



# Tucson Garden Railway Society's

## Time Table

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**The October meeting is at Janet and Glenn Mitchell's on the 15th of October at 10:00 am.**

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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE MITCHELL'S—**

#### **FROM THE NORTHWEST AND FOOTHILLS—**

Take La Cholla (2 miles west of Oracle Rd) south to Ruthrauff (2<sup>nd</sup> light south of the Rillito River), turn right on Ruthrauff which becomes El Camino del Cerro west of I-10)

OR

#### **FROM THE SOUTH OR EAST—**

Take I-10 west to El Camino del Cerro/Ruthrauff exit, turn left onto El Camino del Cerro

AND

Continue west on El Camino del Cerro, approx. 1 ½ miles west of Silverbell Rd, turn left (south) on Paseo de los Rancheros (large wooden "Rancho del Cerro" sign). Proceed south - at the "T" turn left and immediately right, back onto Rancheros. Just over the top of the hill turn right on Paseo del Campo—we are the first house on the right. Once you are in Rancho del Cerro, follow the <TGRS>signs.

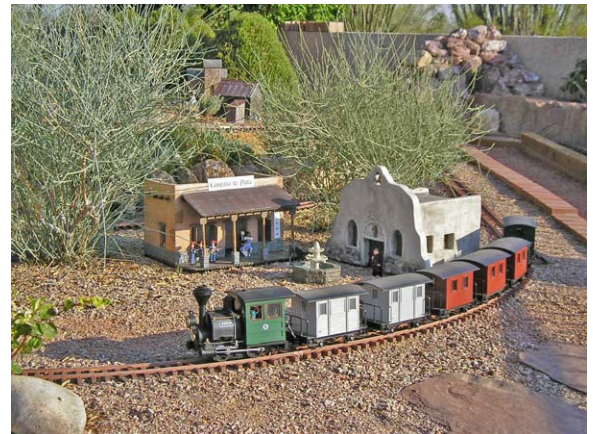
### **The Turtle River Railroad (TRRR)**

This railroad is a western, desert narrow gauge with light freight and ore traffic and local and tourist passenger traffic. Phase one consisted of approximately 90 feet of track. Phase two added two branch lines with turning loops at each end to provide an overall loop-to-loop layout with the original "loop" of track in between. This

expanded the layout to over 200 feet of track. One of the branch lines climbs to a "mountain" plateau where the desert dwellers and visitors can escape the desert heat. Currently an independent company is constructing a mining railroad to haul ore from a mountain mine to an ore tipple where the ore will be transferred to the TRRR. This mining branch features several trestles and eight plate girder bridges. [When completed the mine branch will be automated with stops for ore loading, a station stop and ore unloading at the transfer tipple.]

The TRRR's most recent locomotive acquisition in a restored American (Bachman 4-4-0) that will be used to haul private cars or the president's train (under construction).

The buildings are a combination of scratch built and kits. There are three small bridges crossing a dry stream bed. The mountain branch passes through a tunnel with real stone portals.



**A train passes in front of the Mission and the Cantina**



**Tracks run through a well landscaped backyard**

## **OCTOBER CLINICS**

By Janet Mitchell

The October meeting at Glenn and my home will include some of the clinics we have been trying to put together for the last year. After a (hopefully) brief business meeting at 10:00 (trains will be running at 9) we will have several clinics. Jane Dorgan will bring us up to date on her "improved" Sculpy techniques (after which those who wish to, can practice). Sally Sanders, as a follow up to her June clinic on pruning plants for your layout, will offer tips to anyone who wants to bring their own small plant (a trailing rosemary is an easy one to start with) to prune. Gary Martin and Glenn will offer hands-on airbrushing--bring something you want practice on or use an empty soda can (this isn't a "Gary will weather your engine session"--you will learn to do it!). Wayne Wesolowski will give a presentation on adhesives (he's a chemist so this should be great). I will do a styrene clinic based on the techniques of Glenda Bochel from Portland, Oregon. Her layout has been featured in Garden Railways, and she is a very talented lady. Her techniques work great for constructing "wooden" buildings, making doors and windows for any structure, or repairing plastic kit structures. Ibbby Ulmer's daughter is prepared to join us to lead a scrapbooking group if there is enough interest--call if you want to participate (743-9263). I don't want to waste her time if there isn't a group interested--Ibbby and I can work with the one or two people who have expressed an interest so far. We will have a cold potluck lunch. I will make dessert for all, and you can bring a salad or sandwich dish to share (if possible bring it in a cooler). We need two 6 or 8 foot tables for the clinics--if you have any please give us a call.

