

son climbing mountains and daughter at horse shows, Mary's parents playing bridge, and the circus train from Baraboo mix with Wiley Coyote trying to blow up a tunnel, Old Tucson with music and fairy tale stories tucked behind the cactus garden. Lighting helps the layout take on a magical quality at night with the lit train winding through totally dark expanses and dimly lit collections of buildings.

"Breakfast is Ready" needs to be sung out three or four times to divert attention from the task at hand. Missing husbands can usually be found at the raiiside work bench, tool in hand, in deep concentration while the ladies are in Mary's studio. "Toot Toot!" Rumble, chatter, thunder overhead. Sleepy eyes brighten as the Pacific negotiates the tight curve over the breakfast table. "Now this is a great start to the day!"

Garden railroading brings all kinds of people together. Through this common interest we have met train lovers from across the USA and Europe. Friendships have evolved with couples from Austria, Switzerland, Germany and England. Photos, notes and advice traverse the "pond" via e-mail and snail mail. Practical suggestions about scenery design and maintenance are freely exchanged as well as suggestions for scrapbooks and places to visit. Trains do connect people.

We have learned so much from our club members as well as fellow railroaders around the globe: train lovers are a great bunch of

people. No matter what the language, make of train or size of yard; garden railroading brings good folks together.

They come with luggage but not "baggage!" See our website: www.doublekranch.com.

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

APR 15 - MEETING AT TTOS MUSEUM 1000

APR 15 - LOADING FOR CO. FAIR LAYOUT 1300 - AT GARY MARTIN'S

APR 15 - UNLOADING FOR CO. FAIR LAYOUT 1500 - AT COUNTY FAIR

APR 16-20 - START SETTING UP FOR THE CO. FAIR LAYOUT 1000-1700

APR 20-30 - COUNTY FAIR TRAIN RUNNING AND FUN DAYS

MAY 6 AND 13 - CLINICS CHECK WITH GARY MARTIN FOR TIMES AND PLACE.

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PIMA COUNTY FAIR SIGN-UP

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FIRST LETTER

Southern Arizona Home Builders Association

"thousands of home ideas under one roof"

February 9, 2000

Gary Martin
Tucson Garden Railroad Society
4625 Camino De Agulla
Tucson, AZ 85718

Dear Gary,

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association greatly values the relationship that has developed between our two organizations and feels it important to be honest in that relationship. The display your group builds at the SAHBA Home Shows is extensive and one that attendees of all ages both look forward to and enjoy with a unique enthusiasm. As you know, everyone loves trains. It is because of that extensive display and the effort to maintain the show's unique identity that we must require that you not display the same presentation at any other home show in the Tucson area six months prior to or after the SAHBA Home Shows.

We understand that it is vital to your organization to do various fund raising events at these consumer shows and that your club members are talented in their craft and that they get great pleasure out of providing the trains for consumers to enjoy. We are not suggesting that you not participate in any other show, just that the display you build at the SAHBA show be one that consumers cannot see anywhere else in its entirety.

The practice of extending these terms is not limited to your organization, but rather extended to all of the headline and major sponsors of the show, any event sponsors, and all organizations that provide us with any service that we feel enhances our show and that we advertise.

The participation of the Tucson Garden Railroad Society is one that makes the SAHBA Home Show an event with local character and charm. That charm has persuaded us to work with you in trying to understand the requirements for your display and assisting your organization in any way we can. It was with that understanding that SAHBA joined forces with The Groundskeeper, various material suppliers, the Tucson Convention Center, City of Tucson and The Tucson Garden Railroad Society in creating a permanent landscape area outside of the west entrance to the facility that included specifications suited to your display.

The Southern Arizona Home Builders Association has invested a lot of time, money and care in personal relationships with your members as has your organization. The past 28 years of producing quality home shows have taught us many things. Perhaps one of the most crucial lessons is that when a partnership at the show works, nurture it!

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Gary, please give me a call should you have any questions or concerns about this. Please sign in the space provided below to let us know that you agree to these terms and fax to (520) 795-1002. I look forward to working with you again for the upcoming Spring Home & Patio Show!

