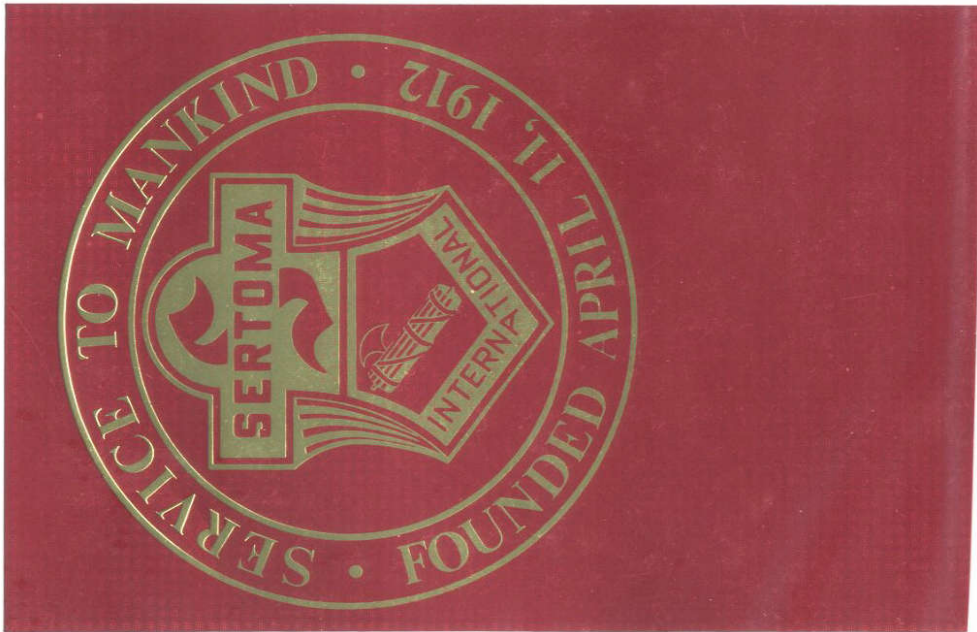
**Marty and Loyal Hart - 7921 E. Scarlett - Tucson**

Marty and her late husband, Loyal, began their railroad in 1996. It has about 500' feet of track, is elevated for ease of access and is a whimsical railroad that images Marty and Loyal's lives and family. The railroad's southern end is in Germany, with knights and castles. As it progresses north it passes through Appleville, a town of birdhouses. The north end is the Denver and Rio Grande in Colorado. Many of the various businesses are those of family and friends. Thus, we have the town of Hartsville, the Hammond Mill, Doctor Finch's office and the Hart and Sons farm. The auto dealer is a Ford because a family member works at one. Because a son is a Tucson policeman, the railroad and its surroundings are well-patrolled.

**Directions:** From RR #7, retrace route to Tanque Verde, turn right on Tanque Verde. Take Pantano-Wrightstown Rd. exit off Tanque Verde. Go straight at the light. Take Pantano Rd. south of Broadway. Turn left at Scarlett. ca. 7 miles and 11 min. from RR #7.







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**APRIL 22** KIIM FM Presents CHR Appreciation, \$1.00 Admission. Don't miss this inside Pima Hall!

**APRIL 23** MEGA 106.3 presents a special event at the Budweiser Main Stage.

**APRIL 24** KLOVE & KVOI Family Fun Day.

**APRIL 25** KTUC Senior Celebration. Journal Broadcast Group.

**APRIL 26** Wendy's Discount Coupon. Must present Wendy's coupon with any other offer.

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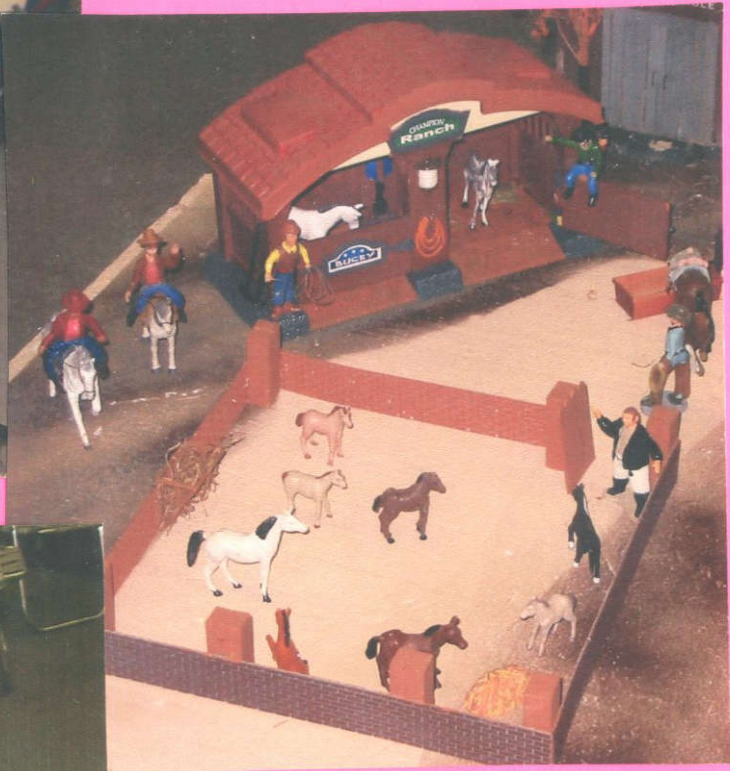
**APRIL 28** Visit the new exhibits in Pima Hall, shows & more! Free admission.

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**APRIL 30** La Caliente Presents a special event.







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## Train, 4-H fair exhibits draw fans

By Erin White

ARIZONA DAILY STAR

**I**f you head out to the Pima County Fairgrounds for some rides and junk food, set aside a few minutes to check out the Old Pueblo Hall, home to the 4-H entries and the Tucson Garden Railway Society's setup.

Exhibits — paintings, knitting, baking — surround the edges.

But the crowd gathers in the middle around the Railway Society exhibit. The society numbers more than 110 families, according to President Nick Buchholz. They generally set trains up outside.

At the fair, the trains trundle around a 60-by-38-foot oval track, and at least two are moving most of the time.

In the center of the larger track is a smaller track, complete with a set of fair swings and a carousel with horses that pump up and down. Children can operate the trains on the middle track, providing there's enough supervision.

More than 25 members donated various parts and scenes to form the exhibit, which has a delicious amount of detail. In one section, a handmade greenhouse is complete with tiny, potted daffodils and garden tools, as well as a wheelbarrow carrying a coiled, green hose.

Jackie Anderson wandered into the hall to see the 4-H entries because her daughter used to belong to 4-H. She found herself in front of the Railway Society exhibit, thinking back to her childhood in California, where she would watch the hobos hop off the cars and would beg her cousin to let her borrow his train.

"It's darling," she said. "I don't do arts and crafts, so this was much better."

Until the fair ends on April 30, the main gate opens at 11 a.m. weekdays except Tuesday, 10 a.m. weekends and Tuesday. Carnival rides open at 2 p.m. weekdays, 11 a.m. weekends.

Admission is \$7 for adults, \$2 for ages 6-10, free for kids 5 and younger. Parking is \$5.

► Contact reporter Erin White at [ewhite@azstarnet.com](mailto:ewhite@azstarnet.com) or 807-8429.



# Show, swap meet to benefit toy train museum

by April Lacey  
explnews@explorenews.com

Before the rise of video games, toy trains reigned over childhood entertainment.

Bob Grassi enjoyed the hobby as a child, but took a decades-long hiatus from it as he grew up.

But when the former school psychologist retired, he dusted off his mini trains and revived the tradition.

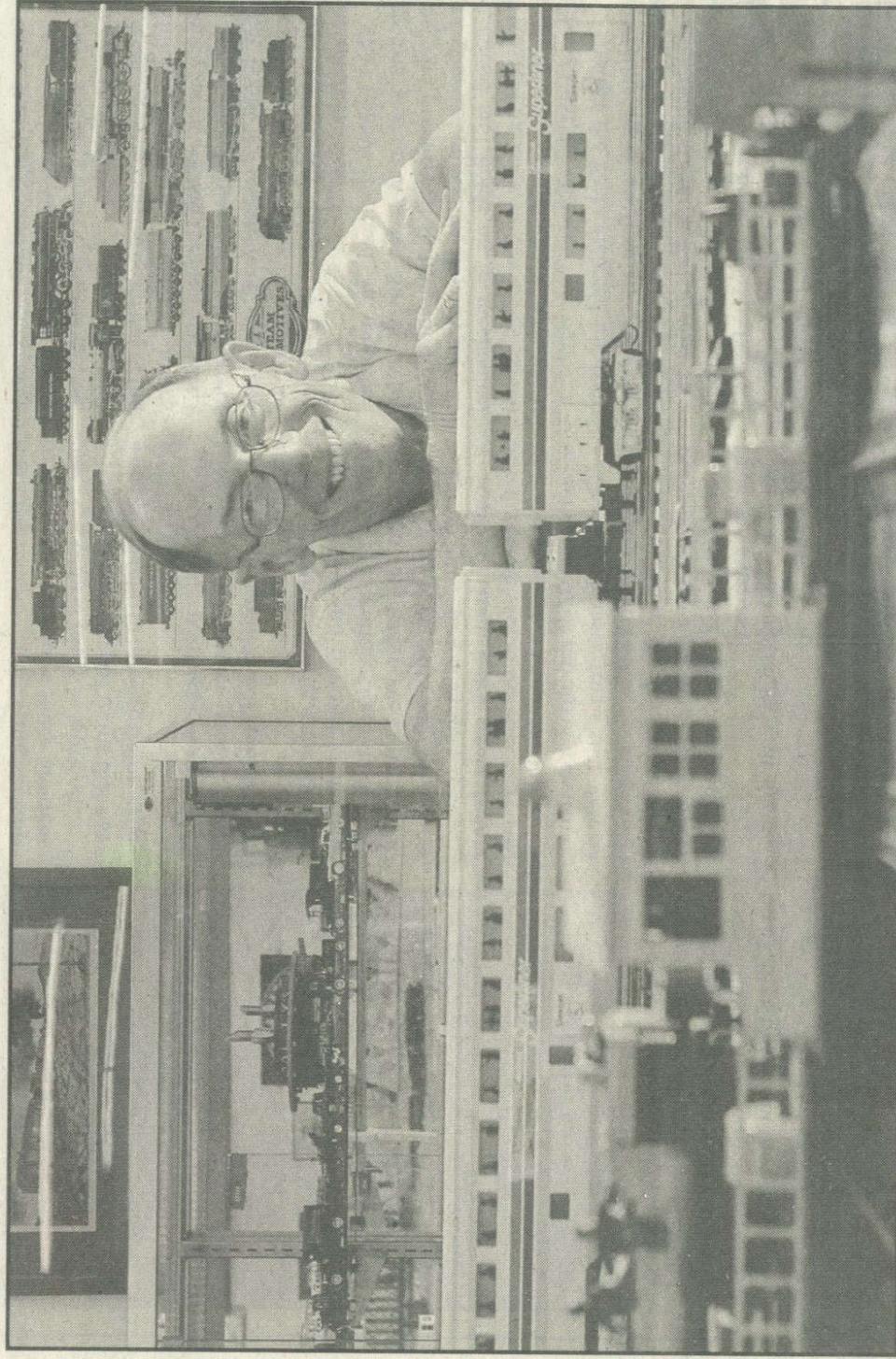
Grassi and his wife turned their 9-by-16-foot carport into a home for model trains, and he became active locally in the nostalgic pastime.

The Northwest resident chairs a biannual train show and swap meet, which draws toy train buffs from all over Tucson.

More than 120 distributors will display trains and tracks of all styles and sizes, as well as memorabilia that ranges from train books to train-decorated pillows June 3 at the Rodeway Inn, 1365 W. Grant Road.

Grassi expects more than 400 spectators to attend the show, which raises money for the Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Operating Museum.

Grassi and other enthusiasts over a span of four years built the museum's biggest display.



Bob Grassi, chairman of the Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Show, has been with the Toy Train Museum for 14 years.

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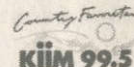
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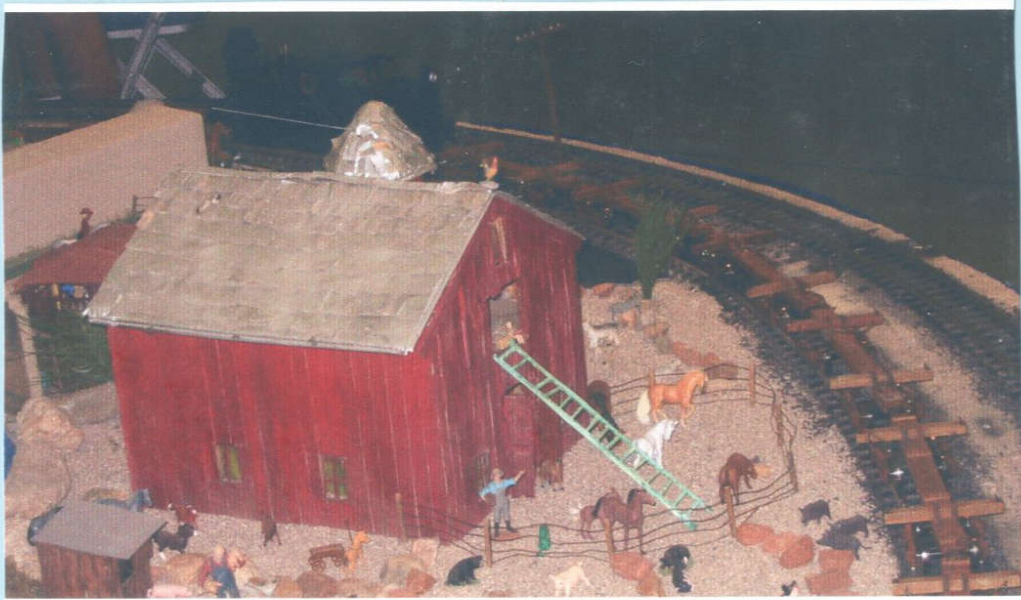
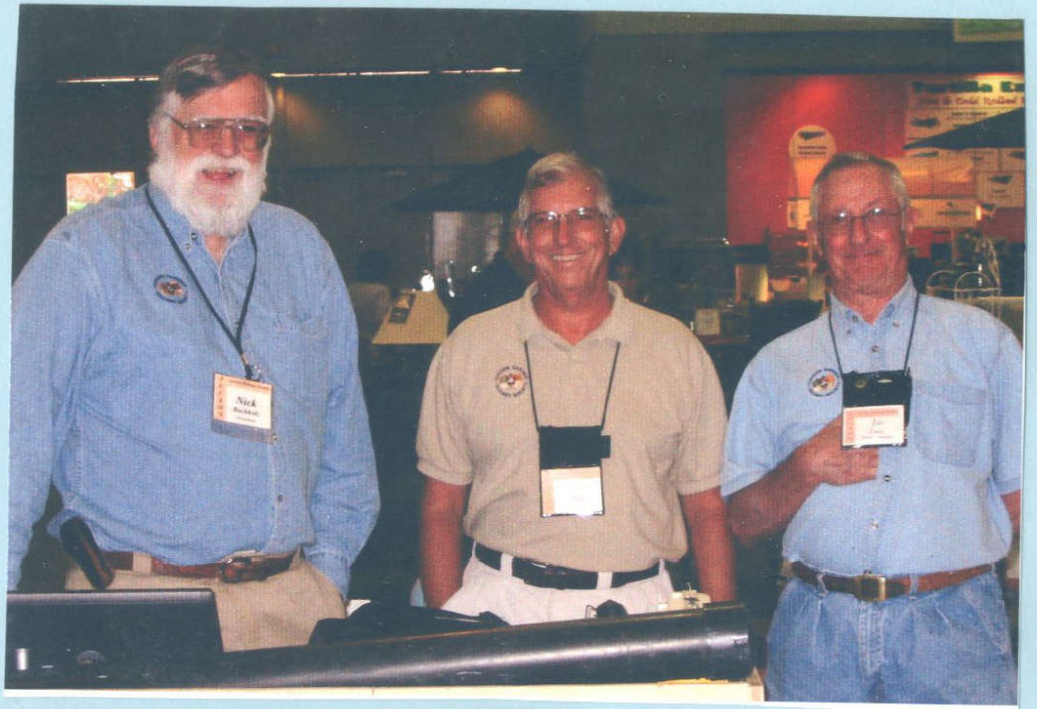
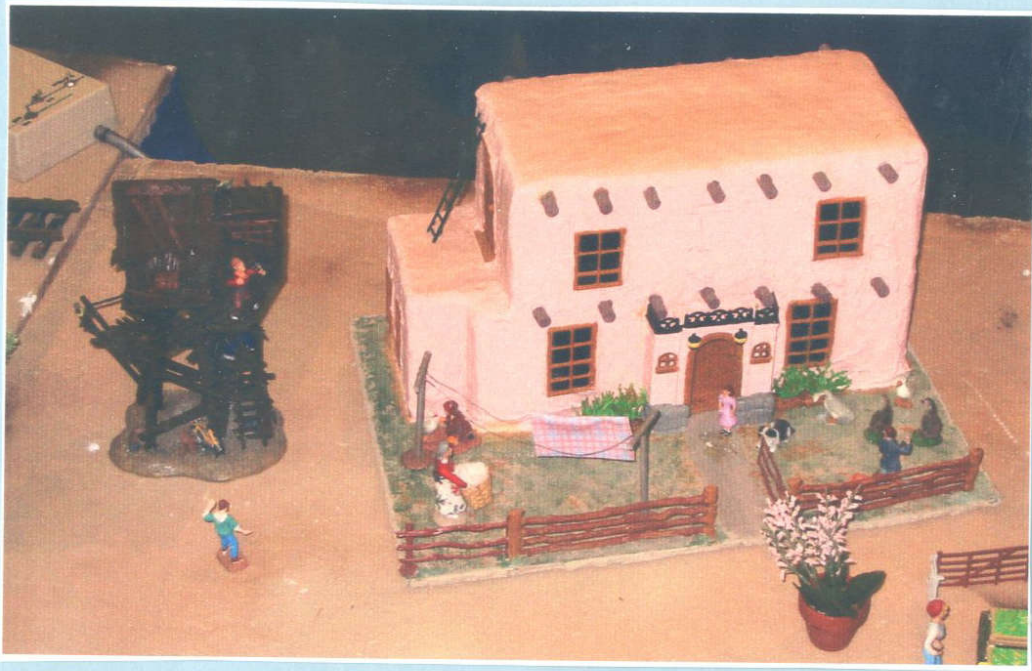
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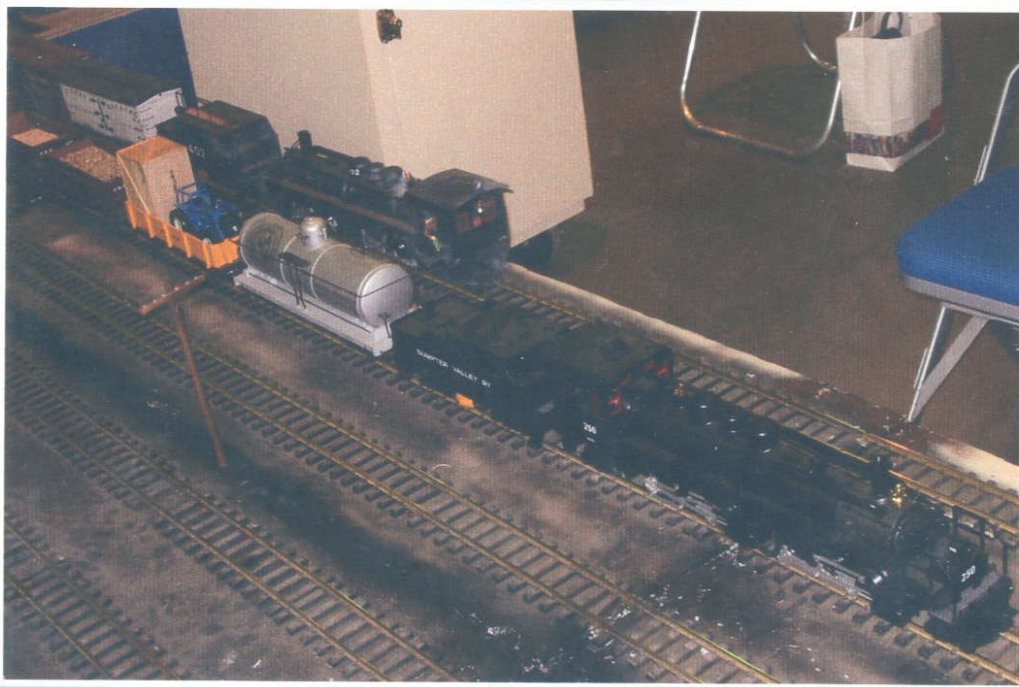
















