



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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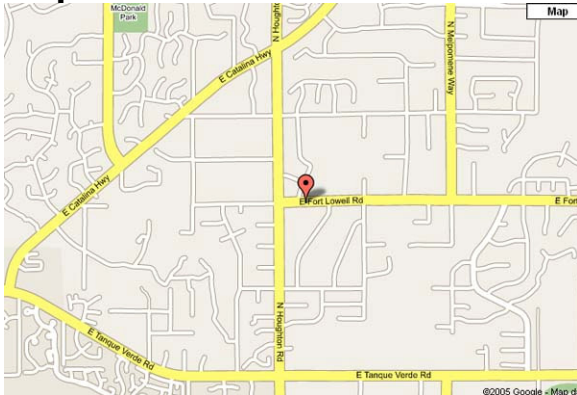
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March, 2006

### March Meeting:

The meeting this month is on the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at Jim and Madelyn Cook's, their address is 10420 E. Ft. Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85749, phone 760-2325. Remember to bring chairs.

### Map



### Driving Directions

Take Tanque Verde, Speedway, Broadway or 22nd St to Houghton and go North. After Tanque Verde, Ft. Lowell is another mile. Turn E and we are the 2nd house on the south side. Turn right (south) through the gate and plenty of parking in the corral or wherever. Handicap only in the front.

### About the C&S RR

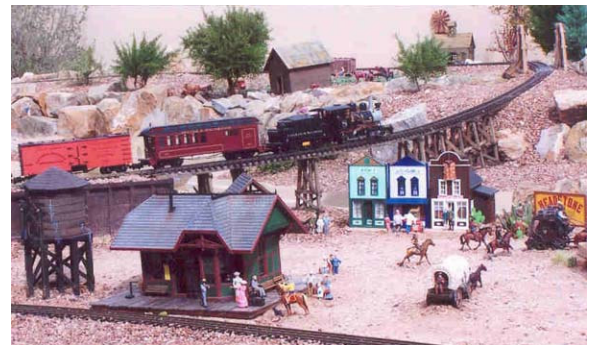
History of the C&S (Colorado & Southern or as we call it, the Caliche & Saguaro.)

Prior to moving to Arizona we had both been in the smaller scales, but once here, we thought garden railroading would be fun, so we jumped in.

We are now on our fourth layout-not four different layouts, we've redone the original four times!

We lost track of the feet of rail we laid, but it's well over 600. The layout has three distinct loops, a trolley line, and a mine ore train. A major feature is the motion picture studio of "Headstone" where movie stars from the past can be seen and movies are still being shot-as are the bad guys! Close by is the town of Lowell with a City Hall, fire station, school, and mall. Generally set in the 1937 and before time frame, the clothing styles, cars and architecture fit the period. Lots of Madelyn's scratch made figures, modified figures and of course some by commercial artists. There are about 70 buildings, the many built by Madelyn from scratch or kit-bashed, with some from kits.

Hope you enjoy our little part of the past. PS No diesels; a Mack powered truck is as close as we come!



**C&S RR** Photo courtesy of the Cook's

### Here is an updated TGRS display schedule

From Chuck Cook

Pima County Fair April 20-30 need chairman definite  
TTOS-GP Swap June 3rd need chairman probable  
American Home June 16-18 need chairman????

## THANKS TO ALL

I would like to thank all of you who hosted and volunteers who helped for the Rails in the Garden Tour. I do not have a complete report as yet, but it appears we did reasonably well. I will make a more complete report at the March board and general meetings and in the April newsletter. Below are two comments we have received via email to the website.

### Bob Dirksen

“Just a note to say we greatly enjoyed our tour today. The hosts and volunteers were delightful and helpful and the choices for the tours were great and varied--"home grown" to very detailed and thematic to just great fun. The directions and signs were very good and helped a lot. Many thanks to all those who made this possible!”

“Just returned home from the layout tours. Wonderful show. Great weather. Trains were wonderful and we even saw some super airplanes. Thanks for a great show.”

