



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 **March 20, 2000**, send submissions to:
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TGRS March 18th Meeting at Pinnacle Pete's.

Where: Pinnacle Pete's Restaurant
 Telephone Call Jon or Ginnie Anderson for details

Event list:

1600-1645 - Meeting

1645 - ???? - Dinner with the ABTO folks

Info: The regular monthly meeting of TGRS will be held at Pinnacle Peak Restaurant at 4:00 PM on that same day. They have agreed to let us in early for the meeting. After the meeting any one who wishes to stay and join the Phoenix group for dinner can do so. If you'd like to stay after the meeting for dinner be sure to RSVP to Ginnie Anderson

March 18th Round-About

March 18th promises to be a busy day for TGRS. The Phoenix folks will arrive around 10:00AM at Dick and Jeanne Izen's. The rest of the schedule is below. To avoid overcrowding, we ask any TGRS members who want to observe the layouts to come just after the tour bus leaves. (The Gast's layout is last so you can go there between 2:30PM and 3:30 PM, not after like the others). Please try to follow this schedule because the hosts may wish to visit some of the layouts themselves.

Because of the volume of people involved TGRS members are asked not to attend the lunch at the Martin's. Come to the dinner if you can (see below).

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If you intend to stay for the dinner please call Jon or Ginny Anderson to RSVP by March 15th because we have to tell the restaurant how many are coming. For those members who already signed up for this dinner at Deising's, it

isn't necessary to call or sign up again. (If you changed your mind please cancel). If you are coming just for the dinner and not the meeting please be there 15 minutes early (4:45) to order. The servers will be busy taking the Phoenix visitors orders after that.

Izen's	10:00 - 10:30 AM
Schwab's	10:45 - 11:15 AM
Woodward's	11:30 - 11:50 AM
Martin's	12:30 - 1:30 PM
McGee's	1:45 - 2:15 PM
Dorgan's	2:30 - 2:50 PM
Taylor's	3:15 - 3:45 PM
Gast's	4:00 - 4:30 PM
TGRS Meeting	4:00 - 4:30 PM
(See the Gast's layout form 2:30-3:30)	
PINNACLE PEAK	5:00 - DEPARTURE

Railroad Rants *from Steve Anderson*

I live in a townhouse with a small enclosed patio that has a brick surface. The patio was already brick, so the challenge was how to have a layout on brick. Rather than destroy the existing patio, I chose to put down dirt on top of the brick. My patio is 17' 9" by 14' 5". My layout is L-shaped. Using this technique I could have both a layout and a patio. The layout is approximately 5' 3" wide. One leg is 13' 10". The other is 10' 8".

I used LGB track and 1100mm radius curves. I also received some tunnel portals from Bob Dirksen that he had built for the home show. The track problem was further complicated because I had to go around an existing ivy plant.

My power supply is a Control Master 20 with power to the tracks and power from the accessory for the buildings. There was insufficient room for any sidings. Since my layout is so small I had to try and find interesting buildings and people.

The automobiles I have are from various places, like the Queen Mary Big Train Show and Target stores. Some of the

plants I have used are small enough to fit in the layout, and the ones on the brick are still in their pots. The buildings are lighted and cement board was used for streets. Building and running the layout has been a lot of fun.

(P.S. from Marty - If you have never seen this marvel you will not believe how wonderfully all of this turned out. It is great and so detailed! The LCE speed train takes those curves slick as a whistle. I love the emus on the farm!)

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\$ 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 OF EVENTS

MAR 18 - 1000 - 1700 - ABTO ROUND-ABOUT - CALL JON ANDERSON

MAR 18 - 1600 - LATE - MEETING AND DINNER AT PINNACLE PETE'S

APR 8 - ???? - CLINIC SOMEWHERE ABOUT SOMETHING CALL GARY

APR 15 - 1300 - APRIL TGRS MEETING AT GADSDEN PACIFIC TTO MUSEUM

APR 16 ???? - CLINIC SOMEWHERE ABOUT SOMETHING CALL GARY

APR 18 - 30 - ALL DAY EVERY DAY - SETUP FOR COUNTY FAIR AND RUNNING FAIR EXHIBIT

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