## QUICK TAKE Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

**What:** History of regional transportation

**Where:** 414 N. Toole Ave. in the Historic Depot

**Hours:** 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesdays-Thursdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays

**Admission:** Free.

**Information:** 623-2223, [www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org](http://www.tucsonhistoricdepot.org)

**Et cetera:** Steam Locomotive Saturdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., feature close-up looks at the otherwise gated exhibit of the steam engine. An expert answers questions.

Photos by Greg Bryan /  
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Candace Barney, 5, with  
Locomotive 1673.

# You can hear the train a-comin'



## Take a trip to depot and go back in time

By Elena Acoba

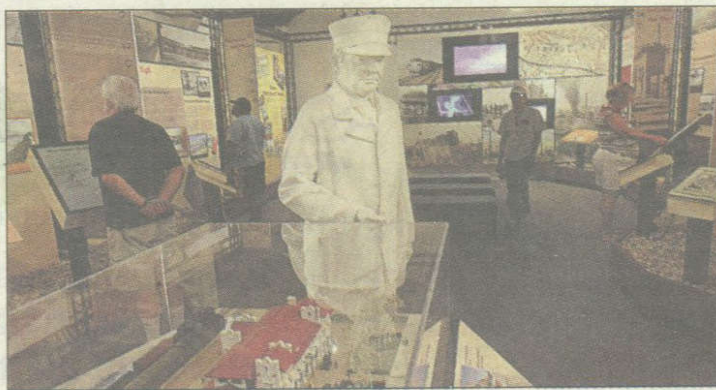
SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

**N**ow that Pima County has the go-ahead on its transportation plan, this might be a good time to learn how Tucson went through a huge transformation when the railroad appeared.

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum at the Historic Depot complex Downtown shows how the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad from San Francisco on March 20, 1880, moved Tucson "from an isolated frontier outpost to a major urban center," according to an exhibit.

The museum is run by the nonprofit Old Pueblo Trolley organization that also maintains the trolley system along East University Boulevard and North Fourth Avenue.

It's housed in Southern Pacific's 1907 vault room where the railroad company stored accident photos, timetables and other records.



**A statue of a conductor stands guard as visitors check out the displays at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum.**

The room at first looks overwhelmingly dense with text. Don't be intimidated. The information is provided in English and Spanish, so visitors need only read half the copy.

That copy provides commentary on regional transportation from the early 1800s stagecoach to the current problems of a sprawling metropolis.

The exhibits show how the railroad brought cheaper building materials for homes, street lights and a hospital, shipped out minerals mined in the surrounding area and brought visitors for health or tourism.

The railroad begat public transportation as people needed ways to get from the train station to Downtown, which then was a few blocks away. The museum covers those efforts from the herdic (a kind of carriage) to the modern-day Sun Trans.

Some of the history sounds strikingly familiar: a stagecoach that was swept away while it tried to cross a rain-swollen Rillito; a small-gauge railroad that was supposed to extend to Globe, but the money ran out after 10 miles.

Vintage photos show some transportation problems unique

to the old times. Riders of a mule-drawn trolley sit and wait as officials try to get one of two hitched mules to stand after it decided to lie down on the street.

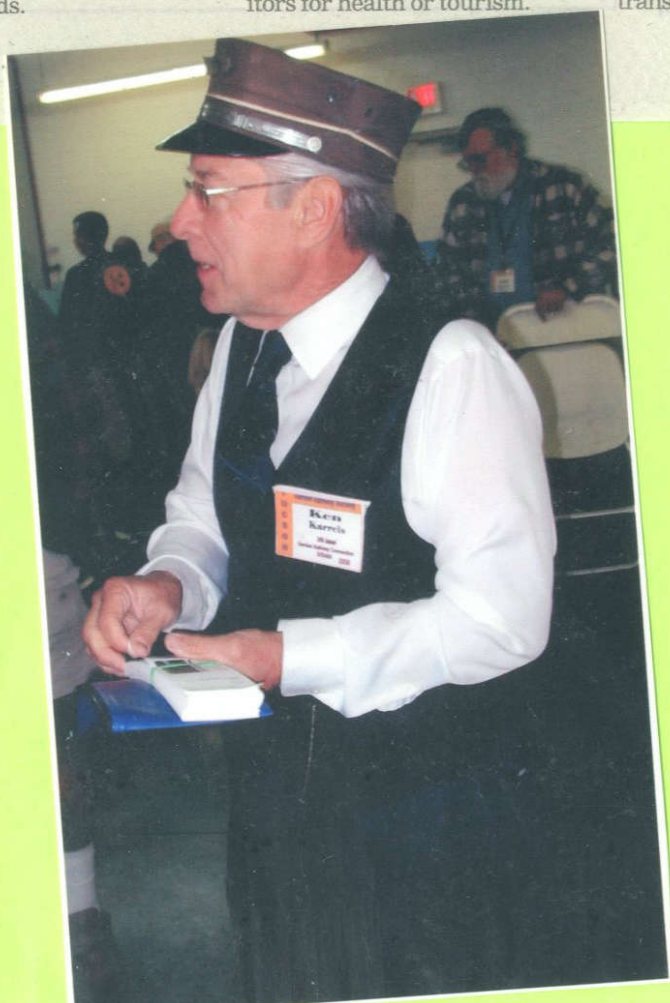
Visitors can pretend to send a telegram by Morse code. Another exhibit shows the time it took to go to other cities on stagecoach and railroad. For instance, a stagecoach ride to Los Angeles took more than four days. The railroad cut that to less than a day.

Telephone handsets play stories of the people involved with the railroad, including the conductor who dealt with a turtle's grip on a brakeman, an engineer's train approaching a washed-out bridge and the station agent who averted a train collision.

Video monitors show pictures of old photos, postcards and marketing brochures. One runs a captioned show of recollections of former railroad workers.

The museum also maintains Locomotive 1673, a 1900 Southern Pacific engine that the city received to mark the 75th anniversary of the arrival of the railroad.

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# ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHURCH HALLOWEEN EVENT



Joe Stoesser attacks Dolly Duda





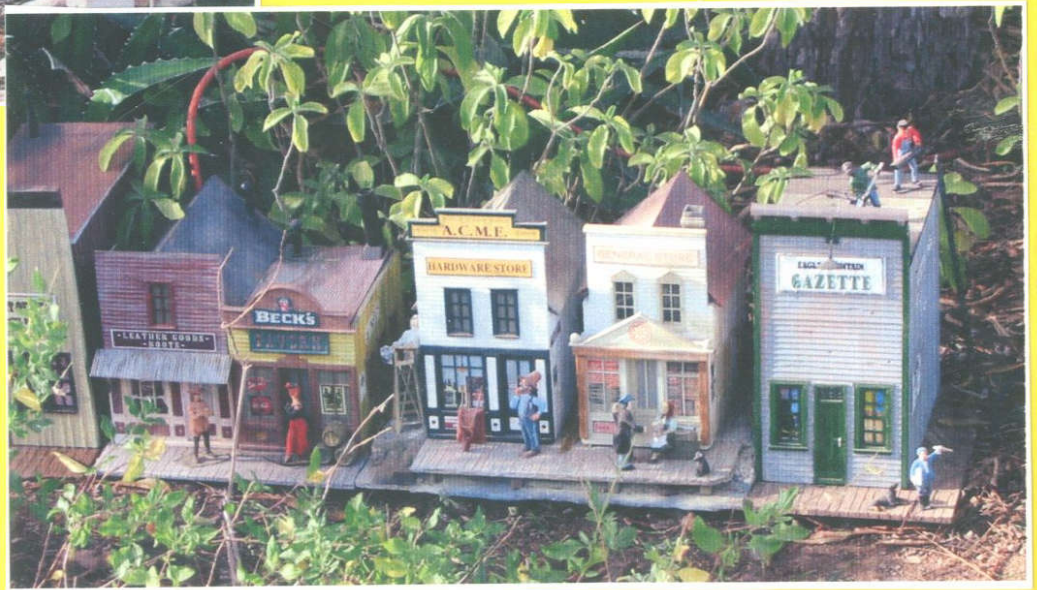
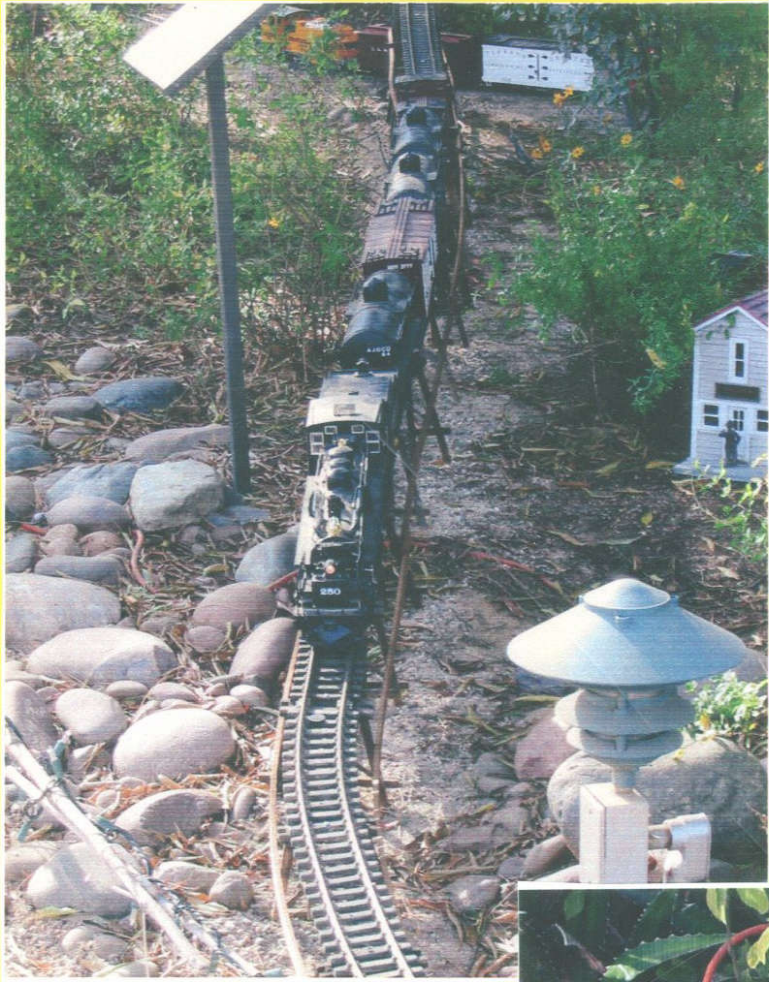
The new Children's Layout  
Photos courtesy of the Dorgans

Helping from TGRS were Joe Stoesser, Dolly & Joe Duda, Sallie & Jay Sanders, and Jane & Mike Dorgan.



# Tucson Botanical Gardens

A Newsletter for Members of Tucson Botanical Gardens  
Winter 2006





# NEW EVENT!

## HOLIDAY IN THE GARDENS FAMILY FESTIVAL\*

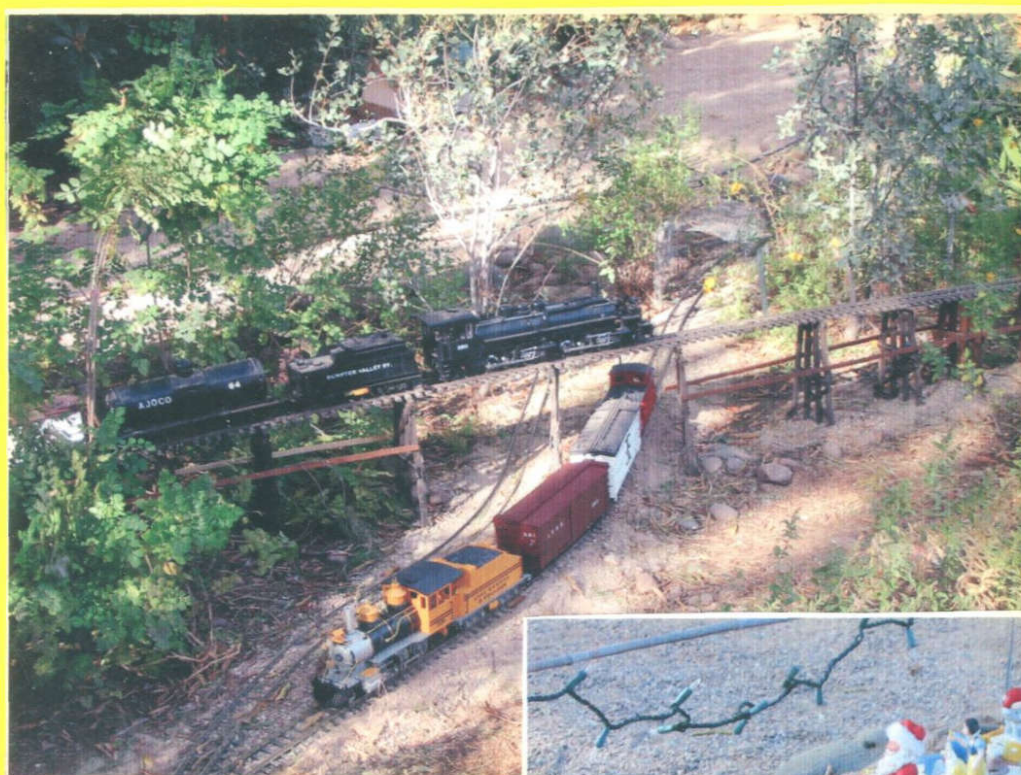
*Holiday activities to inspire!*

*Saturday and Sunday*

*December 2-3 and December 9-10*

*8:30 am – 4:30 pm*

Visit a garden holiday wonderland filled with wandering carolers and special exhibits such as the Gardens' railway. Don't miss special holiday activities for all ages including:





# Gardens trying first daytime holiday festival

5 QUÉ PASA?

By Elena Acoba

SPECIAL TO THE ARIZONA DAILY STAR

**M**ost everyone in the family ought to find something appealing at the Tucson Botanical Gardens' first daytime holiday festival.

Even pets can get a gift out of Holiday in the Gardens, which will feature craft-making, displays and entertainment over the next two weekends.

It's a separate event from the annual Luminaria Nights — two evenings of lighted paths and musical performances.

