



# 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 **June 4, 2001**, send submissions to:  
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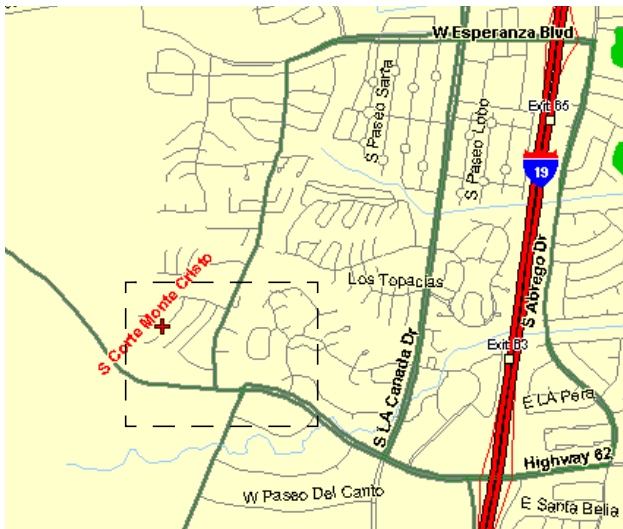
## TGRS Meeting May 12<sup>th</sup> At The Trunzo's.

Where: Frank & Bobbe Trunzo's house  
791 S. Corte Monte Cristo  
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Telephone (520) 393-7552

The Meeting will start at 1000 (10:00 AM).

Info: Head south on I-19 to Exit 63 - Continental Ranch Road. Turn right (west) on Continental Ranch. Go about .7 mi. to just before the end of the divided road, continue right onto Continental Ranch road. About .1 mi. further turn right (north) onto S. Camino del Portillo. Take the second left (about .25 miles) onto W. Camino Monte Cristo. The third left is S. Corte Monte Cristo.



## Editor's Notes by Nick Buchholz

Lots of events this month and next. Announcements included below. The trip to the Trunzo's house looks a little complex on the map but Frank says its not that bad. Basically, you want to stay on Continental Ranch road until the turn off at Camino Del Portillo. Don't go south on Camino Del Sol. I've included a detail map of the area just in case.

The County Fair and SAHBA Home shows were both successes. We tried some new things at both shows which are described in the reports later.

## Martin Open House.

Gary and Peggy Martin are holding an open house for a large group of railroad related people including US! The Open House will be at The Martin's on May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2001 from 1000 (10:00AM) until 1600 (4:00PM).

Gary and Peggy will be showing off the latest additions to the Eagle Mountain Railroad. In addition there will probably be some leased rolling stock on the rails for the occasion. See you all there.

## TTOM Swap Meet June 2

The Gadsden-Pacific Division - Toy Train Operators Museum will be holding a swap meet at the Roadway Inn at Grant road and I-10. The Meet will open at 0900 (9:00 AM) and close at 1500 (3:00PM).

There will be a few layout s and lots of train stuff of various scales. (There are usually a few good deals in large scale trains at each meet).

For additional information or to reserve a table contact Ivan English at (520) 881-2050



## SAHBA Home show

The SAHBA home show on April 6-8 was a success in spite of wind and rain trying to blow us off the face of the planet. We made about \$600.00 (exact numbers at the meeting) from the raffle and got to run trains around a slightly modified layout.

The honcho of module assembly decided to get tricky with the small area we had and after a false start and some head scratching we ended up with a layout that included straight sections in the curves. It was a little bit different from the usual small oval. The existence of an 8" height difference between the ends of the layout also made for an interesting variation.

The first test of our lift section went well and plans are afoot for a fancier tilt bridge with scenery, based on a 32"x48" module.

A hearty well done should go to Mike Dorgan and Gary for organizing things.

The raffle train was even won by an actual child, not some child's grand parent.

## County Fair Layout a Success

The County Fair modular layout was a rousing success. Lots of us went out to setup and run the layout during the Fair. Not even the 45 degree Saturday night, the rain, the 95 degree wednesday or the wind which tried to blow the Fair to Vail were enough to stop us. We got to play with trains for 12 days and made about \$2100.00 for the club (Exact numbers at the meeting.)

The layout this year was 32' by 52' and included the children's layout in the center. This year we had the town working well. We added a government center on a scenery module. The commercial downtown served by the trolley and the railroad service area were looking good. There were virtually no problems with the new trolley track repairs and the trolley ran nearly flawlessly the entire fair. The train station and station park got some new features as well.

The trolley stop and office was added to the station area. A new arrangement in the park resulted in an attractive park area with trees! There are even plans afoot for a forest behind the lumber operation.

The mining area and junk yard were excellent again, as usual, though a breakdown in the mine train did reduce the animation at the mine.

Several of the cattle from the cattle pens got loose and were found wandering on the tracks fortunately none were injured during the week. A larger indian village and a homestead were popular with kids and grown-ups.

