



Tucson Garden Railway Society

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Submissions are requested for the TGRS Newsletter in the categories of RailRoad News and Tech-Notes. Articles should be submitted by _____, send submissions to:
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TGRS Meeting Jan 15th at the Miller's.

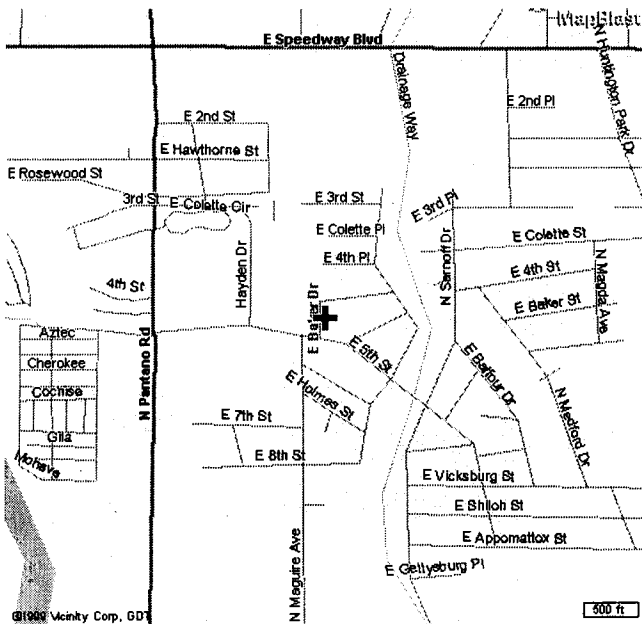
Where: Jim, Elaine and Angela Miller's Home
8132 E Baker Dr.

Telephone (520) 886-7611

Event list:

1330 Presentation by Marylee Pangman - "The Contained Gardener" on small gardens for our railroads
1330+???? TGRS Meeting

Info: Call Jim if the map is not clear.



Editor's Notes by Nick Buchholz

Another quick, short newsletter so we can get the word out about the TCC Home show set up on January 11th. See article below. Also I'd like to get everyone who is scheduled to hold a meeting to send me a 4"x4" map and a set of directions on how to get to your house. The Web maps I've been

using are sometimes incorrect and confusing. And now on to the Articles... such as they are.

A new AZ State Home Show

Setup and running for the Arizona State Home show will be on January 5th and 6th at the TCC This is not SABHA which is still on for April. We will start at about 1:00 pm on the 5th. We will be setting up the modules in the main entrance lobby of the TCC. The show runs the 7th through the 9th so we will need help tearing down on the 9th at about 5:00 pm.

Contact Gary Martin for details and schedule. We will have three days of running trains. Come and run or just watch. We can use everybody to avoid using anybody up.

I'd like to convene an informal discussion group at about noon on Saturday to see what modeling project people would like to see in the Newsletter next. So come by the layout if only to add your \$.02.

RailRoad Rants

No time to get the Railroad Rants into this issue so instead a report on the fun and games at the annual Christmas Party. We had a LOT of Fun. Our thanks to Jon and Ginny for a great time. The food was wonderful, Jon's freshly built railroad was quite well done and the companionship was great.

The gift exchange was interesting. Given the popularity of the lanterns I might be tempted to say some of our members might be in the dark :-). But I will resist the temptation. Next year I will be sure to have another event planned for after the TGRS party so I can cut out as soon as I get a great gift. I was getting severely worn out going off to grab one of the prized gifts every few minutes.

I hope everybody had as good a time as I did and I look forward to next years Party for more gift snatching fun.

Tech Notes

Next month we will start another series of articles describing a construction project. Since the recent washout and reconstruction of the TP&SD RR has left me with an urgent need for four new bridges I am leaning towards a bridge. Unless I hear a great outcry of objection I plan on doing a 45' (about 26") through plate girder bridge on a tangent track. We'll start by constructing a set of headers/supports for the bridge which will be adaptable to many types of low bridges.

This will probably be a styrene project since the styrene will mimic steel better than wood. I'm going to do a ten minute version in wood and a ten day version of the project in styrene. I will have the plans ready for the February meeting. Assuming the creek don't rise.

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a non-profit corporation incorporated in the State of Arizona, Pima County. We are interested in all areas of garden and modular large scale model railroading. We welcome new members and hope you will consider joining. Members help each other build layouts and learn about railroading and modelling.

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 plus a \$15.00 initiation and processing fee the first year. Additional name badges cost \$5.00 for each badge after the first.

If you are interested in the TGRS please contact one of the officers at the phone number listed in the Calendar section. If you just *have* to join immediately send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to: Phyllis Dirksen, 8648 N. Auriga Way, Tucson, AZ 85742 or Jon Anderson, 4080 E. Bujia Segunda, Tucson, AZ 85718

CALENDAR EVENTS

JAN 5-6 - SETUP FOR THE HOME SHOW AT TCC

JAN 7-9 - AZ STATE HOME SHOW AT THE TCC

JAN 15 - 1330 TGRS MEETING AT THE MILLER'S - 8132 E BAKER

JAN ?? - MODULE WORK DAY - GARY MARTIN WILL ANNOUNCE AT TGRS MEETING

FEB 19 - 1330 - TGRS FEBRUARY MEETING AT THE DEISING'S

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