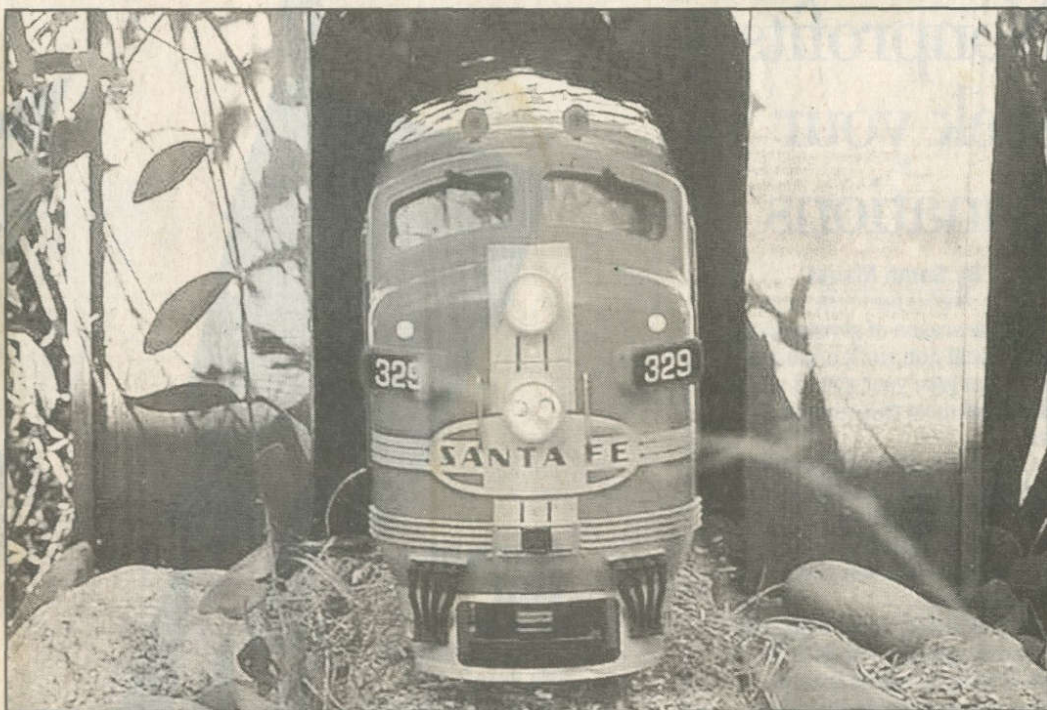
Gardens staff noticed that the same number of people showed up for its evening event regardless of how many nights it ran, said Michelle Conklin, director of development.

"We noticed there were very few daytime holiday events for families," Conklin continued. "We kind of want to try this. The gardens are so beautiful during the day."

Kicking off the festival is a Reindog Parade at noon Saturday. Costumed canines and their owners will march around the grounds led by Santa. It's the only time nonservice animals are allowed in the gardens, says Conklin.

People will have to register to enter the parade. It's followed by visits with Santa.

Highlights of the second weekend include a dance performance of "Legend of the Poinsettia" by Ballet Folklorico San Juan's young dancers and a dramatization of the gardens' coloring book, "My New Backyard Garden" by storyteller Marc Severson and student actors. Both events start at 2 p.m. Dec. 9



COURTESY OF TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS

All aboard! The Garden Railway will run in the Bird Garden Dec. 2-17 at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.

## If you go

- **What:** Holiday in the Gardens
- **When:** During the attraction's regular hours, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Activities begin 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, 11 a.m. on both Sundays and 10 a.m. on Dec. 9.
- **Where:** Tucson Botanical Gar-

dens, 2150 N. Alvernon Way.

- **Admission:** \$6, free to 12 or younger.
- **Information:** 326-9686 or at [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org).
- **Et cetera:** Luminaria Nights will open 5:30-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$7; \$3 for ages 3-12.

and 10.

Sue Betanzos, who illustrated the recently released book, will appear at the same time to sign copies that will be passed out to youngsters during the festival.

Each day will include strolling carolers, face painting and the annual display of a garden railroad with trains winding through a holiday landscape.

Several free scheduled workshops will include such craft-making activities as gifts for pets, cookie decorating, mulling spice bags, herbal gifts and pressed-leaf cards. A workshop on making tamales requires registration and a fee.





PHOTO COURTESY OF TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDENS

The Tucson Garden Railway Society has three model trains on display at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. The train exhibit runs through Dec. 31.

**A POINSETTIA** to the Tucson Garden Railway Society for creating and staffing the fantastic model train displays at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. The society has put together three rail lines, complete with miniature town scenes and passengers such as Mickey Mouse and Santa Claus, in the garden's backyard bird garden and iris garden. The rail lines will be running daily from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. through Dec. 31. — with the exception of Christmas Eve, when the garden closes at noon. The garden is also closed Christmas and New Year's Day. General admission is \$5 for adults, \$2.50 for kids 6 to 12 and free for children 5 and under.



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HOME TOWN BUFFET

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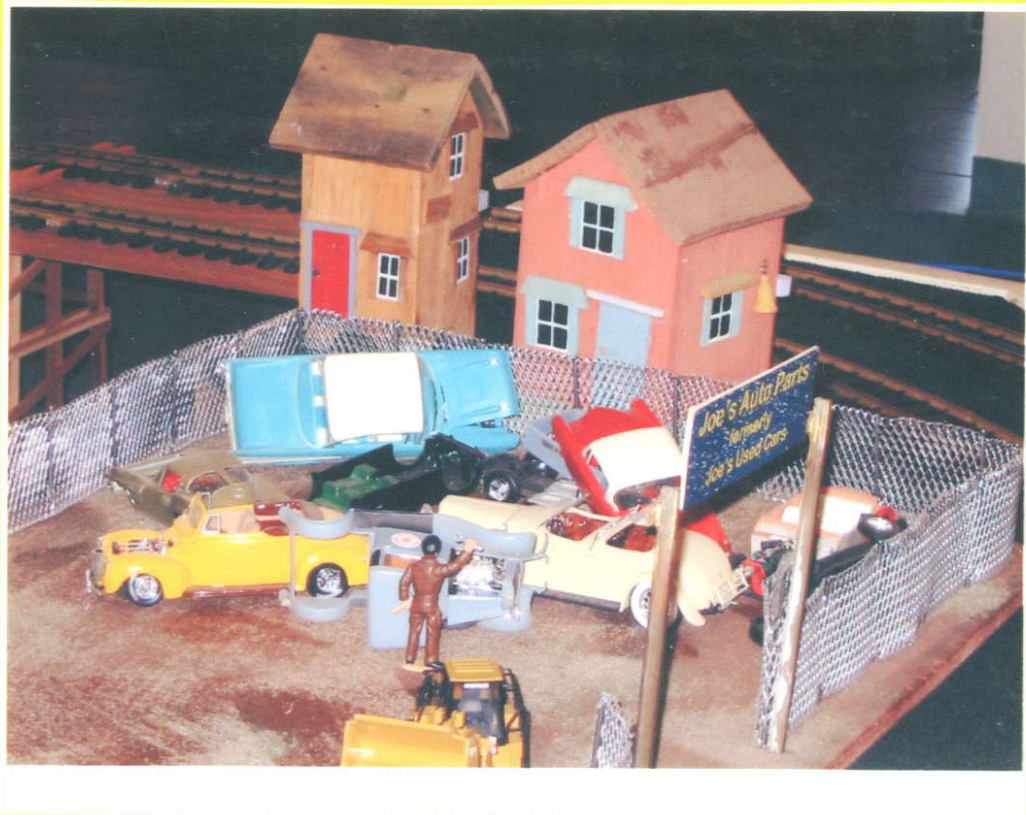






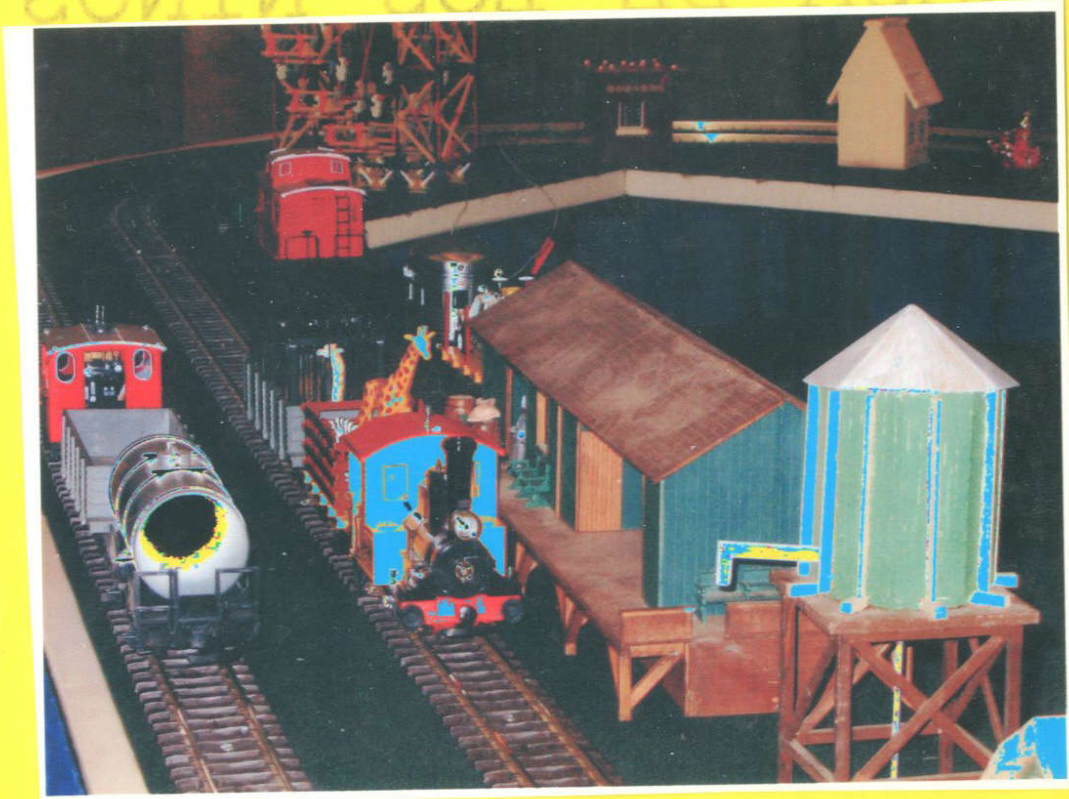


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# Railways in the Garden

More than 60 years ago in Northern Ohio, Bob Dirksen's ears perked up when he heard a familiar sound rumbling through his town. The gentle thunder was not from the sky, but from trains on the ground.

"I always liked trains. There were two railroads going through the town. I liked to hear the trains going through. It was during World War II, so it was very busy at that time."

Dirksen eventually moved to Colorado, where he was a social-studies teacher and school librarian. While his interest in trains continued, he didn't have a lot of time for his hobby until after he retired. He moved to Tucson in 1991 and became involved in the Tucson Garden Railway Society about 10 years ago.

Dirksen, a previous vice president and board member of the society, says it's a club of 100 families who enjoy garden railroading. The group sets up displays at various locations around town throughout the year.

"We take displays out to basically anyone who asks. Between Christmas and New Year's, we set up at the (Veterans Affairs) Hospital. On Jan. 5, we will be at the Arizona State Home Show at the Tucson Convention Center. And we go to the county fair for 10 days."

Currently, the Tucson Botanical Gardens is partnering with the Tucson Garden Railway Society to present *The Garden's Railway Exhibit* through Sunday, Dec. 31. The trains run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., daily. The Botanical Gardens are located at 2150 N. Alvernon Way. The train exhibit is free with admission: \$5 for adults; \$2.50 for children ages 6 to 12; free for children 5 and younger. Call the Botanical Gardens at 326-9686 or visit [www.tucsonbotanical.org](http://www.tucsonbotanical.org) and [www.tucsongrs.org](http://www.tucsongrs.org) for more information.

Dirksen says there are two displays at the gardens. "In the Bird Garden, there are two loops—a figure eight with a trestle. There is a small village in it and a tunnel. It goes around bushes and trees. It's a very nice-looking (display), a very pleasant one." It contains 200 feet of track.

"In the Iris Garden, there is a fun display (containing 100 feet of track) with Santa's workshop in it. We are not all serious about this. We have had Thomas the Tank (Engine), clowns, cartoon figures, Winnie the Pooh. We're all little kids at heart."

While one might need to be young at heart to enjoy the displays, they take careful planning and adult know-how to put together.

"There are computer programs that will draw it out for you. But for the gardens, we had to go and look at the situation. There are trees and plants, so you have to fit the railroad to the area that you have."

"Usually, you start off with a clean slate, like in your backyard. You plan the railroad and the various plantings that you have. Because of the fact that it includes models and plans, it's often a family project."

It was Dirksen's wife who encouraged him to build his display in their backyard. "I had a small-gage train I wanted to (set up in the closet). My wife told me to go outside and play."

These days, Dirksen's wife is involved in his hobby and enjoys set-

ting up the figures and buildings in displays. "Contrary to popular belief, women do like trains," he says. "There are a lot of couples where the men and women participate equally."

Dirksen says about 70 percent of the society's members have railroads in their backyards. Sizes vary; one member has about 1,000 feet of track. The displays stay out year-round, with many members only bringing their trains inside for safekeeping.

"This is a family activity. It's more so than an indoor hobby where dad goes down to the basement. But outside, you have things that can happen to your railroad—the effects of sun, rain, wind and animals. The sun is hard on the buildings. Plastic warps and gets brittle. And a pack rat can walk off with your figures."

Pack rats aside, Dirksen says he enjoys his hobby for three main reasons. "First, it keeps us off the streets and out of bars. It gives us something to do. Second, it keeps our creative juices flowing. I might see a birdhouse (at a craft store) and wonder how I can make that into a building."

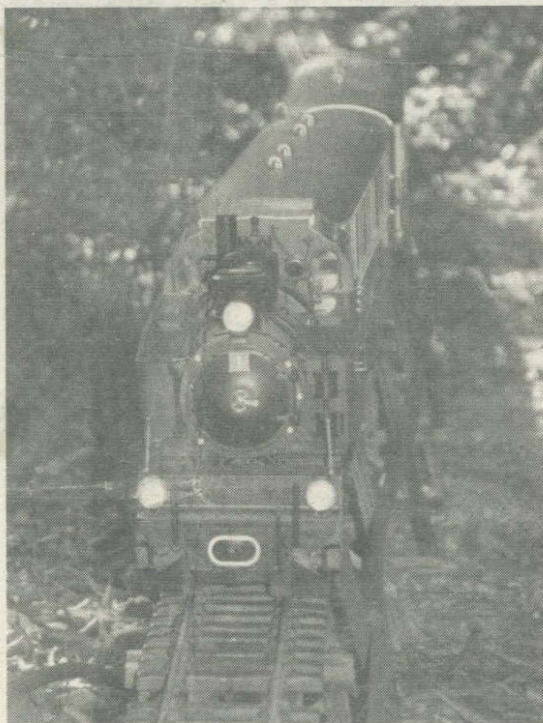
The third reason Dirksen loves his hobby is that he enjoys being with people and delights in the reaction he sees from others.

"Once, a few years ago at the Botanical Gardens, a young mother would bring down her son. He was 3 years old. She would bring a book and lunch with her. She'd sit on a bench,

and that little boy would watch the trains from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. He would cry when we took the trains in. He was just fascinated with them."

Dirksen calls this the "gee-whiz factor. When we have a set up, people will come through and say, 'Gee whiz. Look at that!' There is a certain amount of pride in that. It makes you feel kind of good."

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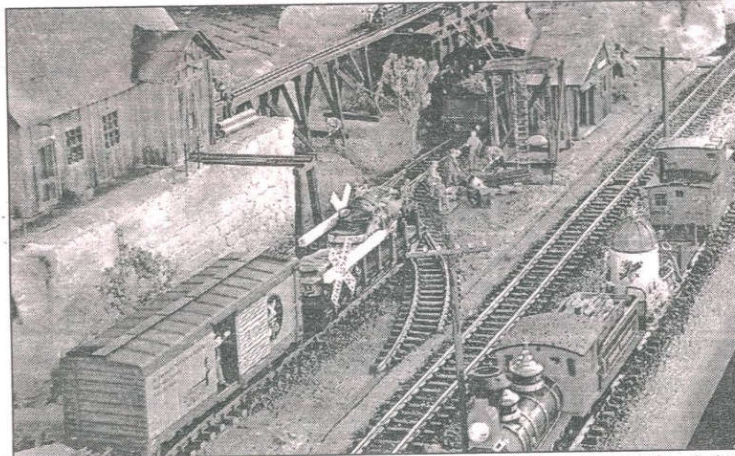
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## BEST BETS



Courtesy of the Tucson Garden Railway Society

Spectators will be able to see these detailed model trains – with a holiday theme – during the train show, which runs through Friday.

### Tucson Garden Railway Society train show

Numerous operational train displays will be set up in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium for Southern Arizona VA Health Care System patients, employees, volunteers, families, children and all the young at heart. Through Dec. 29, model trains ranging from America's earliest trains to those currently running on the nation's tracks will travel through dynamic scenery layouts complete with mountains, buildings, roads and other scenic effects. Members of the Tucson Garden Railroad Society will be on hand to explain the history of each train display. **When:** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 27-28; 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 29  
**Where:** 3601 S. Sixth Ave. **Price:** free **Info:** 751-9628



Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
Tucson, AZ 85723

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Lewis Sleeper, Director  
Tucson Garden Railway Society  
6636 E. Villa Dorado  
Tucson, Arizona 85715

Dear Mr. Sleeper:

Just wanted to "thank you and your members" for this the third year of the Tucson Garden Railway Society's visit to the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System. This year I did not have a chance to spend very much time with you or your organization as in the past. It seems that I had over double the work and media requirements this year than the past two years during the last week in December.