## The cat was the only survivor (a true story)

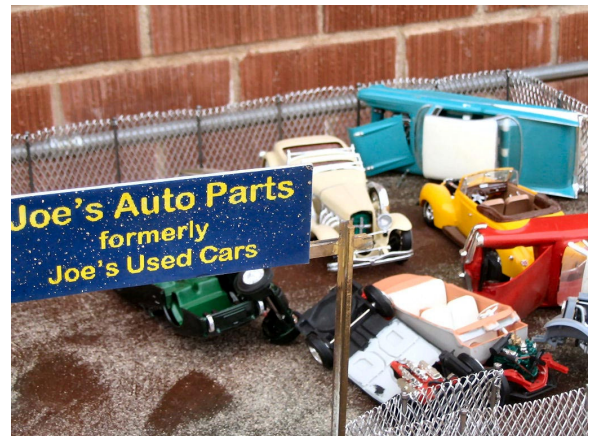
By Jerry and Rita Tulino

The plan for my layout is to model the area in New Jersey where I grew up in the 1950s and 60s. In a fit of nostalgia, I decided to assemble, paint and detail plastic model cars so I could have all the ones that I considered “classics” scattered around “my town”. The idea of “Joe’s Used Cars” was also on the drawing board. Over the course of several months I invested many hours and built up a respectable collection:

- 1932 Duesenberg Torpedo Phaeton
- 1934 Ford tow truck
- 1940 Ford Street Rod
- 1953 Studebaker Starliner Coupe
- 1957 Chevy BelAir Hardtop
- 1958 Triumph TR3A
- 1963 Corvette Stingray

Since my layout currently only consists of track, I stored all the cars on a shelf (about 6 feet above the floor) in my shed. Although I didn’t know it at the time, one of the days that I was working in the shed, curiosity got the better of our cat. When I went back into the shed the next day I was greeted by a “meow” that could only mean “why the heck did you lock me in here all

night?”. I laughed it off and went about my business. As I was closing the door to leave I took a look around to be sure she wasn’t in there again. Unfortunately, what I saw was a 7-car pileup-type accident on the floor. Apparently she had climbed up onto the shelf and, in a fit of “I’ll get even with him”, knocked all of the cars off of it. Pieces were scattered everywhere. I was too upset and disappointed to even pick it all up at the time. Several days later I undertook the salvage operation. As I looked at the collection of “parts” (some really parts, some formerly parts of bigger parts) I contemplated my choices. Repair and restoration, chalk it all up to experience and start over and adopting a cat-hating dog all came to mind. However, my decision was to convert “Joe’s Used Cars” into “Joe’s Auto Parts”. I gathered up most of the material needed for the project but still lacked an authentic looking “chain link” fence. My wife and I scoured the city searching for something that would provide the look I wanted. She finally spotted rain gutter screening and it proved to be a good choice. After a few hours of cutting, painting, bending, nailing, etc., the “junk yard” was born. See the following pictures.



Photos by Jerry Tulino



**Joe's Auto Parts**  
Photos by Jerry Tulino

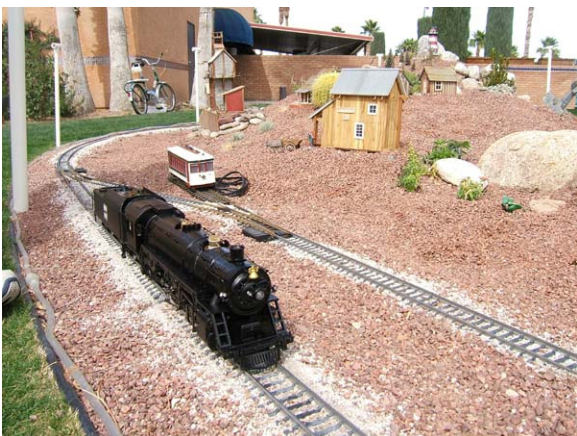


**Heavy Equipment parked on the site of the future expansion of the Rincon RV Park Railway**

## **Rincon RV Park February Meeting**



**Club members and spectators watch the trains**



**The Live Steam Locomotive was popular with our members and spectators**

## **Minutes of the February 18<sup>th</sup>, Meeting**

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the Rincon West RV Park, at 1:00 P.M.