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature: Yana Maxwell]

Yana Maxwell
Show Coordinator

Tucson Garden Railroad Society Representative Date

February 23, 2000

OUR RESPONSE

Yana Maxwell
Show Coordinator
SAHBA Home Show Office
2840 North Country Club Road
Tucson, Arizona 85716

Dear Ms. Maxwell,

Tucson Garden Railway Society hereby acknowledges receipt of your letter dated February 9, 2000 addressed to Gary Martin. In that letter you "require" that Tucson Garden Railway Society "not display the same presentation at any other home show in the Tucson area six months prior to or after the SAHBA Home Shows".

Your complimentary comments about our displays and member's talents are appreciated. And yes, we do have fun with the SAHBA Home Show display, as with all of our other displays. Tucson Garden Railway Society has also felt that a constructive relationship was developing between the SAHBA Home Show and our organization. Your efforts in obtaining the resources of The Groundskeeper and other suppliers for the Tucson Convention Center's relandscaping project were sincerely appreciated. However, the work completed failed to meet the specifications that we agreed to for the project. We hope that the time and money we expended on the project will not have been a complete waste.

It is our intent to redesign the outdoor layout and work with you in revising the current landscape that was installed by the landscapers to accommodate the new design. It is also our intent that the outdoor display not be used for any other home show. However, we reserve the right to use the outdoor display when requested to do so by the Tucson Convention Center for non-home show displays (e.g. Big Boys Toy Show, etc.). We also reserve the right to use our modular display at any other shows, including home shows, in which our membership votes to participate.

We must point out that we were particularly offended that you feel that you can "require" Tucson Garden Railway Society to do anything, since we receive no compensation from you for developing and installing our displays for the SAHBA Home Shows. These displays do cost our club considerable money, and only at the last two shows have any of the costs been regained through our raffles.

We feel that giving the SAHBA Home Show exclusive use of the outdoor display for home shows fulfills your requirement. If you disagree, we understand that you may no longer wish us to participate in the SAHBA Home Shows. We do not feel this would be in the best interests of either the SAHBA Home Show or Tucson Garden Railway Society. Please notify us in writing of your intentions by March 3, 2000 if you wish us to participate in the Spring show. We will need that time to redesign the outdoor layout and revise the landscaping accordingly.

Sincerely,

Jon Anderson, President

Gary Martin, Vice President
Tucson Garden Railway Society



Second letter
Southern Arizona Home Builders Association
"thousands of home ideas under one roof"

March 3, 2000

Mr. Jon Anderson, President
Tucson Garden Railway Society
4080 E. Bujia Segunda
Tucson, AZ 85718

Dear Jon,

Thank you for your letter. I was out of town and have had a chance to review the correspondence and wanted to respond to you by the requested deadline.

The Tucson Garden Railway Society has been involved in the SAHBA Home Show for many years, and we like to selfishly think of you as part of the "family". Your train displays are one of the features promoted at the show that have helped make our show unique and special. Unfortunately for many of our consumers, the January home show produced by an out of state home show producer has caused great confusion among our attendees. We have received phone calls, letters, and even exhibitor contracts for the other show. We have received invoices for the other show from local companies we work with who extended them our credit because they thought it was us.

While they are certainly entitled to be here, we do not wish to support them by enabling them to replicate our show, our hard work, and our success. Therefore, we are requesting that the Tucson Garden Railway Society remain exclusive to our home show in the Tucson market, to enable us to continue to produce a unique event like none other in Tucson. This would not hinder the Society from participating in any non-home show events at the Tucson Convention Center, or anywhere else for that matter. It would, however, mean that the two SAHBA Home Shows would be the only home shows in Tucson with the unique train display.

I know that it hasn't always been easy, and I do agree that a constructive relationship has developed. We would hate to see all that come apart at this juncture. However, it is in our best interest, and we believe yours, to continue to strive for the best possible show we can produce in Southern Arizona. I know we do not pay you to be there, but you are provided the display space at no cost as a benefit to both of us. We have provided your signage, and advertised you in our program. All of this has been at our expense. We pay those expenses and donate the space because we feel you are a unique feature. We are asking you to remain a unique feature and support your local hometown show by acceptance of our request.

As our tab deadlines are approaching, I would appreciate your response by Tuesday of next week (3/7). Thank you, Jon.

Sincerely,

Yana Maxwell, Manager
SAHBA Home Show

cc: Gary Martin, Vice President

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