In my eyes, this was another very successful year in which our visitors and patients had an opportunity to see the outstanding train displays in our auditorium. What made it a little more difficult in getting the crowds in this year, was that there were a number of other train shows at other locations (The Tucson Botanical Gardens Train Show, Gadsden-Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum), during the time of your show in the auditorium. We received great media coverage again this year, and I have enclosed the articles in which our local newspapers, (Tucson Citizen, Arizona Daily Star) as well as the KGUN Ch 9 spot they did for their 6:00 p.m. News. The enclosed DVD is for your files.

Thanks again for another great year!

Sincerely,



J.L. Pepe' Mendoza, Assistant Public Affairs Officer  
Southern Arizona VA Health Care System  
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Tucson, AZ 85723





Tucson Citizen's Weekend Plus  
 Friday, December 29, 2006  
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**TUCSON GARDEN RAILROAD SOCIETY TRAIN SHOW:**

This is the last day to view the numerous operational train displays set up in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium for Southern Arizona VA Health Care System patients, employees, volunteers, families, children and all the young at heart. Trains ranging from America's earliest model operational trains to those currently running on the nation's tracks travel through dynamic scenery layouts complete with mountains, buildings, roads and other scenic effects. Members of the Tucson Garden Railroad Society will

be on hand to explain the history of each train display and share information on the society. **When:** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Dec. 29 **Where:** VA center auditorium, 3601 S. Sixth Ave. **Price:** free admission **Info:** 751-9628





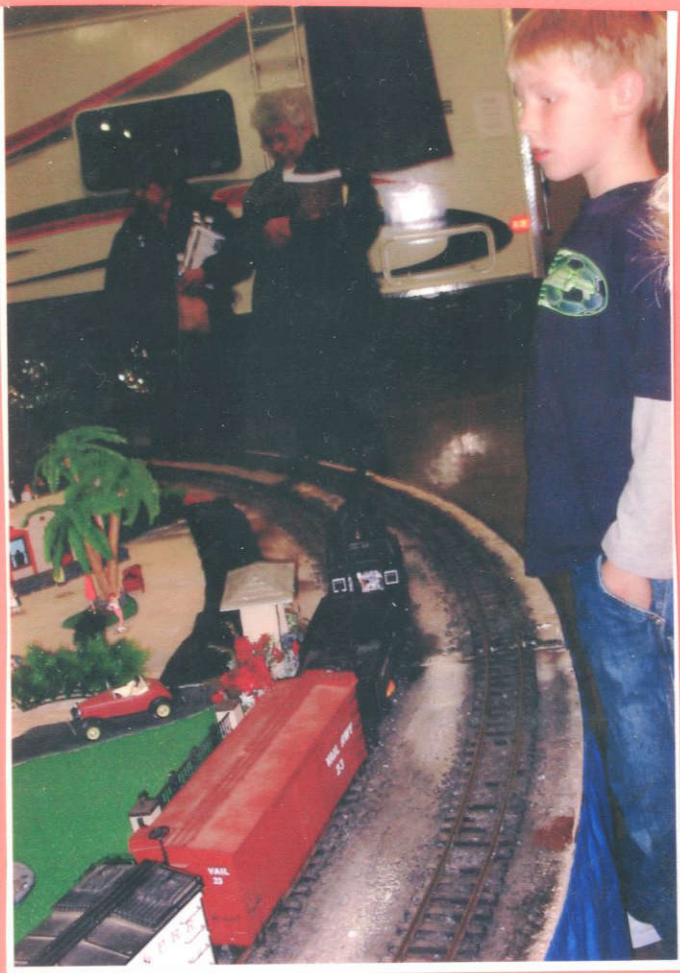
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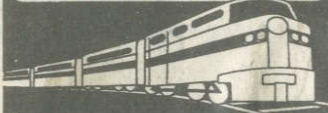
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## Toy train museum

### Model-train show and swap meet

— Rodeway Inn Event Center, 1365 W. Grant Road. Gauges, railroadiana, operating layouts. Buy, sell and trade. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Jan. 20. \$4.75. 40228.

### TOY TRAIN SHOW

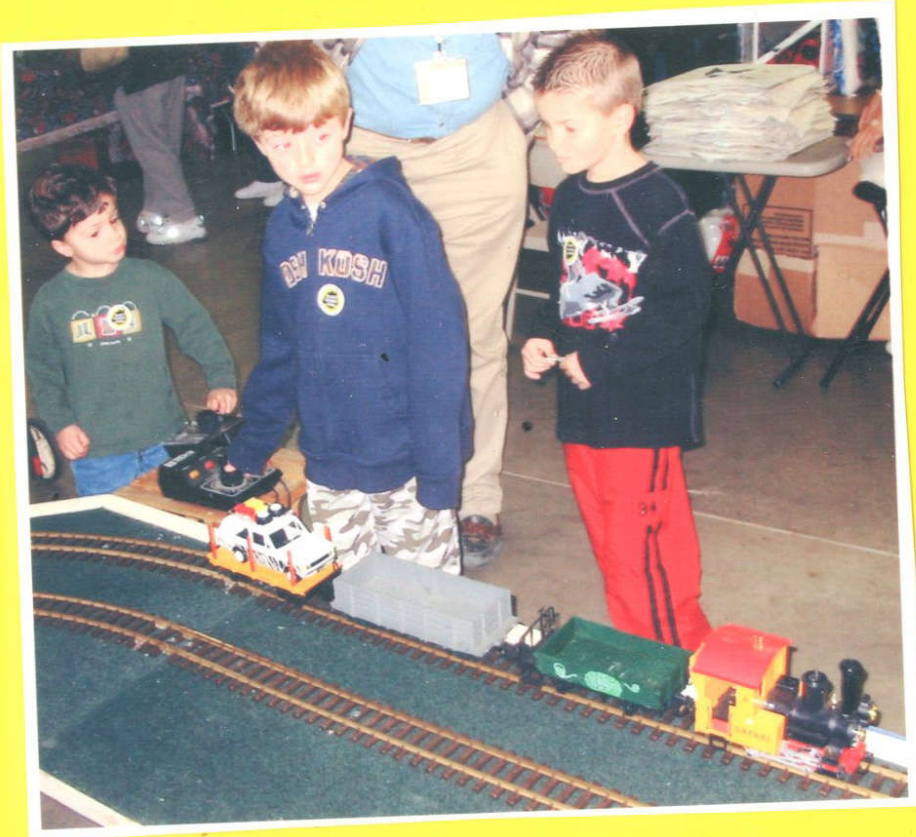


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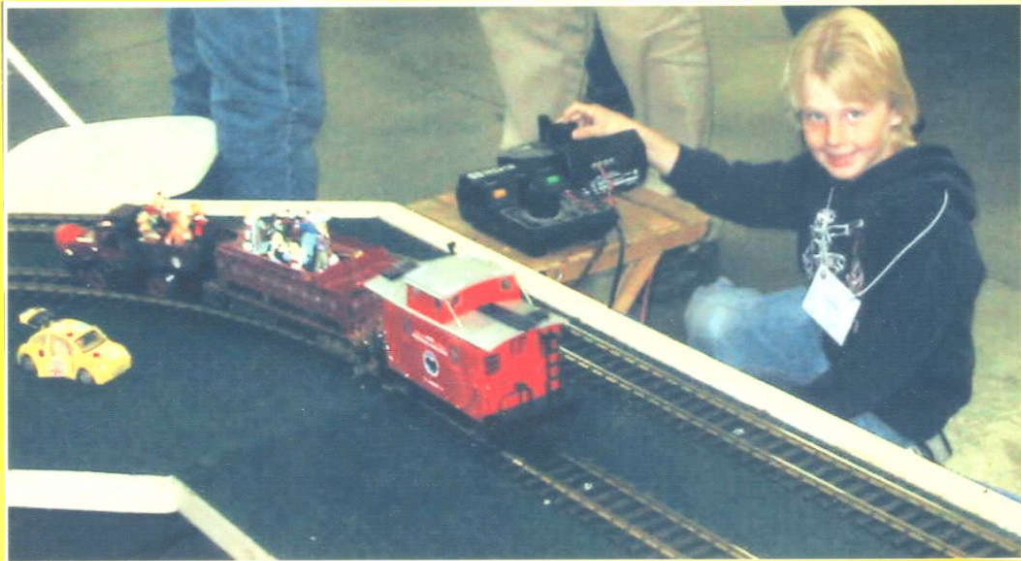
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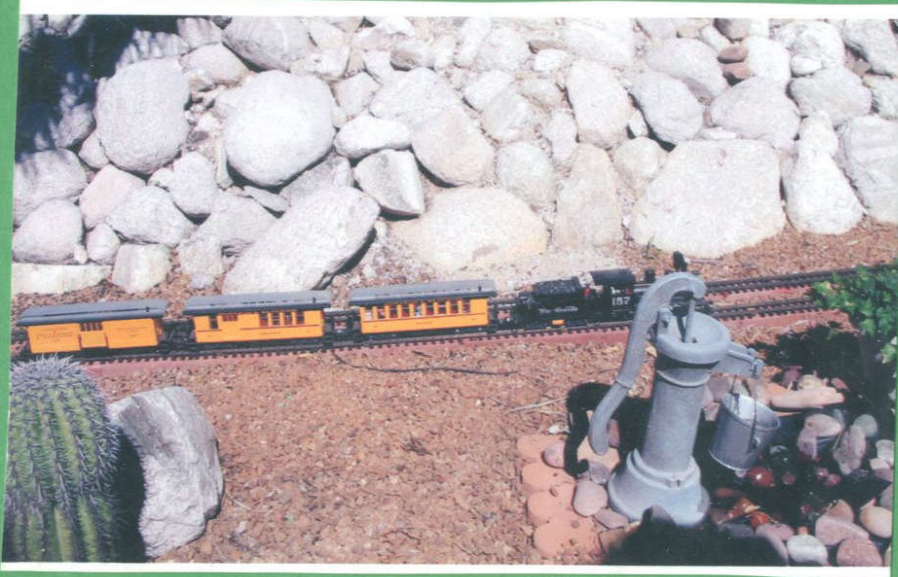








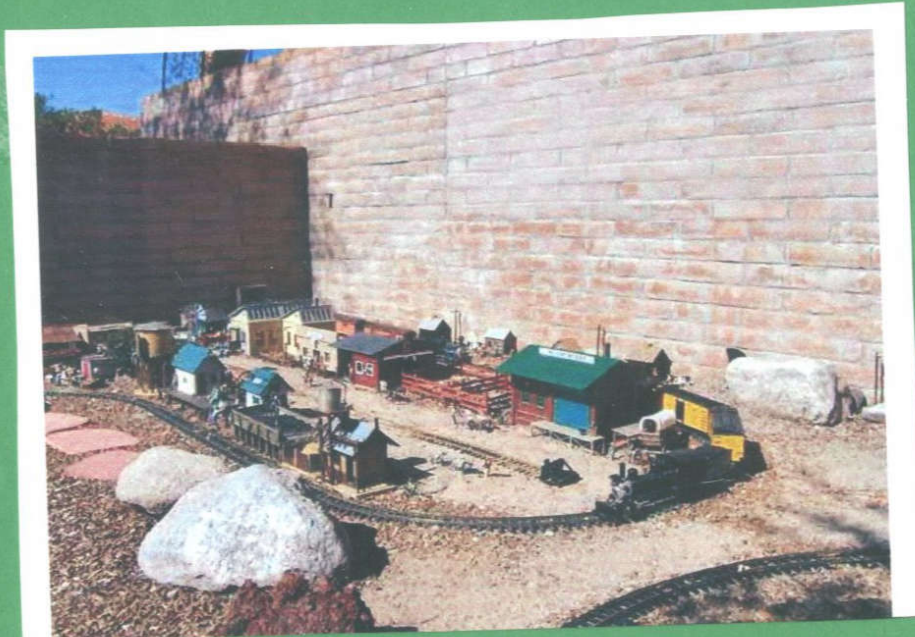
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**STOESSER, BLACKWELL, DORGAN**



# FEBRUARY 2007 BUSINESS MEETING

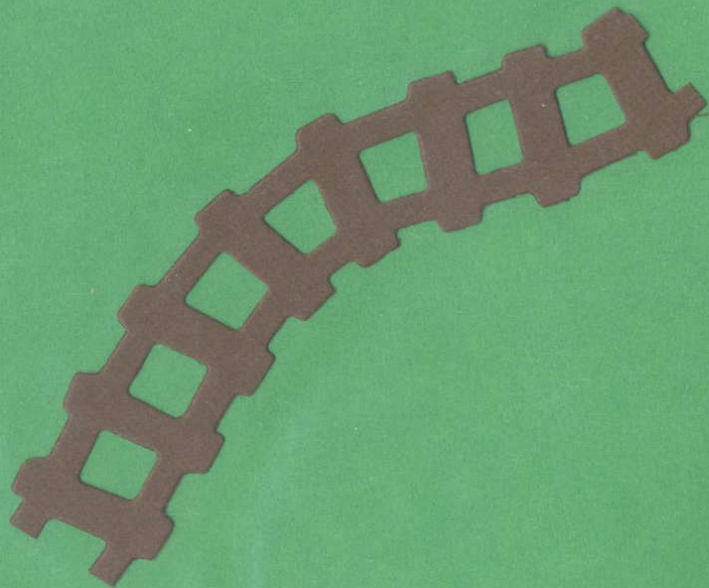
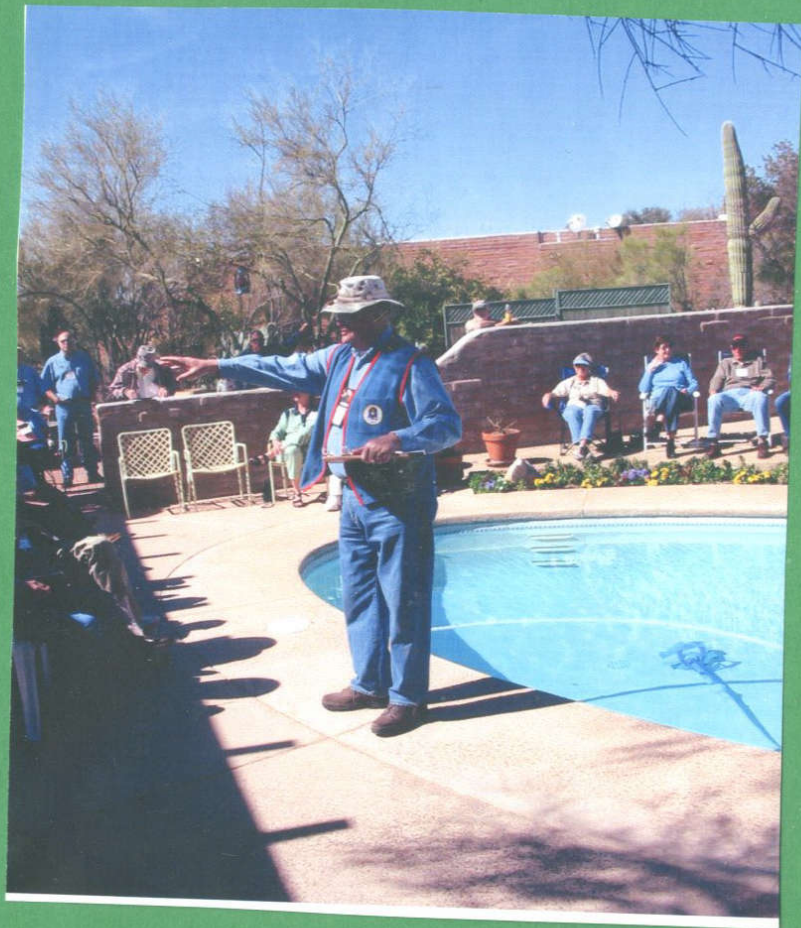


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Fourth Annual  
**RAILS IN THE GARDEN  
Tour**

**MARCH 3 & 4, 2007**

**10 AM till 4 PM each day**

Visit eight garden railways located here in the Tucson area. This year's tour will include a railway that is a cooperative effort among residents of a local RV park. Each layout shows the owner's creativity in the use of plantings and model railroading.

Individual tickets are \$5.00 and Family (parents or grandparents and minor children) tickets are \$10.

A door prize coupon will be included with each ticket. Descriptions of the railways and maps to their locations will come with your ticket.



For more information go to  
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**520-409-3269**



# Catch the train at Rails in Garden Tour this weekend

By **LARRY COPENHAVER**  
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Sometimes, catching the train can be as easy as stepping into the garden.

But only if you're really small. These trains are part of Tucson Garden Railway Society's Rails in the Garden Tour, where members' imaginations in gardening meld with modular large-scale model railroading, said Jane Dorgan, a modeler since 1999.

Dorgan's garden railway project, the Red Rock Railroad, includes more than 600 feet of track, 500 human figures and six operational model trains.

It will be on display from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday as part of the group's annual Rails in the Garden Tour, said tour chairman, Robert "Dirk" Dirksen, 70. The tour features eight garden railway projects that use "G" gauge equipment, he said (a "G" gauge train is any train of a larger scale usually designed to run in a garden). One of the largest is an extensive project created by several residents of a recreational vehicle park.

