



Tucson Garden Railway Society

TIMETABLES

November 2, 2002

Submissions are requested for the TGRS Newsletter in the categories of RailRoad News and Tech-Notes. Articles should be submitted by **Dec. 4, 2002**, send submissions to:
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TGRS Meeting Nov. 16th at the Dillon's

Where: Bill and Barbara Dillon
37098 Hillside Dr.
Tucson, AZ 857??

Telephone (520) 818-2635

Info: Meeting will start at 1300 (1:00 PM).

Directions: To get to Bill and Barbara's house - Take Oracle Road north past Catalina to Saddlebrooke Blvd. Turn right onto Saddlebrooke Blvd. and follow it over the hills till you see houses. Turn left on the first street, Vista Park. Follow Vista Park to a stop sign at Whispering Tree Dr. Turn left and go one block. Whispering Tree turns into Hillside Dr. at the corner. The house is on the right just after the change. Find a spot to park. **PLEASE BRING CHAIRS**

Stardate: 20021116.1300 until 20021116.1500

Editor's Notes by Nick Buchholz

No map to the Dillon's this time. We'll have to follow the directions. The area is a blank place on every map I could find.

Boojum & Mesquite Railroad

Bill and Barbara Dillon

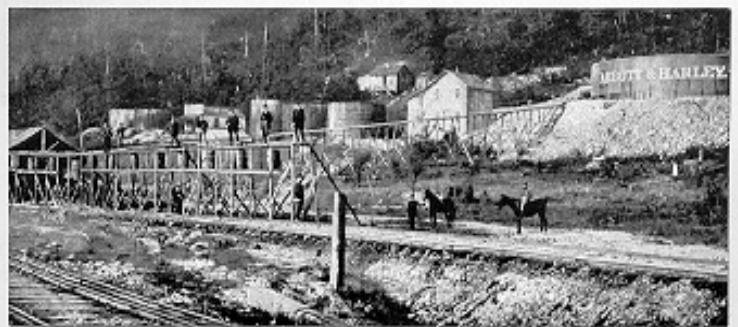
The Boojum and Mesquite Railroad, just nine months old, is the outcome of our becoming interested in garden railroading in the early 1990's. We did a lot of reading on the subject and purchased some inexpensive Bachmann sets to experiment with. Several months ago we moved to a new home and decided to build our railroad.

The Boojum and Mesquite replicates railroading in the early to mid 1900's, using battery power, Locolinc, LGB track with a minimum radius of 4.5 feet, Phoenix Sound, and kit structures. We decided to put the railroad at waist level for easy construction and maintenance.

At present the Boojum and Mesquite has a single loop over 600 feet long, with two towns, two sidings and a change of direction feature. There is a long straight run and two trestles built from scratch. The most striking feature is

the waterfall, which the railroad crosses on two bridges purchased from Eagle Wings Iron Craft. Motive power is provided by a Bachmann 10-wheeler and a Bachmann 2-6-0 Mogul. We have installed a drip system for the plants. Some of the buildings are lit by solar power.

We welcome visitors and encourage garden railroaders to bring trains to run. We are working on a solution for those of you who have track-powered equipment. Call and arrange a visit.



RAILROAD TERMINAL OF AN EARLY PIPE LINE

TGRS MINUTES OCT. 19, 2002

Hosts: Steve & Nancy Dunlap

Attendance: 56

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Gary Martin, who thanked the Dunlaps for hosting. Gary announced that Neal Mosley is in the hospital. He also said that we will be re-building their track/layout, and asked for volunteers to help.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as printed.

Treasurer Fred Wray reported a balance of \$5,780.00

Old Business:

Tucson Botanical Garden project: Dave Tiefenbach reported on the Tucson Botanical Garden project. The theme will be "holiday on track". We will need about 10 people per day for the first week of construction. Running will start Nov. 23. There will be two running sessions per

day, 8:30-1:00 and 12:30-5, with one person from the club and one docent working each session. There will be a written procedure sheet to explain all details involved in running. Nov. 21st there will be a training session for the docents. Our members are welcome to attend as well. There will be a comment box to help evaluate the success of the project. He had sign-up sheets for the construction as well as for the run schedule.

Election: Jon Anderson read the slate of officers nominated:

- President Nick Buchholz
- Vice-President Norm Ulmer
- Secretary Ellen Stoesser
- Treasurer Willis Fagg
- Editor Dick Izen
- Board Members-at-large:
 - Roy Eberbach,
 - Bob Hoffman
 - Joe Stoesser

Gary thanked the nominating committee for a job well done.



National Convention: The Phoenix clubs are hoping to hold the 2008 National Convention in Arizona. We need to appoint someone to work with them to develop a presentation at this year's Convention. Gary urged as many members as possible attend this year, as it will help to have as many as possible there to say "yes, we want this convention".

Please sign the module committee sheet if you want to be on the committee.

New Business:

Mike Dorgan announced that there is a miniature show this week end at the Women's Club. He also reminded us that the Christmas Party is to be at Dorgans Rec. facility, and a sign-up sheet was passed. Future activities include the Home Show, the Swap Meet, and the GAT Show, all in January.

Nick announced the Adobe Mountain open house is Nov. 9 & 10. Call Nick for more details.

There was a discussion concerning Newsletter Software, specifically Frame-maker (from Adobe), approximately \$400.00. A motion was made to allow up to \$500.00 to buy software to improve the newsletter. Motion seconded and passed. A committee was appointed to decide how we

should invest. Committee: Jerry Tulino, Nick B. and Dick Izen.

Speakers from Operation Lifesaver made a presentation "LOOK, LISTEN & LIVE!"

