

## **Tucson Garden Railway Society – 2015 Rails in the Garden Tour** **Saturday and Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 4pm both days**

### **EAST**

#### **The Catalina and Rincon Saddle Railroad - 12440 E. Avenida de la Vista Verde, 85749**

The layout consists of approximately 350 feet of track that meanders along the edge of a large yard. While most garden railroads are planned around open space with few constraints, the CRSRR is an example of creating a railroad around established landscaping. All trains are battery powered. You may even want to participate in the layout "seek and find". From Tanque Verde/Houghton head east on Tanque Verde 2.5 mi to left on Fennimore. Take the second right on Avenida de la Vista Verde to 12440.

#### **Double K Ranch Railroad - 3930 N. Smokey Topaz, 85749**

This desert oasis has 10 lines and 1500 feet of track indoors and out. Themes include early Arizona, downtown Tucson, 1948 Chicago RR Fair and family events. The trains traverse bridges, tunnels, ponds, and waterfalls, while signals and sound lend realism to the scenery. The 7.5" gauge line winds through natural desert and saguaro cacti. A restored S.P. caboose is one of the rooms for this B&B. From Soldier Trail/Tanque Verde Rd turn N on Soldier Trail, go 2.0 mi. and turn right on Roger Rd, go 0.3 mi. to a right on Smokey Topaz, go 0.1 mi. to 3930.

### **CENTRAL**

#### **Eagle Mountain Railroad - 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, 85718**

The railroad represents parts of Arizona between 1890 and 1935. The layout has approximately has 1,800 feet of track and is divided into eight separate sections. We run both track and battery power. Featured are miniature structures, figures, waterfalls, mountains, a pit mine, logging operations, and Indian villages. From Swan/Sunrise go south on Swan 1.5 miles and turn right on Cerro de Aguila to 4625.

#### **Red Rock Railroad - 5416 N. Via Sempreverde, 85750**

We run four trains in our compact yard. Railroad is known for Jane's creativity in making figures and special buildings. We use both track and battery power. From Swan/Sunrise go 2.5 mi. east on Sunrise and turn right on Paseo Otono, turn immediately left and follow to 5416.

#### **Cholla Patch Railroad - 925 E. Foothills Dr., 85718**

We have a 327 ft. main line loop and trolley line running on track power with automatic track signal lighting. Includes 200 ft. of complex redwood trestles and hand-made bridges, lookout tower, windmill, train shed, trolley shed, tunnel and intricate treehouse with suspension bridge. From River Rd/First Ave go north 0.2 mi. on First and turn right on Foothills Dr. to 925.

#### **Rock Bottom Railroad - 4042 E. Cooper St., 85711**

Running 4 trains on 3 loops plus a trolley and a second back and forth feature. Kids eyes light up at the sight and action of the circus. Lots of puns and fun on the buildings and vehicles. From Broadway and Alvernon drive E on Broadway and take the second right (S) on Irving Ave. Take the first right on Cooper to 4042.

#### **Pimaria Alta Mission RR - 3956 E. Calle De Jardin, 85711**

The railroad depicts a scenic ride past various missions established by Fr. Kino in northern Mexico and southern Arizona. This is a layout in progress with 275 feet of track running both steam and diesel engines pulling gondola/observation cars past the missions. From the Rock Bottom Railroad above, continue west on Cooper and take the first left (at the end of the block) on Longfellow Ave. and the first right to 3956. *\*\*Enter off the alley (it is a corner house) into the back yard\*\*.*

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### **NORTHWEST**

#### **The Tucson, Piedmont & Sonoran Desert RR - 3401 W. Blacksill Dr., 85741**

The TP & SD is a narrow gauge railroad set in 1926 in southeastern Arizona. Two water courses, the Rainbow Rock River and Stetson Falls provide rafting and fishing for the inhabitants and an active tourist passenger service. Dinosaurs roam the right of way and are common in the towns on the TP&SW. Lizard Cars transport dinosaurs to market as no cows are harmed on the TP & SD. From Ina/Thornsdale go N on Thornsdale 0.8 mi. and turn right on Wesleyan. Turn left on Rasmussen and take second right on Blacksill to 3401.

#### **Mesa Verde & Sage - 1822 W. Sage St., 85704**

The railroad features two concentric loops, each approximately 200' long. The inner loop has an auxiliary reversing section and also has a short line inner semi loop named "Antony's Loop", for our grandsons use. From Ina/LaCanada go north on LaCanada 1.5 mi. to a left on Sage St. Go 0.5 mi. and turn left on Romero, then the first right on Sage to 1822.