Another project uses considerable rock work and numerous

## IF YOU GO

**What:** Rails in the Garden Tour

**When:** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

**Cost:** \$5 single; \$10 family

**Where:** Directions come with ticket purchase

**Contact:** Call 409-3269

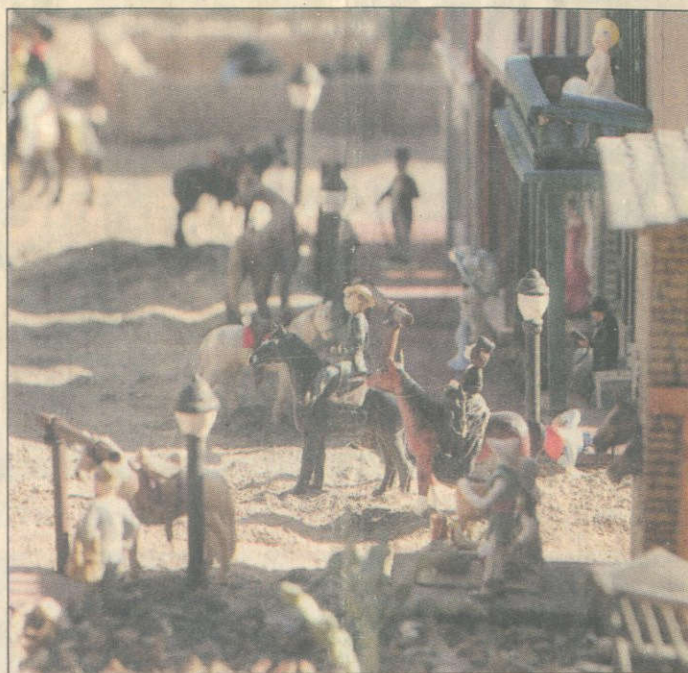
For more on the Rails in the Garden Tour, see this story at [www.tucsoncitizen.com](http://www.tucsoncitizen.com).

bridges and trestles, Dirksen said. And there is one that features tracks winding through a landscape of mountains, deserts and lakes.

Visitors won't want to miss the Gnome Valley Railroad, created by a member who uses a wheelchair and offers a special stop on the tour for people with disabilities.

Tickets are available, Dirksen said. Proceeds go to fund public model-train exhibits at nonprofit organizations and at the Pima County Fair, as well as promoting the organization.

Displays such as Dorgan's are



Photos by RENEE BRACAMONTE/Tucson Citizen

Horses, humans, buildings and lampposts grace a miniature town in **Jane and Mike Dorgan's** yard. Jane created most of the objects from raw materials.

works of art, Dirksen said. Dorgan, working with her husband, Mike, built dozens of structures. They included homes, railway equipment, bridges and a scale model of the Birdcage Theater in Tombstone.

"We went to Tombstone to make sure ours was an accurate depiction," said Dorgan, 68, who created most of the objects from raw materials. Her project includes three towns, one with a cable car, stage station, beer hall and wagon works.

Each of Dorgan's three track loops features cars playing music, from mariachi to circus selections. Up to eight trains run

on her rails.

Dirksen said members' love for trains and project-building is natural for retirees because trains were a big part of their lives when they were young.

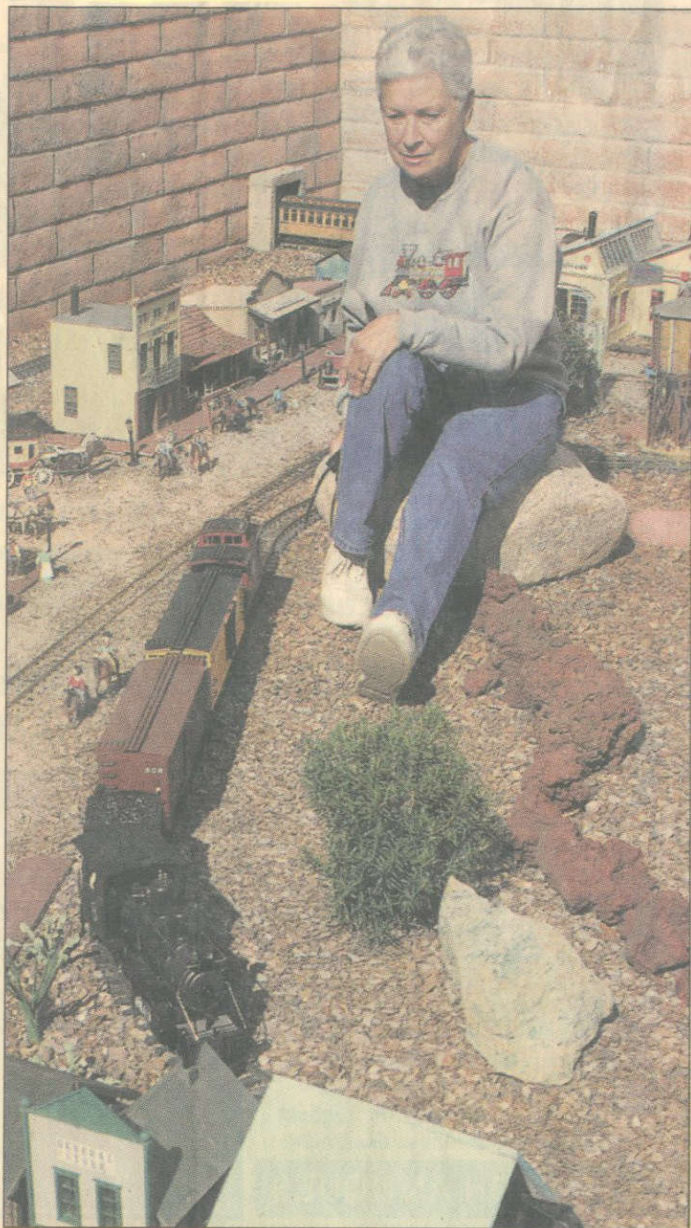
"When I was a boy, I lived in northern Ohio. We had two railroads that went through our town," he recalled. "I lay awake at night listening to those trains. I loved them. They were our access to the rest of the world."

That's why the main goal of the society is to have fun. But members also want to educate the public about railroads and railroad modeling, especially garden railways, Dirksen said.

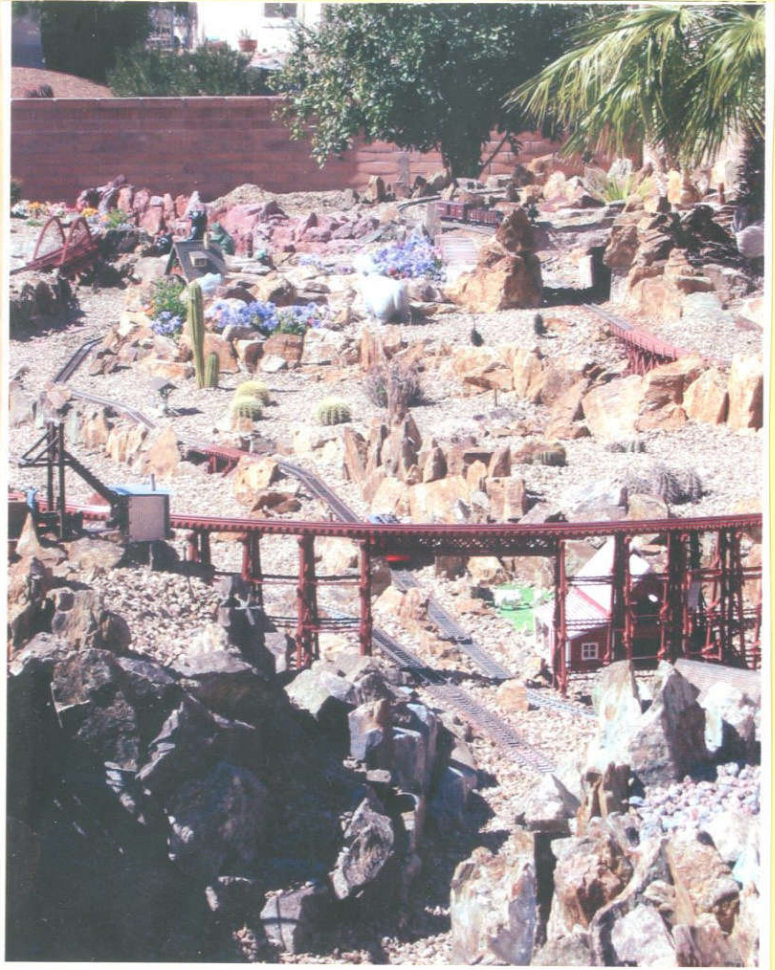


**LEFT, ABOVE, RIGHT:** The town of "Red Rock" fills a corner of Jane and Mike Dorgan's yard.

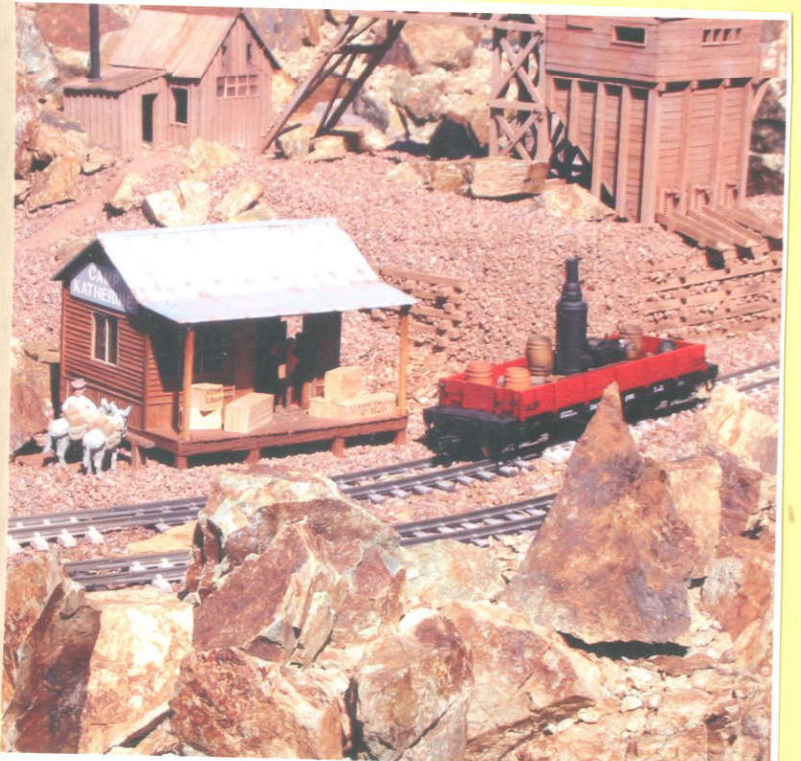




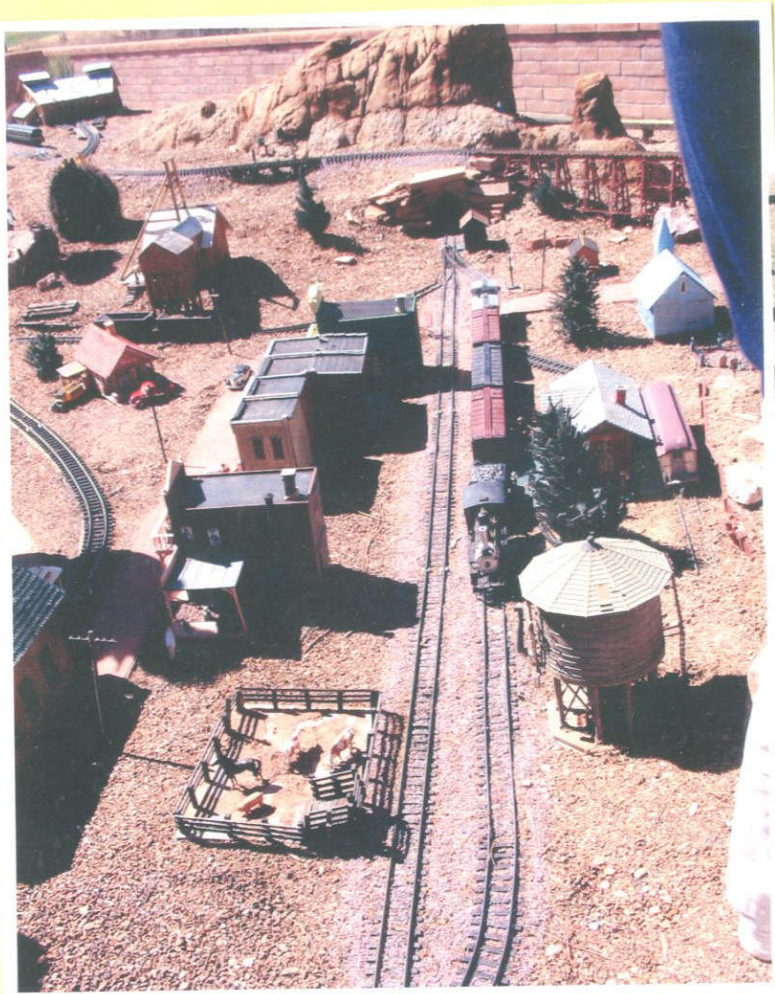
**Jane Dorgan** is surrounded by trains and model towns that she and her husband put together.