As usual the prairie dog town and Winnie's fantasy village brought many exclamations of delight.

The new walkover bridge with railings worked well as did the lift-out section. Kid's were climbing over constantly to run the small train sets. We used the lift-out to allow several kids in wheel chairs into the layout to run the trains. And that's not even counting Roy!

There were few problems. We did do some quickie repairs on engines during the run and some rolling stock lost truck springs or derailed in operation and had to be "blue tagged" for repairs. We discovered some new needs for the modules, better amplification and speakers for the background sound systems, a lighted work bench and a better train storage method are among them.

The raffle was won by Bill Maki of Green Valley.

## Module Idea Contest

Apparently almost no one has any ideas for neat modules. We've only received entries for the Module contest from one person, so I've decided to extend the contest.

The Great TGRS Module contest is designed to get more people involved in the modules. We'd like to have everyone submit ideas for new modules. To submit your idea, write a brief description on an 8.5x11 pages and send or give it to the Newsletter. The winning idea will be constructed by you and the **Module Masters**.

Entries should outline the module idea, the overall size and any buildings, scenery or track work needed. A sketch would be helpful. (If you can't draw talk to Gary or Nick for help). The module idea can be anything you desire.

The winning entry will be selected by a highly trained (we told them what to do) and carefully chosen (we picked some folks at random) team of judges.

The **Module Masters** will help you build the submitted module and the winner will also receive a handsome billboard to display on their railroad.

Everyone can learn to build stuff so join the contest and learn to build railroad stuff for the Modules or your road at home.



Colombia and Cowlitz Railway Mikado No. 103

Below is a ballot for the first stage in the TGRS Railroad naming contest. This round will whittle the candidates down to the six most popular names. It will also try to eliminate names lots of people really despise. You should rank your six favorite names 1 being the first, 6 being the last. Also if there is a name you really, really hate check that name in the last column. Make copies of this sheet for everyone who wants to vote but put your name on the ballot. Only ONE VOTE per MEMBER Please. Write-ins are allowed.

# TGRS Railroad Name Ballot Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

| <i>Proposed TGRS Railroad Names</i>         |                |                              |                         |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Full Railroad Name                          | Reporting Mark | Rank your six Favorite Names | Check One You just hate |
| Tucson, Gila & Rio Salado RR                | TGRS           |                              |                         |
| Tucson, Globe & Rillito Southern            | TGRS           |                              |                         |
| Tucson, Grande, Rincon & Silverbell RR      | TGRS           |                              |                         |
| Red Rock & St. David RR                     | RRStD          |                              |                         |
| Middle March & Ruby RR                      | MMR            |                              |                         |
| Rillito, Pantano & Santa Cruz RR            | RPSC           |                              |                         |
| Red Rock, Rattlesnake & Road Runner RR      | RRRRRRR or 7R  |                              |                         |
| Rattlesnake & Tumbleweed Western RR         | RTW            |                              |                         |
| Coyote, Agave & Sandhill RR                 | CAS            |                              |                         |
| Javelina, Sahuaro & Road Runner RR          | JSRR           |                              |                         |
| Sahuaro, Ocotillo & Cholla Southern RR      | SOCS           |                              |                         |
| Sahuaro Northern RR                         | SN             |                              |                         |
| Sonora Northern RR                          | SN             |                              |                         |
| Northern Sonoran Desert RR                  | NSD            |                              |                         |
| Arizona Southern RR                         | AS             |                              |                         |
| Arizona & Helangon RR                       | AHLG           |                              |                         |
| Patio and Birdbath RR                       | P&B            |                              |                         |
| Blast Furnace & Brick Kiln RR               | BFBK           |                              |                         |
| Tucson International Garden Railroad        | TIGR           |                              |                         |
| Tucson, Greaterville, Rincon & Sierrita Rwy | TGRS           |                              |                         |
| Old Pueblo Railroad                         | OP             |                              |                         |
| Eloy, Vail & Sierra Vista RR                | EVSV           |                              |                         |
| Green Cactus Railway                        | GCR            |                              |                         |
| Sahuaro Mountain Railway                    | SMR            |                              |                         |
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The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a non-profit corporation incorporated in Pima County, Arizona. Society members 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 modeling.

The TGRS dues are \$30.00 per year and are due on June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. For new members dues are prorated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30th plus a \$15.00 initiation fee, the first year. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 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 below. 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:

Jan Lathrem,  
1750 West Tangerine Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85737

## Calendar Update

- May 12 - TGRS Meeting at the Trunzo's
- Jun - at Lee and Alan's
- July 14 - TGRS Meeting at the Wray's
- Aug - Open - no meeting scheduled as yet
- Sep 22 - TGRS Meeting at the Karrels
- Oct 13 - TGRS Meeting at the Anderson's
- Nov 10 - Round-A-Bout, Meeting at the Eberbach's
- Dec 15 - TGRS Meeting at the Martin's

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