Nick thanked the RV Club for hosting.

There were 76 attendees at the meeting. There were five new members.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Willis Fagg reported a:

1. Current checking account balance of \$4,938.27. Savings account balance is \$1500.00 for a total of all accounts of \$6438.27. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$3032.39 and expenses are \$3087.15 for a net decrease to date of \$54.76.
2. Opened a savings account and transferred the checking reserve balance to the saving account. This will earn interest on funds which are not budgeted for expenditure in the future.
3. Revenues to date for the Rails in the garden Tour are \$760.00 and expenses of \$998.91, including \$300.00 for the first half of the RITG tour signs.
4. Total Membership to date is 106.
5. The Treasurer's report was approved.

**Editor's Report.** Jim Miller asked "that members keep submitting articles for the newsletter".

**Vice President's Events Report:** Nick gave the report as Chuck Cook was unable to attend. All Dec. and Jan. events went well, with attendance being good at the events.

Chuck is working on sign up sheets, badges, shuttle and an extra RV spot for the fair.

All the drivers and members were thanked for their help on the events.

**Membership Committee:** Ibby Ulmer reported that we now have 106 members.

Ibby showed our first quilt square made by Dottie Fagg. The deadline has changed to July 2006, as it needs to be sent to Iowa to Rich Hall's Mother's Quilters to be quilted.

**Education Committee:** Janet reported that Phyllis Dirksen and her went to the Rincon West RV Club and gave a class on making people. The Dirksen's and the Mitchell's gave a presentation for the Shriner's. Janet would like a projector and a DVD player purchased by the club to use for presentations,

#### **Old Business:**

**Rails in the Garden:** Bob Dirksen is looking for volunteers to help on March 4&5<sup>th</sup> at the layouts. Also volunteers are needed to man Ace Hardware the week before.

The dates are February 27<sup>th</sup> to March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bob has flyers, if anyone would like to put some up.

**Racks:** Nick is looking for someone to work on getting the racks made. The plans and blueprints are ready to go. The curves and scenery have already been approved. Bruce

Lynn volunteered to head the rack project.

**Kid's Layout:** Gary Martin has agreed to head this project. The design has been completed, but people are needed to do different parts of the project. There will be 4 curves and 4 scenery and 2 folding trestles.

**Trolley Track:** Gary and Nick will redo the town module and the trolley tracks after our RITG event.

**Critiquing of Events:** Dave Tiefenbach made up forms and gave them to the person in charge of that event. All but one was recommended to do again. In general things went well with little money and lots of time being invested in the projects.

**New Business: County Fair--April 20 to the 30<sup>th</sup>:** Set up will be on 18&19<sup>th</sup>. Name tags will be needed to get in. Chuck will have more on this later.

**June Events:** The American Home Show--- June 9<sup>th</sup>—11<sup>th</sup>. TTOM---Kid's Layout—June 3<sup>rd</sup>

**October Event:** Down's Syndrome Buddy Walk--Kid's Layout---Reid Park—21<sup>st</sup>

**2008 Convention:** Norm Ulmer reported that things are proceeding nicely. There is a **great** need for volunteers to man the booths at the 2006&2007&2008 Conventions.

You would only need to work a couple of hours at the 2006&2007 Conventions.

**Vendors are going to need to be signed up in order to make the 2008 work.** We are going to need around 80 volunteers. We are going to make tote bags for the Country Store. Ibby will give us information on this at a later date.