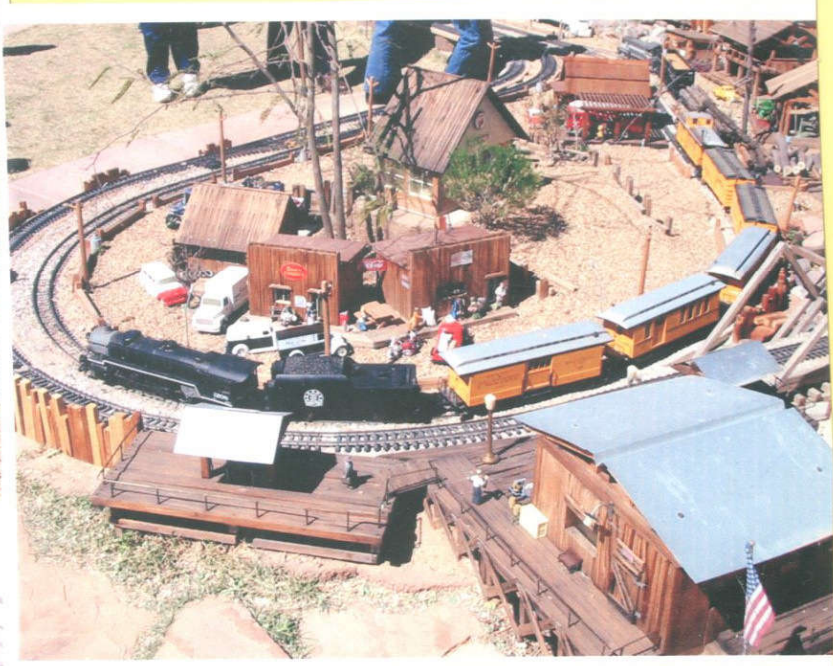
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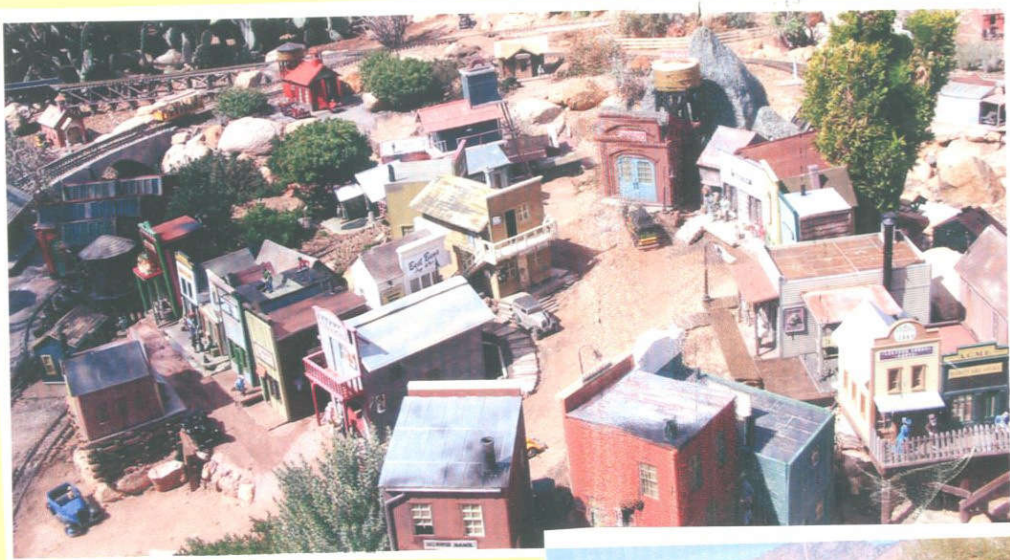
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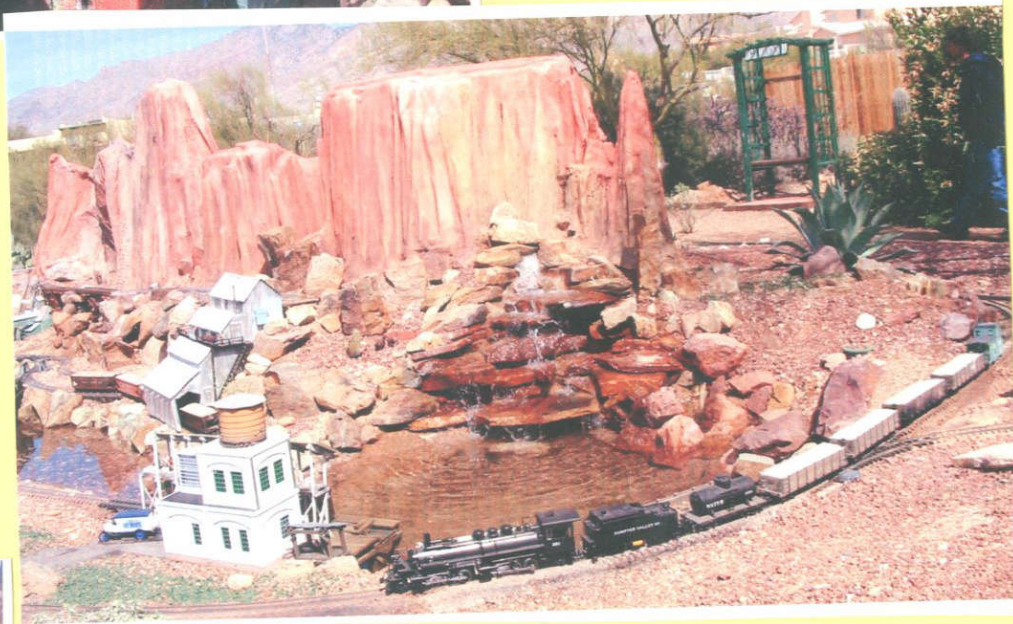
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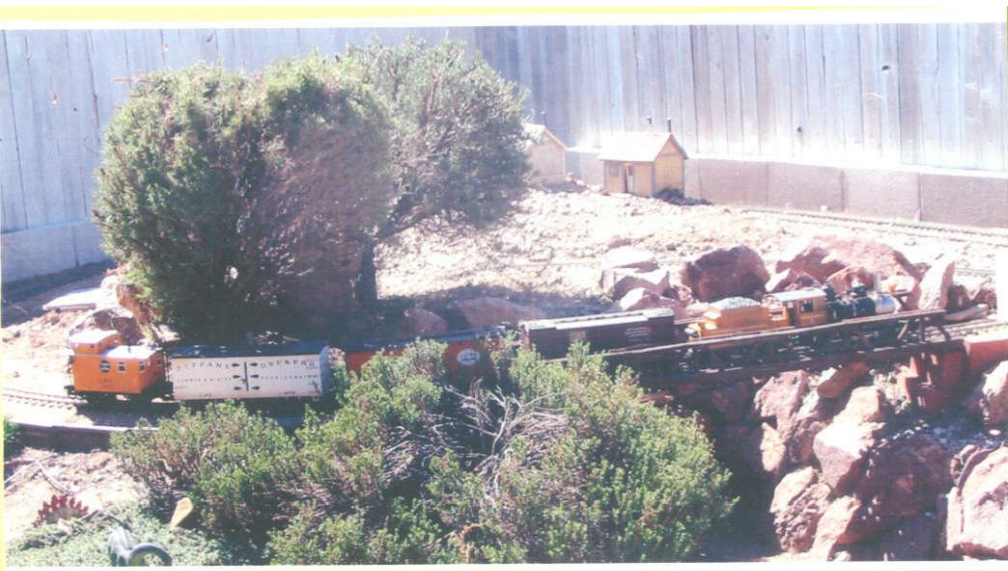
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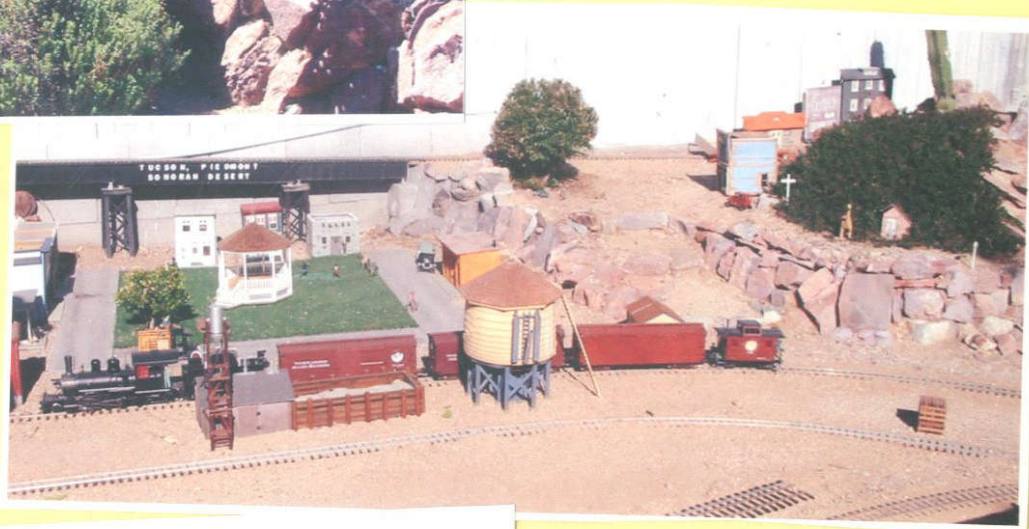
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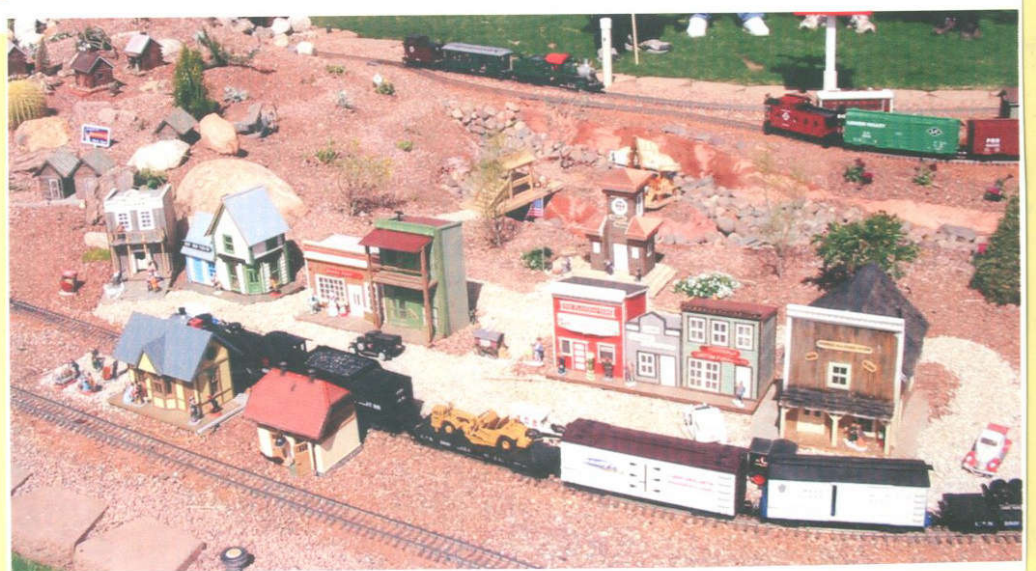


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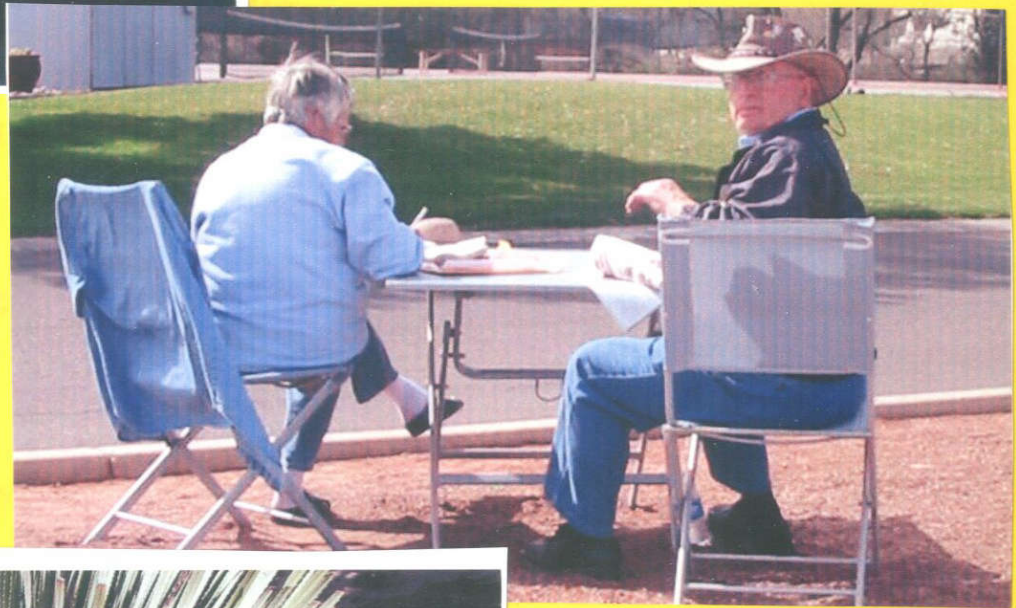




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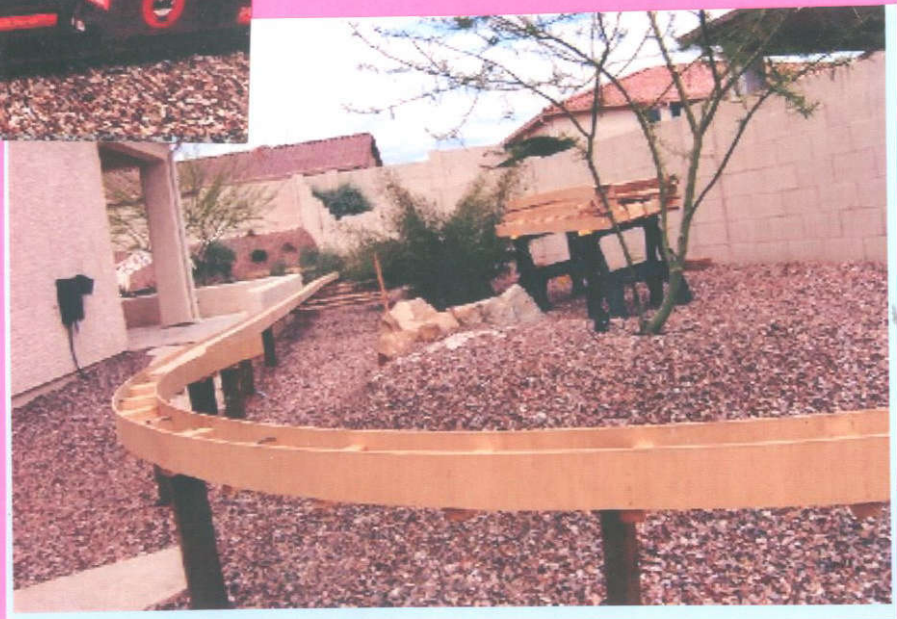
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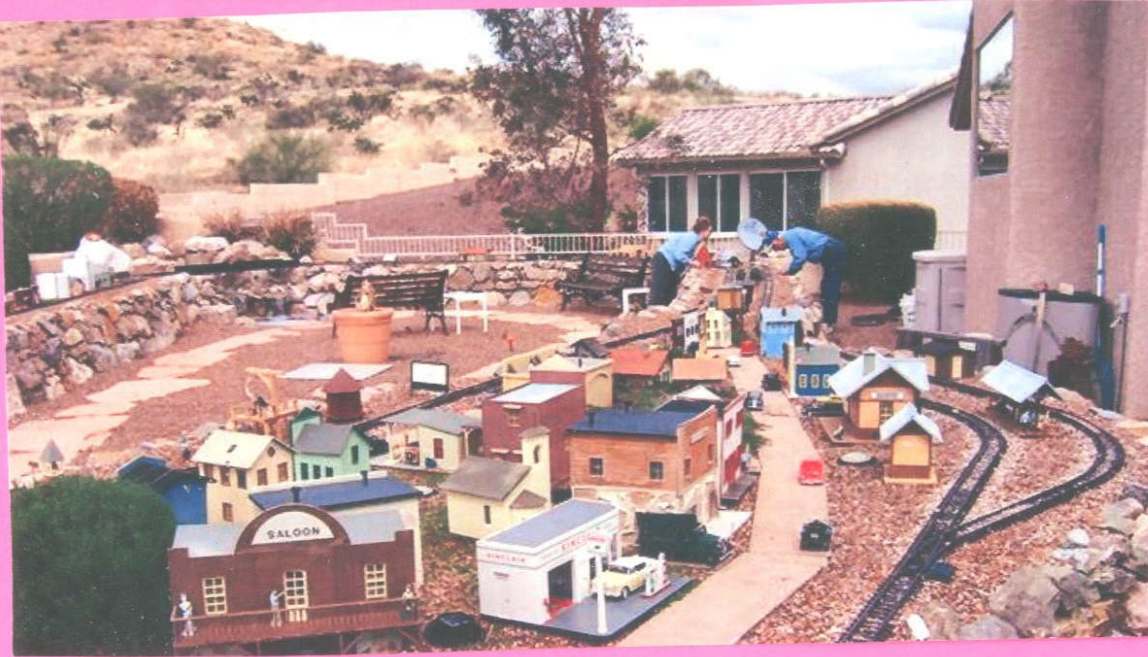
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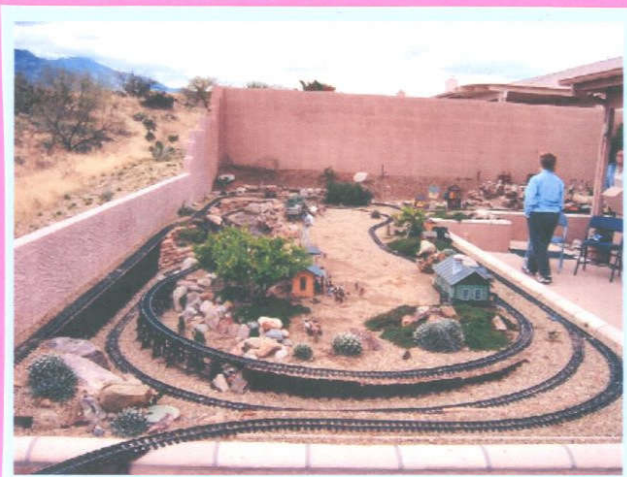
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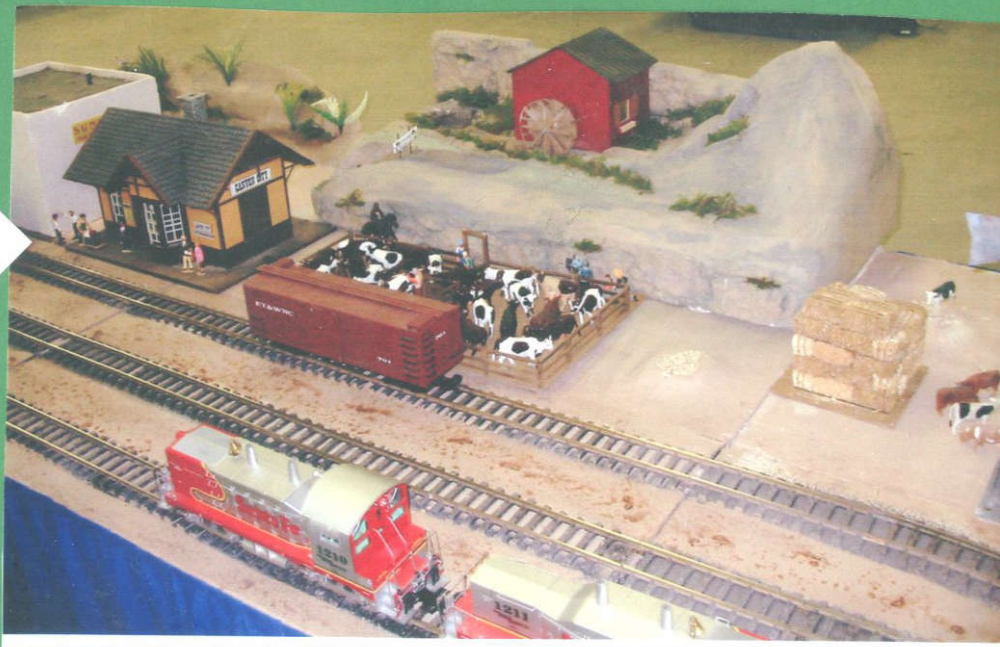
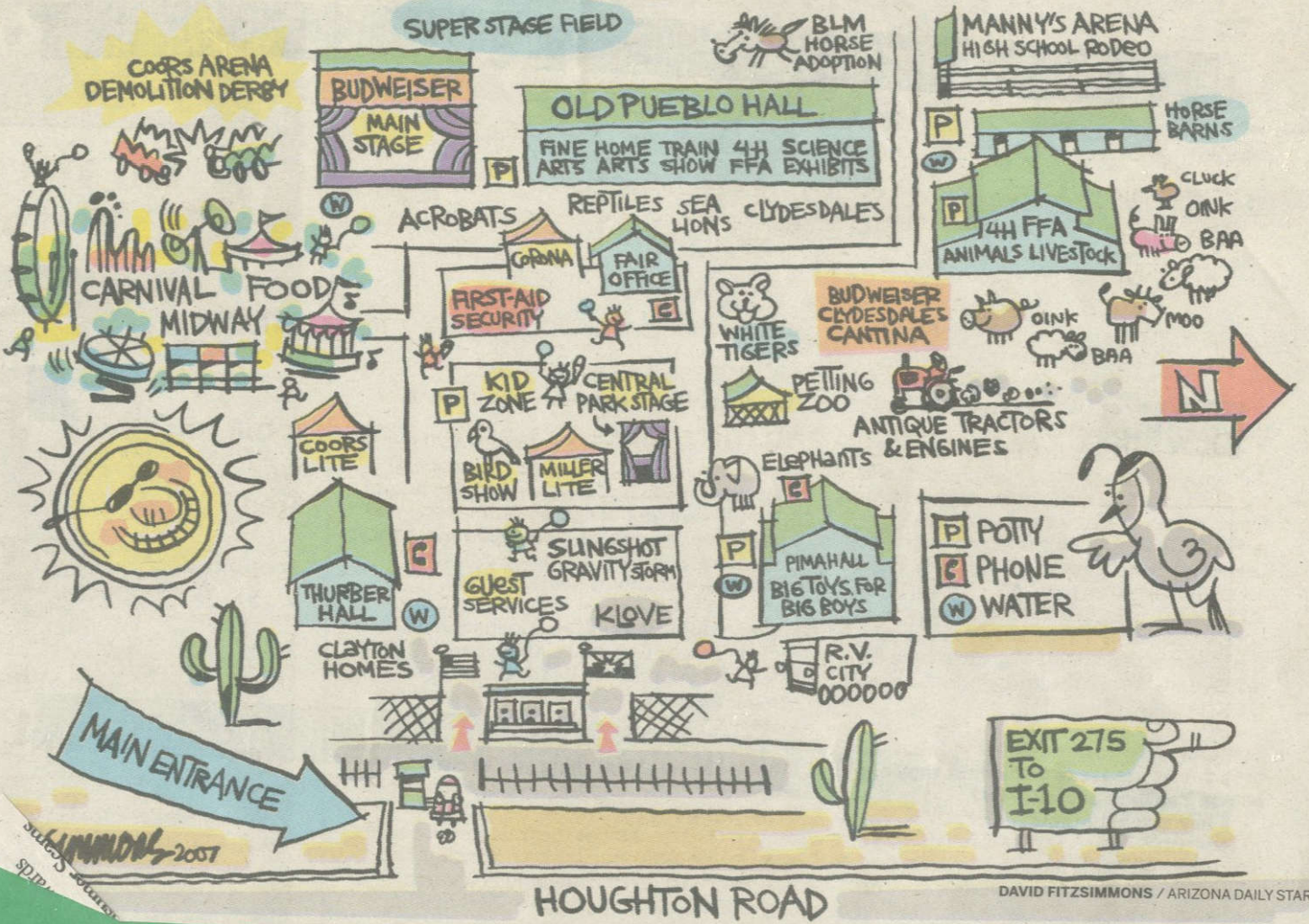


