



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 **July 15, 2000**, send submissions to:

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TGRS June 24th Meeting At Pat Barnes Home.

Where: 3025 Placita Chorro
Tucson, AZ 85715

Telephone (520) 722-7076

Event list:

0900: TGRS Meeting

Info: The meeting will start at 9:00 AM on Saturday. Pat's place is north of Tanque Verde and south of Cloud and River roads. Turn east on El Camino del Rio. Placita Chorro is about the third left opposite the pool/Clubhouse park on Camino del Rio.

RailRoad Rants by Loyal and Marty Hart

On February 25th, we held a "class" at Robinson's-May for the Oasis Group. This is an organization for people over 50 that want exciting things to do. (It is free to join and they offer classes, trips, etc. on just about anything that the members are willing to share). We put down three loops.

The German part of the Hart to Hart had the 30th anniversary engine from LGB, the Zillertal restaurant car, the green Bottle train car and the baggage/caboose from Marty's collection. The Playmobile castle rose tall and proud with several armies and a village complete with wishing well. The Birdville Village had the Playmobile engine with a few cars revolving around it. The middle loop had the "Old Lady" engine and the Phoenix sound boxcar, and the Durango cars. I truly believe that the people who signed up for "Trains and more..." had no idea what we were bringing. Most had not seen G-gauge before. Many were old railroad workers and most were railfans. We had some videos of the LGB factory, Durango-Silverton run, European LGB trip etc. We had two tables of scrapbooks, flyers, catalogs, souvenirs etc. When we started running the trains (Set up was 10:00am to 12:30pm and the "class" started at 1:00pm) the sound drew in everyone on the floor and we ended up with more than the 25 who had signed up.

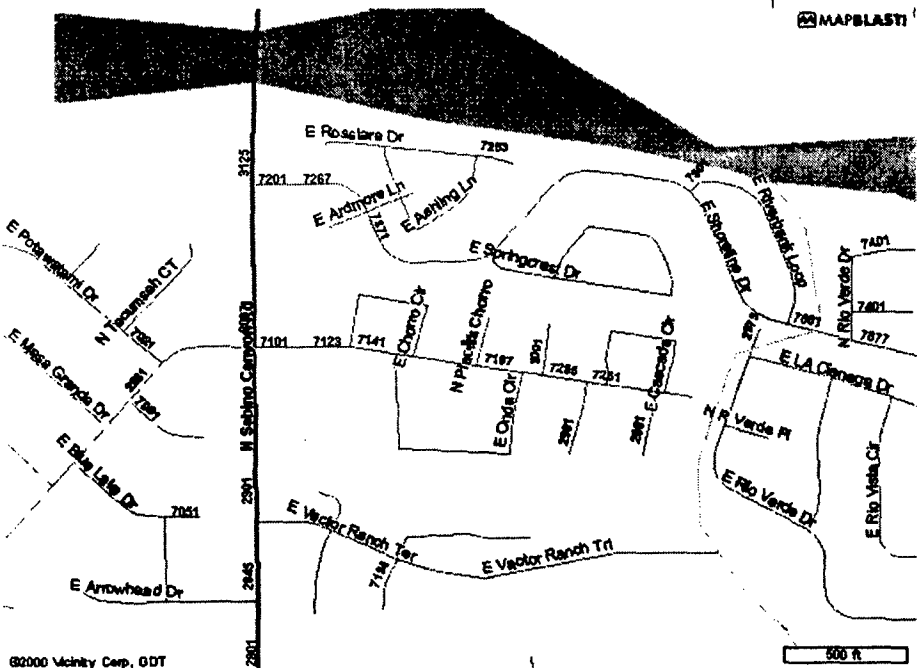
The follow up that was part of the advertised event was a field trip. Therefore we are having a public open house of the Hart to Hart Railroad on April 22. This is Saturday of the Easter weekend. Everyone is invited so if there are friends or family that want to come feel free. We are striving for 10:00am to 4:00pm barring inclement weather. (It has been known to snow on Easter here!)

Thanks To Ian And Ina

Once again TGRS owes a large thank you to Ian and Ina Shivack for their generous donation to the club. They just donated a train station, waiting platforms, g-scale trees, 3 train cars, and miscellaneous small items. These will be welcome and valuable additions to our rapidly growing club inventory.

New email List

egroups is a FREE mail list service on the internet. In the next few days I'm going to start the TGRS mailing list for all members



Editor's Notes by Nick Buchholz

Just two pages again but we have inserts for the mailing list and the telephone and email trees. The Railroad Rants is somewhat delayed from the original event. My apologies to Loyal and Marty for the delay. We also have some names to be added to the mailing lists. See you all at the meeting

of the club. You will receive an Introductory email which will tell you how to access the mailing list and send messages. The List will also include an area for files which can be stored. I'll put a printed copy of our membership application in a format you should be able to read and print from your browser. If you wish to be removed from the list. This can also be done from the egroups page on the WEB. To make the best use of the List you should become a member of egroups (Its Free) at www.egroups.com

New Members

Ron & Gail McLaughlin - 838 S Ridge Drive, Benson 85602
Frank & Bobbe Trunzo - 791 South Corte Monte Cristo,
Green Valley, 85614

County Fair Donation

For the Club's information the county Fair donated \$1000.00 Dollars to the Treasury for our participation in the fair this year.

Summer projects from the President

- 1 Pull racks out of trailer, drill and mount tie down hooks. (Note - quick activity but requires full crew to get racks on and off trailer)
- 2 While racks are out cut off short legs from remaining modules
- 3 Put couplers on club rolling stock (several boxcars and cabooses)
- 4 Repair long engine house and paint
- 5 Cut some Hillman clamps and put some lugs on wires to use for attaching signal bridge

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 prorated 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

- 6 Repair siding control switch (new module)
- 7 Replace siding on off switches with potentiometers (or some other slow down device)
- 8 Build +/- 12 more straight new modules
- 9 Build one complete circle with new module design.
- 10 Modify some old modules to new track spacing and put turnouts on inner track (Need at least three, one each for cattle pens, mine and engine house)
- 11 Modify prairie dog module(s) and decorate area that used to have tracks

Jon

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUN 24 - 0900 MEETING AT PAT BARNES' HOME

JUL 5-9 - GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION - SAN DIEGO, CA

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