## **Calling all Quilters**

Ibbby Ulmer

The committee for the 2008 National Garden Railway Convention has approved a project which I have agreed to coordinate. The plans are for those of us in Arizona who are garden railway enthusiasts and quilters to produce a quilt to be auctioned off at the convention. We anticipate that we will need 30 twelve inch squares to make a full size quilt. I am asking any of you who are interested to make one square or more depicting anything having to do with railroads or gardens. They will be put together with appropriate sashing and border. I am also interested in having a volunteer to work with me on putting this together.

We would like to be able to have it finished in time to take a photo of it for publishing at the 2007 convention in Las Vegas. In order to do this we will need the squares finished no later than the end of 2006 so that they could be put together and quilted.

Anyone interested please contact me at 4935 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson 85718, 520-299-9401, or [iulmer@earthlink.net](mailto:iulmer@earthlink.net) .

Ibbby Ulmer

## **Volunteer needed to fill the position of Secretary**

Due to an increasing amount of time spent out of state, Curt Collins has regrettably resigned as our club's secretary. We are seeking a volunteer to fill the remainder of his term. Please talk to Nick or any of the club officers.

## **Mailing List reminder**

The TGRS mailing list is complete and fully-functional. To send a message to everyone on the list, just address it to [members@tucsongrs.org](mailto:members@tucsongrs.org). All members of the list can send a message this way. There is no need to send the message to me to have it sent to everyone.

# Minutes of the September 17, Meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the home of Bill & Barbara Dillon's at 10:00 A.M.

Nick thanked the Dillon's for hosting.

There were 56 attendees and also several guests.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ken Karrells, filling in for Willis Fagg, reported a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$5,652.76
2. Reserve account balance is \$1,500.00 for a total of all accounts of \$7,152.76.
3. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$893.50 and expenses \$233.77 for a net increase to date of \$659.73.
4. Treasurer's report was approved.

**Editor's Report.** Jim Miller asked "that any member who has pictures or articles that they would like in the newsletter, would they please submit them to him"?

## Venues Report:

1. **Arizona Historical Society:** Chuck Cook reported that the outing on Sept. 5 went very well.

2. Upcoming events:

Oct. 7, 2005---DM

Oct 23, 2005---Arizona Historical Society

Oct 29, 2005---Big Brothers Roundabout will be at the Dorgan's, Martin's, Blackwell's

Nov. 28-30---Casa de los Ninos at 4<sup>th</sup> & Speedway

Dec. 10-13, 2005---St. Marks---Kids Layout---probable

Dec. 11, 2005---Jim Click Christmas Party????????

Dec. 26-30, 2005,---VA Hospital

Winterhaven---no information yet

Jan. 6-8, 2006---American Home Show contacted

Jan. 21, 2006---Toy Train Swap Meet---Kids layout---probable

Jan. 2006---Ronald McDonald, Kids Layout, maybe cook meal.

Jan. 28 & 29, 2006---Gats Show

**Membership Committee:** Iby Ulmer reported we have 3 new members. All members dues should be paid to Willis as soon as possible.

Module Committee; there was a workshop held on August 27. There are problems with the lift bridge. The bridge is being repaired.

Module protection: cheesecloth was tried and this did not work. An exterior acrylic stucco patch is now being tried.

**Education Committee:** The next meeting is being held at the Mitchell's house.

The meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. with a series of workshops being held.

A "cold pot luck lunch" will be served, please bring a cold dish to pass or your own brown bag. Bring your cold dish in a cooler. Janet will make the dessert.

Workshops will include:

1. Wayne will give us the latest word on glues.
2. Gary & Glenn will do a "hands on" airbrush; we will try this on a soda can.
3. Jane will do a "hands on" new techniques of Sculpey.
4. Janet will talk to us about styrene.
5. Sallie will help you prune a plant that you bring.
6. Iby's daughter will show you about scrap booking. Let Janet know if you would like to do this and she will give you a list of supplies.

**Old Business:** All members were given a Proposed Projects List, to be returned to Nick by the next Board Meeting (second week in Oct.) to let the Board know in what order you would like the projects implemented. 1/3 of the Garden Walk is being put aside for these projects.

**Oktoberfest at DM:** Lew reported that it is all set to go. The Kids Layout will be used. This is a one day event, and will be held.

**Holiday display at VA Hospital:** It will run for 4 days, 26-30 of Dec. It will be a 20x 40 layout. Chuck will be looking for volunteers.

**Racks:** 2 of the racks have been designed and will be built by Norm.

**New Business:** Norm reported the 2008 Convention was going smoothly. There will be a meeting on Oct. 1 to see how much staffing is needed. Dates--April 29- May 3, 2008.