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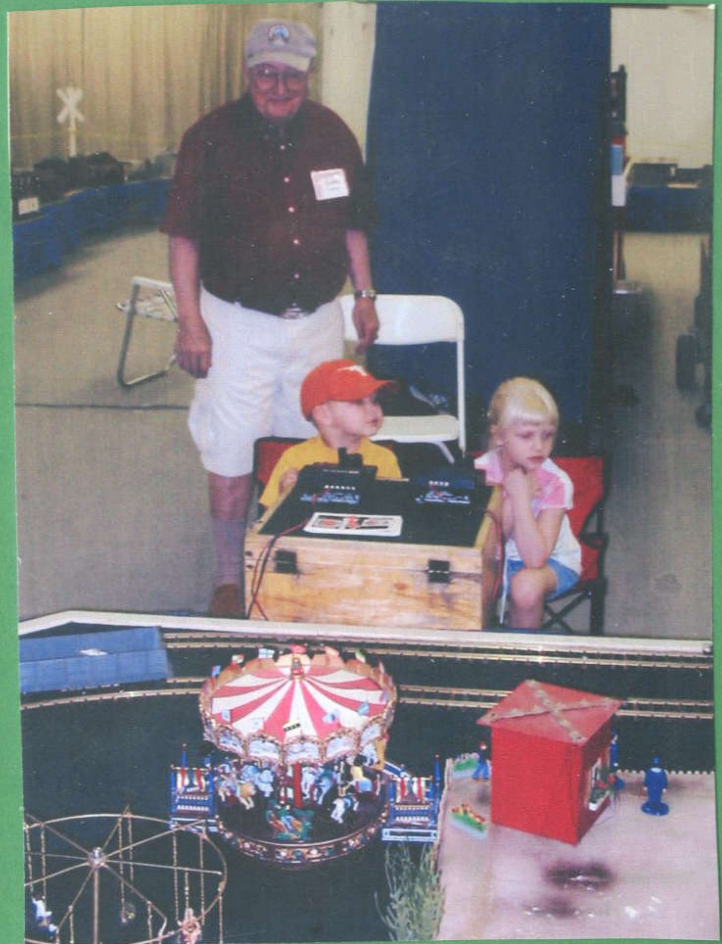
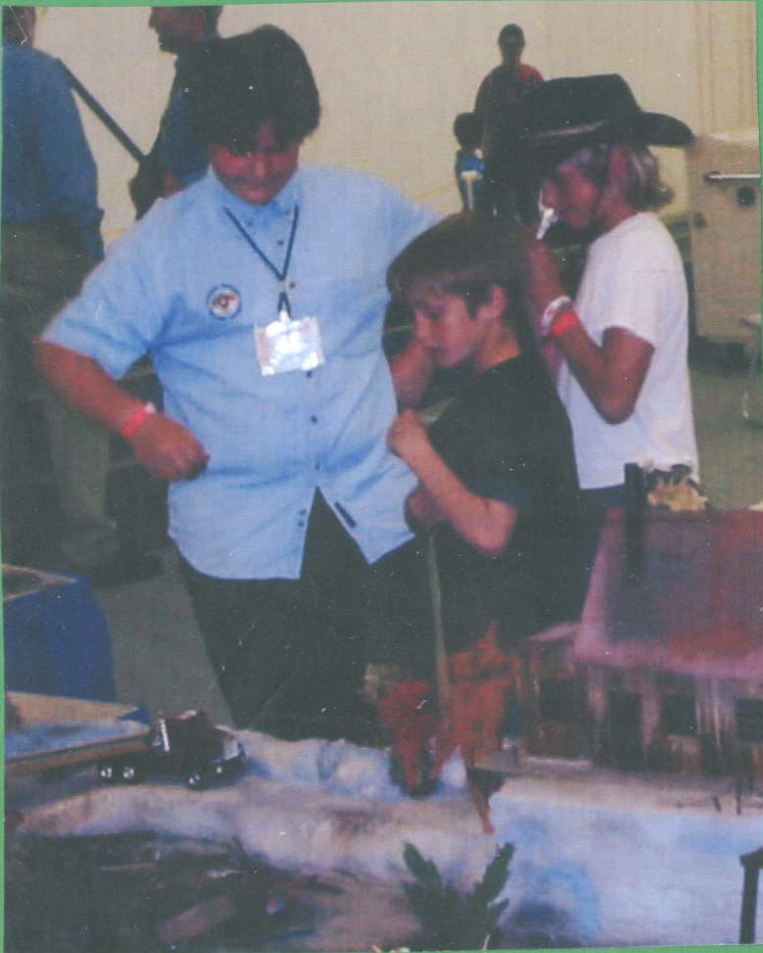


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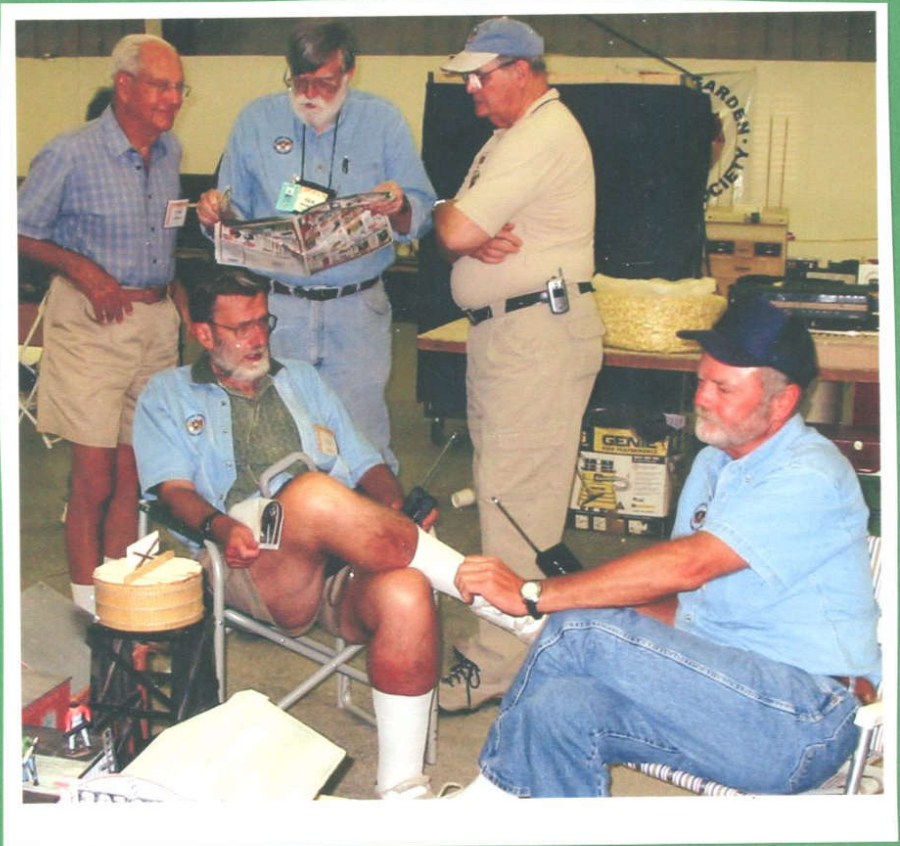












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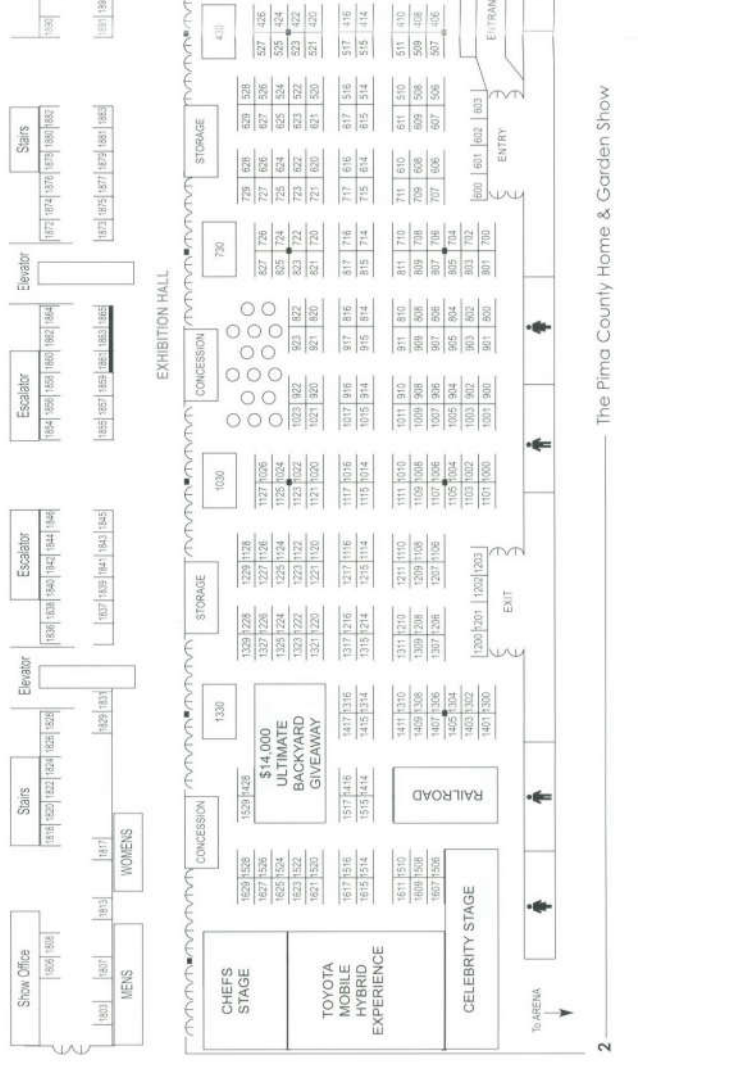
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## Meet and Learn from HGTV's Host of *Cash in the Attic*



**John Sencio**

John Sencio has been a professional TV host and actor since graduating from Emerson College, where he majored in both television and film. For MTV, he wrote and produced his own skits, interviewed more than 300 celebrity guests and covered live events such as Woodstock and New Year's Eve Live in Times Square.

In 1999 he starred in a sitcom for the WB and wrote, produced and starred in a TV pilot. He later directed his first independently financed feature film, the cutting-edge mockumentary, *Action Weekend*.

Sencio has also hosted *Simplify Your Life* for FINE LIVING Network and co-hosts the nationally syndicated show, *Home Delivery*.

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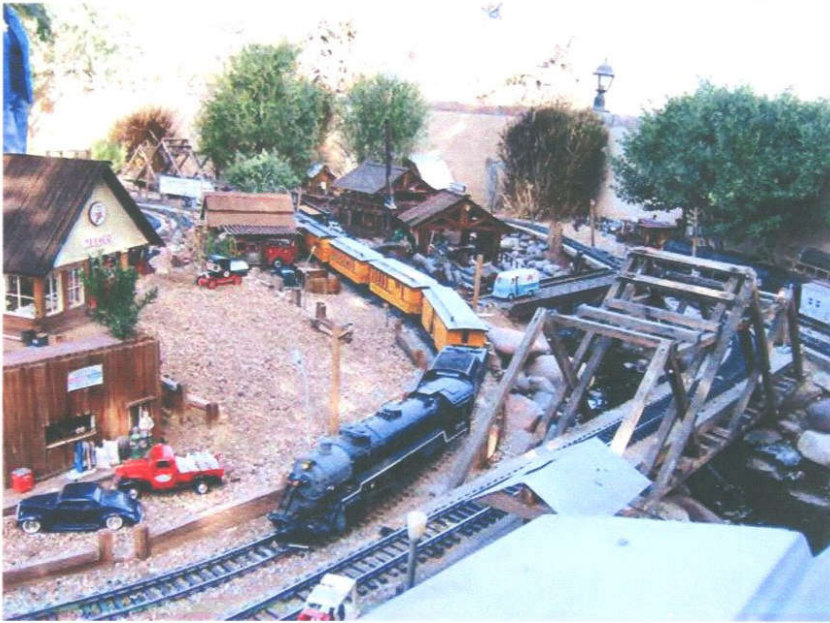




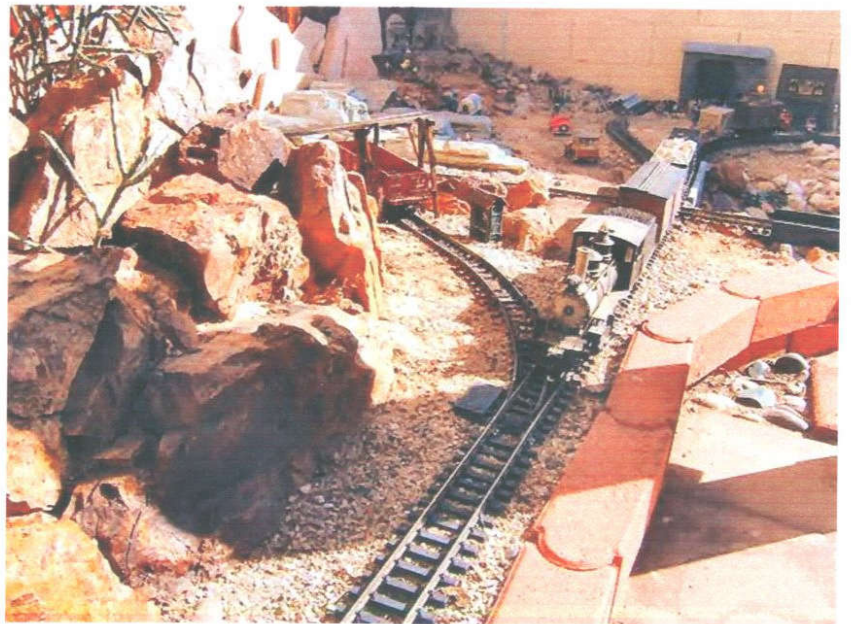


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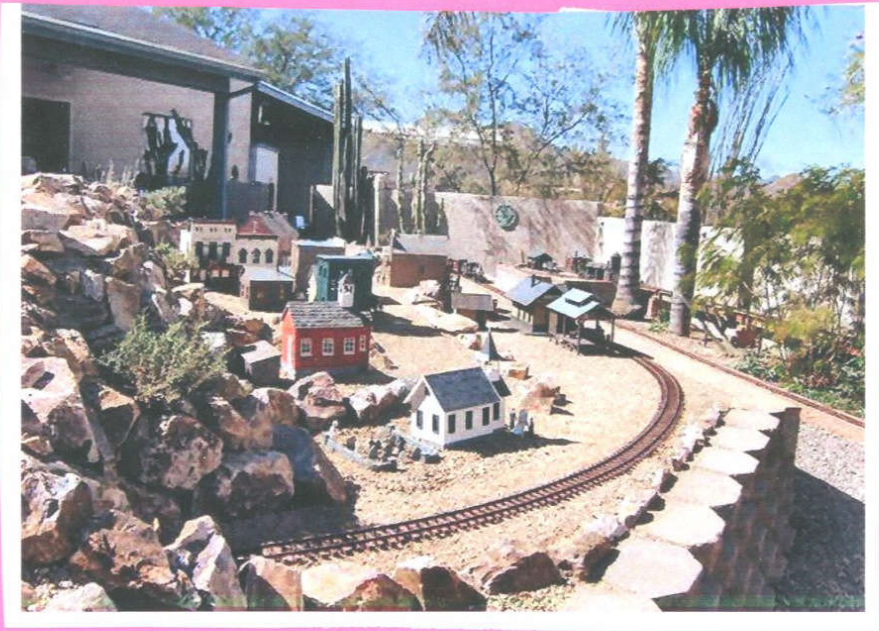