**Free Stuff:** Dave brought in train stuff a friend had given him. The club got a power pack for the trolley.

**Ken Karrels** would like us to know the dates of the Lecture Series at the Depot 2/21—2/28—3/7—3/14 and on Monday the 20<sup>th</sup> of March, they will be celebrating, the 126<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Arrival of the Railroad to Tucson.

**Byron Skinner** went to Cienga High School in Vail and set up a "special needs" layout with stream and it was a big hit. The kids and Byron had a great time.

**Hats, vests, shirts, t shirts, decals:** If you would like a club hat and shirts or decals, see Joe Stoesser. If you like a white logo t-shirt, check with Norm or Ibby. If you like a vest to wear while working the booths at the convention, call Janet.

**Nick** had pamphlets showing 2006 Railroad Tours.

**Show and Tell:** Gary had 2 buildings he had made; also he showed a tarp he had cut up and now uses to protect his buildings outside. He purchased it at Harbor Freights at 22<sup>nd</sup> and Craycroft, it is on the SE corner.

**Dean Newman** brought in business cards from Miniature Memories, they have a great selection of metal accessories in the back room. This is located at 3512 Grant Rd. Ask for Cindy.

**Gary:** If anyone would like to see a whimsical railroad go see Mary Hart's. Several members of the club went to clean up her railroad for the RITG tour. Gary also will be open on March 3<sup>rd</sup> (Friday) after 10:00 A.M. if anyone wants to see his railroad.

The next regular meeting will be held on March 10, at the home of Madelyn & Jim Cook at 1:00 P.M.

We don't have minutes from the Board of Directors meeting this month, the secretary was unable to make it to the meeting.

## Southern Arizona Transportation Museum from Ken Carols

### EVENT: 2nd Annual Transportation Lecture Series

DATE: February 14th, 21st, 28th, March 7th,  
14th,  
TIME: 7pm  
PLACE: The Depot Lobby, 400 N. Toole Ave  
SPONSORED BY: The Southern Arizona  
Transportation Museum  
PRICE: \$5 a person, all lectures for \$20  
CONTACT: Laura Caywood Barker, 623-2223

March 7th, 2006 7pm  
Gene Caywood - CEO of Old Pueblo Trolley,  
local historian and author - Twin Buttes Railroad  
Centennial. This lecture will commemorate the  
little known Twin Buttes Railroad constructed  
south to Sahuarita and then west to serve the  
Twin Buttes mining district. Although the  
railroad survived until 1934 as a branch line, the  
portion from Tucson to Sahuarita was absorbed  
into the Tucson and Nogales Railroad in 1910,  
replacing the "burro".

March 14th, 2006 7pm  
Michael Charton - lecturer, Chinese historian  
and researcher - The Chinese and the Railroad.  
Learn more of the connection between the  
Railroad and the hardworking Chinese  
community.  
[ContactUs@TucsonHistoricDepot.org](mailto:ContactUs@TucsonHistoricDepot.org), 520-623-  
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Laura Caywood Barker  
Museum Director

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

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Hours of Operation  
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
11am - 3pm  
Friday, Saturday  
10am - 4pm  
NEW! Sunday  
11am - 3pm

The Museum Division of  
Old Pueblo Trolley, Inc.

## 2008 Convention News



To all those who would like to read the minutes of the 2008 Garden Railway Convention, Nick has emailed copies of it to the Board of Directors so see any of the board members and we will get you a copy.

### Correction

In last months newsletter the website listed for the convention only went to the logo, the correct website for the 2008 convention is.  
[www.2008ngrc.org](http://www.2008ngrc.org)

## New Members

The TGRS extends a warm welcome to our new members Lloyd & Jamie Smith of Flagstaff and Bill and Reta Hunter; They are snow birds who live at Rincon Country West This brings our membership up to 106 families

## 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:

Ibby Ulmer  
4935 N. Craycroft Road  
Tucson, AZ 85718

### Calendar of Events

Mar 18 Meeting at Jim and Madelyn Cook's  
Apr No meeting scheduled due to the layout at the Pima County Fair  
May 20 Open

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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