Types of help needed: vendor, stores, information. registration, etc.

#### **Committee Chairman:**

Lee Willetts, Registration Co-Chair

Gary Martin, Vendor Chairman

Ken Karrells, Vendor/Publicity volunteer

Glenn Mitchell, Layout tours Co-Chairman

Janet Mitchell, Public Relations Co-Chair

Dick Izen, Events Chairman

Willis Fagg, Treasurer

A motion was made and passed to buy a new Sumpter Valley Engine. Willis will do this. The price was right, in the area of \$800.00.

**Kid's Layout:** A criteria list for a new Kid's Layout was passed around. It will cost around \$800.00. A motion made by Roy and amended by Norm reads that the Board proceeds to construct the layout, subject to Board approval.

This was approved by the members.

**World Greatest Hobby:** by connecting up with them they will give us free, Beginners Garden Railroad, to pass out.

#### **Announcements:**

Gary Martin's layout will be open Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 5:00 P.M. until whenever.

Gary had 2008 Convention shirts for sale at \$8:00.

Gary wanted us to know Ozark Miniatures now has small buildings for sale. He had one he built for show & tell.

Chuck Cook & Debbie Duncan are getting married. Congratulations!!!!!!

The next regular meeting will be held on Oct 15, at the home of Glenn & Janet Mitchell's at 10:00 A.M.

## **A fond farewell**

Howard B. Banzhaf Jr., one of our original founding members, passed away September 28, 2005 in Tucson, AZ. He is survived by his wife, Norma; son, Steve (Lori), four grandsons and three great-grandsons. Memorial Service Thursday, October 6, 2005, 4:00 p.m., at Christ Presbyterian Church, 6565 E. Broadway.

## **TGRS Layout Planning Grid**

Event	Date	Type	PIC	status
D-M Off. Club	10/7	Kids	L. Sleeper	def.
AZ Hist Soc	10/23	mini	C. Cook	def.
Big Brothers	10/29	rnd-bout	J. Tulino	def.
Casa de los Ninos	11/28-30	kids	J. Tulino	def.
St Marks	12/10-13	kids	B. Dirksen	Prob.
VA Hosp	12/26-30	full	L. Sleeper	def.
Winterhaven	unk.	unk.	B. Dirksen	unk.
GATS	1/28-29/06	full?	-----	prob
Am. Home Sho	1/6-8/06	full?	-----	unk.
TTOS	1/21/06	kids	-----	Prob.

## **By-Laws**

**A** reminder that the By-Laws for the TGRS members handbook is available on the TGRS web site. We encourage all members to have a current copy of the clubs By-Laws.

## Chairs

There were chairs left at the September meeting at Bill Dillon's house, if these belong to you please call him to get your chairs back.

## A few pictures from the September meeting at Barbara and Bill Dillon's house.



The Gilpin Air Lines hanger at the airstrip that is under the Egg Liner elevated loop.



Egg Liners on the elevated loop.

## Riding the Rails on the Verde Canyon Railway

By Jim and Elaine Miller

Elaine and I rode the Verde Canyon Railroad on the 7th of September. This 4 hour train ride makes for a very enjoyable day trip. It's about a four hour drive from Tucson so either plan to make it a long day or get a room for a night.

The train follows the river winding its way down the canyon. We saw a lot of beautiful scenery and a Bald Eagle flying just above the river. They said that during the winter months there are over 30 Bald and Golden Eagles in the canyon. On the return trip we also saw a Red Tailed Hawk.

The Train runs past towering, crimson cliffs, near ancient Indian ruins, over old-fashioned trestles and through a 680-foot manmade tunnel.

Their website is

<http://www.verdecanyonrr.com/index2.html>



Locomotive 1512 with it's Eagle paint scheme



The locomotives crossing a trestle

## New Members

The TGRS extends a warm welcome to the following new members who joined our club in the past month. Billy and Maxine Joplin of Tucson

## Electronic News Letter

With so many new members, I want to remind you that you can have the news letter delivered by e-mail. The club saves printing and postage costs but more importantly you get the news letter faster and can view the photos in color.

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 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 pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30<sup>th</sup> 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 below. If you wish to join immediately, send a check and your name, address and telephone number and the names for any additional badges to:

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### Calendar of Events

Oct 15 Meeting and workshop at Glenn and Janet Mitchells  
Nov 19 Meeting at Bob Hoffman's  
Dec 10 Meeting and Holiday Party at Mike and Jane Dorgans  
Jan No meeting scheduled due to multiple displays

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Nick Buchholz.... 520-744-4932  
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