There are club decals still available. Jon Anderson had a sign-up sheet for ordering more club shirts, and Gary passed a sign-up sheet for hosting meetings next year.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jane Dorgan



Photo by Robert D. Firth

Sometimes in our rush for new equipment for our railroads we forget that the real railroads were about real people. This is a photo of a carpenter preparing to repair a boxcar.

Nominations and Election of Officers

The Nominating committee presented at the October meeting the following proposed slate of officers.

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| President - | Nick Buchholz |
| Vice-President - | Norm Ulmer |
| Secretary - | Ellen Stroesser |
| Treasurer - | Willis Fagg |
| Editor - | Dick Izen |
| Board Member-at-large - | Roy Eberbach |
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If you wish to run for an office Please submit your name as a nominee at the November meeting. Voting will be at the November Meeting.-ed

Holiday on Tracks by Dave Tiefenbach

The Tucson Garden Railway Society (TGRS) and the Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG) have agreed to construct a garden railroad in an outdoor area of the Botanical Gardens. This is a temporary layout to be run over the Thanks-

giving and Christmas holidays, from November 23 through December 31. After December 31, TGRS and TBG will decide whether to make this a permanent display.

TGRS will provide all motive power, rolling stock, track, electrical and labor to construct and run the display. Members of TGRS are encouraged to provide the structures and details to liven up the display during the Holiday on Tracks event. You are also encouraged to bring your own motive power and rolling stock on your scheduled operating days.

Construction is well under way at this time. The next step of participation will be the operating phase. I am requesting members to sign up for the run days. I will have a startup, run and shutdown procedure available for all workers. It will include procedures for track cleaning, setting up the equipment, running the display, how to store the equipment at the end of the day, and who to call to resolve problems. Docents from the TBG are being recruited to help in this project. A training class is scheduled for November 21 at 10:00 a.m. at TBG to familiarize people with layout operation. Your TGRS badge will be your entry permit.

I would like to thank the following people for their help on this project: Nick Buchholz, layout design; Mike Dorgan, publicity; Gary Martin, head man in charge; Lou Sleeper, Joe Stoesser, and Jerry Tulino, committee members; Norm Ulmer, comment box builder; and all members who helped with construction and donation of structures and those who will be operating the equipment. Without the great support of TGRS members, we could not support this endeavor.

Now I need to develop a schedule for the run times. I will set up two shifts per day, seven days a week. I would like two people per shift, but one should be sufficient to run the trains. The shifts will be from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the November 23 to December 31 period. From December 5 through 8, we will have an additional shift of 4:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a special TBG Christmas display. Please call or e-mail me, Dave Tiefenbach, at 825-7546 or davepataz@worldnet.att.net with your choice of work shift. I will also be at the November meeting with a sign up sheet.

Dave Tiefenbach



They're Crazy Up There, Too

by Robert Dirksen

As many of you already know, Phyllis and I belong to the Assiniboine Valley Railway (The Route of the Hazelnuts), a 7 1/2 inch gauge railroad, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Last September 9, under the mistaken belief that the railroad was running that weekend, we decided to make a visit.



As luck would have it, they were not running that weekend, but the rule of serendipity prevailed. A visitor from Regina, Saskatchewan, was doing a shakedown run of his live steam locomotive. The locomotive, a ten-wheeler built from a kit, is fired with propane from a bottle stored in the tender. An ingenious method is used to provide water to the boiler. The

whole tender is a water tank with the propane bottle stored in the water.

Why do I say they are more than a little bit crazy in Canada? The engine builder has a locomotive, but no track. He was running his loco in Winnipeg because that is the closest 7 1/2 inch gauge to Regina. The distance between the two cities? Over 350 miles.

Hart to Hart Open House by Marty Hart

From: TRAINFOLKZ@aol.com

Date: Mon, 4 Nov 2002 15:33:47 EST

Subject: Hart-to-Hart Open House

We will be having a train open-house Friday, Dec 13, 9am-3pm for the Fountain of Life School. Anyone who would like to come is welcome. If this is a bad day (for those with work) let us know. We can do it again Dec 15th (Sunday) 7921 E Scarlett is the spot...one block south of Broadway on Pantano turn left (East).

Nick: Please put this in the newsletter for the club members who might like to come. It is the day before the Christmas party, ...but we can do it on Sunday too.

Marty Hart

TGRS Apparel shop by Ginny Anderson

The shirt order has been placed, and it is anticipated the shirts will be ready for pick-up at the November meeting for members that have orders. We will have a few extra shirts available, especially short and long sleeve denim. Please call Ginny at 529-6554 if you would like to reserve one.

TGRS Christmas Party

This year's Christmas pot luck/gift exchange will be at Dorgan's rec center Dec. 14th at 1:00p.m. Please sign up at the Nov. meeting, or if you plan to attend and will not be at the November meeting, call Jane at 529-2430 to let her know what dish you plan to bring. Train related gifts of not more than \$10.00 should be brought for each person in your family planning to participate in the exchange.

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 30th 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 OF EVENTS

NOV. 16 - MEETING AT THE DILLON'S- 1300 (1:00PM)

NOV. 23-JAN. 30 - TUCSON BOTANICAL GARDEN RUNNING DAYS

DEC. 14 - MEETING AND PARTY AT THE DORGAN'S - 1100 - ???

DEC. 12 - OPEN HOUSE AT THE HART TO HART RR. (POSSIBLY DEC 15, AS WELL CALL)

JAN. 2-5 - SETUP AND RUNNING AT THE AMERICAN HOME SHOW

JAN. 18 - SETUP AT THE TOM SWAP MEET

JAN. 24-26 - SETUP AND RUNNING AT THE GAT SHOW

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