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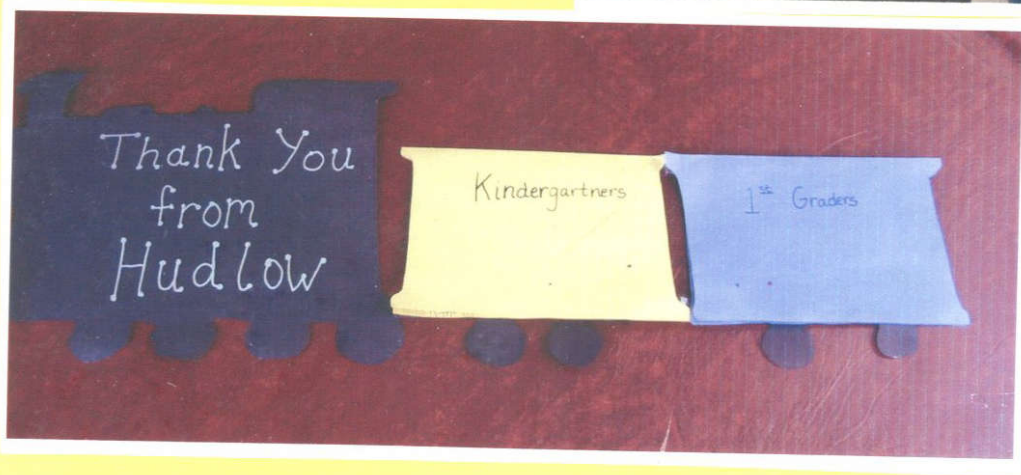




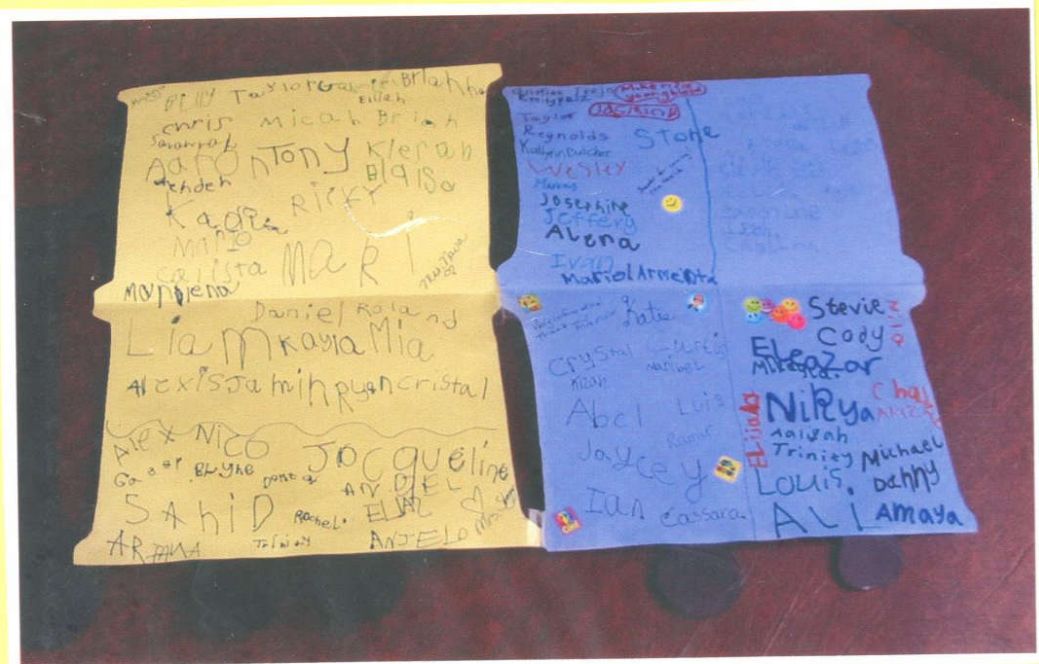
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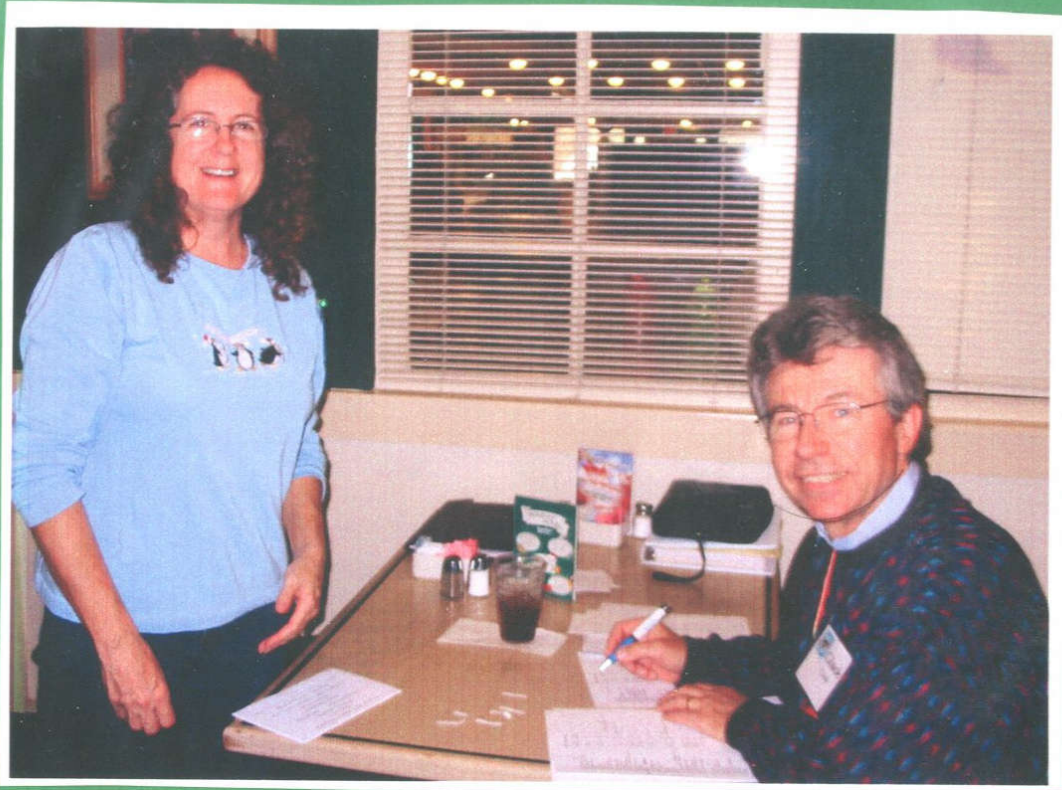


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# SAVAHCS to host Tucson Garden Railroad Society show

**By Pepe Mendoza**  
SAVAHCS Assistant  
Public Affairs Officer

The Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Health Care System (SAVAHCS), will be hosting the Tucson Garden Railroad Society during the Holiday Season.

Numerous operational train displays will be set-up in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium for patients, employees, volunteers, families, children, and especially the young at heart. The train show and layout will be taking up most of the auditorium area, and will feature numerous running model trains, going back from America's earliest model operational trains, to the modern trains running on our Nations tracks today. The train show will be held Thursday and Friday - Dec. 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. thru 4 p.m.



community" stated Jonathan H. Gardner, FACHE, Director, SAVAHCS. "This show should add a smile to all those who see it first hand", Gardner added.

This show has previously been featured at the Southern Arizona Home Builder's Association "Home Show", Boys and Girls Clubs of Tucson, Tucson Botanical Gardens, and the Pima County Fair, just to name a few venues. There is no cost for the show; everyone is invited.

Visitors can enter through the Veterans Blvd. gate off 3601 S. Sixth Avenue, proceed east and look for parking lot "Q" for their parking requirements. The R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium is in Building 4 at the VA Medical Center.

For additional information on the train display, call Norm Ulmer President of the Tucson Garden Railway Society at 299-9401.

Those attending this prize-winning train show will be treated to beautiful and dynamic scenery layouts featuring mountain ranges, buildings, roads and other scenic effects. Society will be on hand to explain the history of each train display, how the displays were put together, and how to learn more about the society.

"We truly appreciate the Tucson Garden Railway Society, offering this grand train show for the fourth year in a row for all of our patients and the local



**TRAIN SHOW**  
**December 27 and 28, 2007**  
**R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium**

The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, (SAVAHCS) will be hosting the third annual Tucson Garden Railroad Society "Train Show" in the R.E. Lindsey Jr. Auditorium at 3601 S. Sixth Avenue. This train show and layout will feature numerous running model trains, going back to America's earliest model operational trains, to the modern trains running on our Nation's tracks today.

The train show will be held on Thursday – December 27th and Friday – December 28th from the hours of 9:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. for your viewing pleasure. This program will be free and open to the public. Children of all ages and those young at heart are invited!

For further information contact Pepe' Mendoza, SAVAHCS Public Affairs Office at (520) 629-1819 or Norm Ulmer President of the Tucson Garden Railway Society at (520) 299-9401.

**Happy Holidays!**

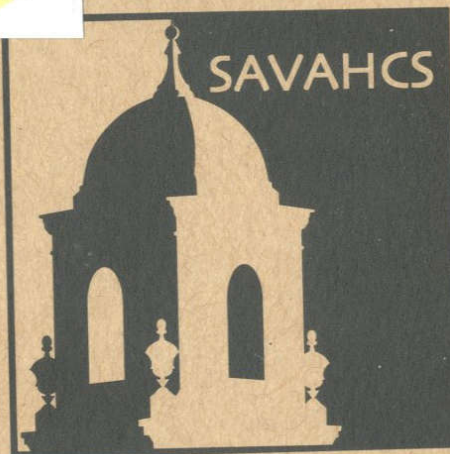
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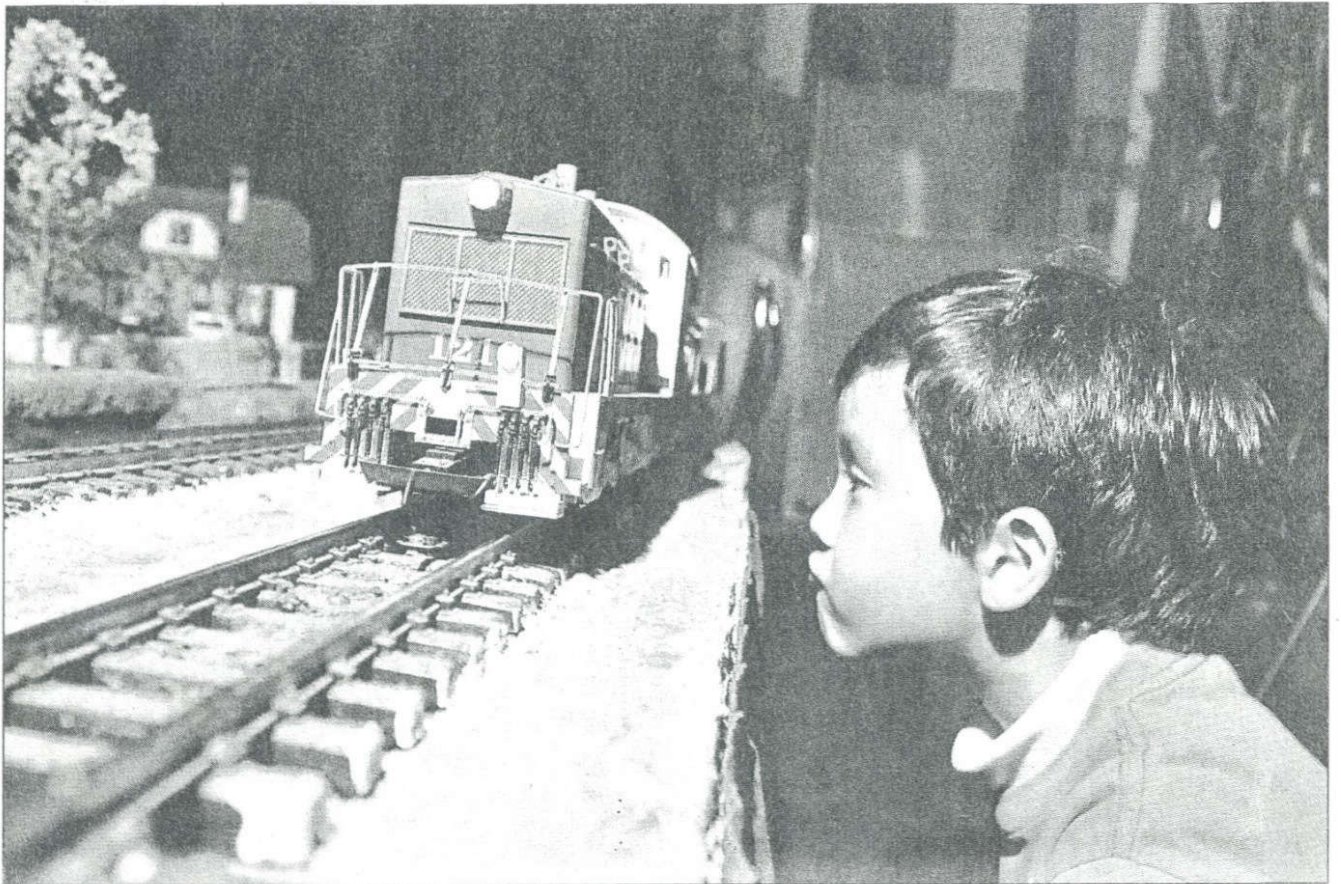
**Holiday Planetarium Show: "Tis the Season"** – Flandrau: The UA Science Center and Planetarium, 1601 E. University Blvd. Through Jan. 6: 6:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays (extra matinees Dec. 27-Jan. 4, 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays). \$5. 621-7827.

**Santa's Little Outlaws** – Pinnacle Peak/Trail Dust Town, 6541 E. Tanque Verde Road. A comedy/action show. Two daily shows: 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.; additional 8:30 p.m. show Fridays and Saturdays, through Jan. 1. Donations: 296-4551.

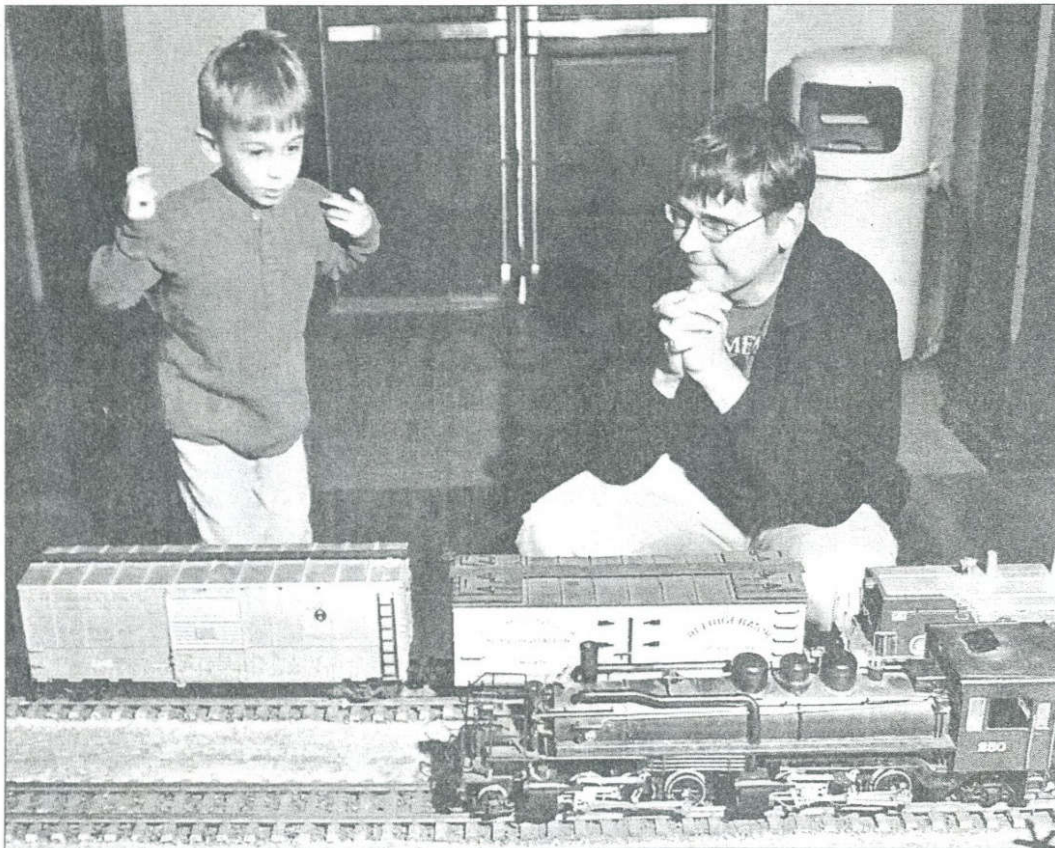
**Winterhaven Festival of Lights** – Entrances into the neighborhood during the festival are off Fort Lowell and Prince roads west of Country Club Road. Holiday lights, music and decorations. Haywagon and trolley rides, 825-0208. Motorized trolley rides, 909-7693. Carriage rides, 885-8808. Food Bank volunteers will collect donated canned food at the Country Club and Fort Lowell entrances. [www.winterhavenfestival.org](http://www.winterhavenfestival.org). 5:30-10 p.m. Dec. 27-28; drive through night, Dec. 27. Free. 881-4483.

**Tucson Garden Railroad Society Train Show** – Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 3601 S. Sixth Ave. Displays with model trains from all eras. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 27-28. Free. 629-1819. Tucson Children's Museum – 200





## Boys hear that lonesome whistle



**ABOVE: Jose A. Zepeda, 5,** gets a closer look during a train show Thursday at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System, 3601 S. Sixth Ave. The two-day model train show, now in its fourth year, was made possible by the Tucson Garden Railroad Society. The show is open to the public and runs through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**LEFT: Owen Stevens, 4,** and his dad, **Paul,** enjoy checking out the trains.

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