### **WEST**

#### **The Turtle River Railroad - 5100 W. Paseo del Campo, 85745**

The railroad consists of two independent loops with about 450 feet of track running both track and battery powered locomotives. Also included is an automated mine railway that serves Flat Town and brings ore from the mine to the transfer tipple. From I-10 take exit 252 Ruthrauff/Cmo del Cerro. Go west 2.4 mi. and turn left on Paseo de los Rancheros. Drive 0.4 miles and turn left on Paseo de las Colinas. Then take an **IMMEDIATE** right on Paseo de los Rancheros. Take the third right on Paseo del Campo to address.

#### **The Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Operating Museum - 3975 N. Miller Ave., 85705**

The club building encloses 6 layouts of varying gauges, all at eye level for easy viewing. Also featured is a full size caboose that can be completely explored in and out. From Prince/Romero go 0.5 miles N on Romero, left on Price St., then 0.5 mi. to left on Miller to 3975.

### **SOUTH**

#### **Rincon Country West Railroad - 4555 S. Mission Rd., 85746**

All electronically controlled; there are 5 loops with over 1000 ft. of track, with many trains running simultaneously. From I-19 south exit Ajo Way and go west 1.2 mi. to left on Mission Rd. Then 0.4 mi. to a left on Via Ingresso, than an immediate right in to Rincon Country West RV Park. Tell the gate attendant you are there to see the model railroad. Follow main drive until you see parking at the clubhouse. The railroad is just beyond parking.

#### **The Tucson Rodeo Museum - 4823 S 6TH Ave., 85714**

A railroad based in the early frontier days of Tucson. Trains and sounds of the time bring the Tucson's past to life. From I-10 take exit 261 to southbound 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. Go 1.8 miles to entrance on your left. Watch for signs directing you to the museum.

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### **SADDLEBROOK**

The directions in this section take you from one layout to another in a loop. If you wish to skip a layout, just drive past it and follow the directions to the next. The directions at the end of the last layout will take you back to the first layout, so you can start your journey at any layout.

**Quail Ridge Railroad** - 61786 E. Sandlewood Rd., 85739

**Sorry, this layout will NOT be on display.**

The time period for this railroad starts in the early 1950's and goes to the present. Our track plan consists of two independent loops with a switchyard for each loop and powered by track power. We have a number of bridges that the trains will be crossing over during their journey around the 800 foot layout and 28 switches. We have created a dramatic focal point for the Quail Ridge Railroad by adding a three story mine at the entrance to the railroad. From Tangerine/Oracle Rd (Hwy77) go north 6 mi. and turn right on Eagle Crest Ranch Blvd. Take an immediate right on Edwin Rd. Go 1.2 mi and turn left on to Clubhouse Dr. Take first left on Sand Crest, then a left on Hollywood, then a right on to Sandlewood to 61786.

**South Park and Western RR** - 39794 S. Riverwood Dr., 85739

The dogbone layout has 2 loops that are located within a raised area of 70 feet by 20 feet. The railroad has a narrow gauge theme with working **Live Steam** locomotives that travel between an old west town and a Spanish village. From Quail Ridge Railroad, retrace your route back to Clubhouse Dr. and turn left. Go 0.2 mi. and take the first left on Windwood, then the first right on Riverwood to 39794. The house is located in the cul-de-sac on the left.

**Bobcat and Quail Railroad** - 62066 E. Amberwood Dr., 85739

A mythical area somewhere in the four corners area during the early 1930's. We run on battery power with early engines dating from the 1880's (260) early 20th century power (2 truck Shay as well as a K-27). A Norwegian camp sets on the hill above the old clearcut, logging is about done in this area. From South Park & Western RR, continue NE on Riverwood and turn right on Burgess and left on Clubhouse Dr. Go 0.2 mi. to the second left on Amberwood to 62066.

**Viewpoint Railroad** - 38443 S. Viewpoint Ct., 85739

Established in 2008, five trains and two trolleys run at once; automatically starting and stopping at the depot and sidetracks by electronic control. There are two bridges going over a canyon with a river flowing below. Many features such as a circus, hobo camp and rodeo can be seen along the tracks. From the Bobcat and Quail RR return on Amberwood to Clubhouse Dr. and turn left. Go 0.2 mi. and turn right on Mountain View Blvd. Go 0.7 mi. and turn left on Lago del Oro Pkwy which becomes Acacia Hills Lane. When this dead ends in to Ridgeview Blvd, turn right. Take the second right on Double Eagle Dr, then the first right on Canyon Shadows Lane and the first right on Viewpoint Ct. to 38443.

To get from Viewpoint RR to Quail Ridge RR reverse your steps = left on Canyon Shadows, left on Ridgeview, left on Acacia/Lago del Oro, right on Mountain View Blvd and left on Clubhouse Dr. Go 1 mile to a right on Sand Crest and then follow directions above to Quail Ridge. **IF YOU WISH TO LEAVE THE AREA**, simply continue on Clubhouse Dr. until it ends at Edwin Rd. and go right, back to Oracle Rd.