



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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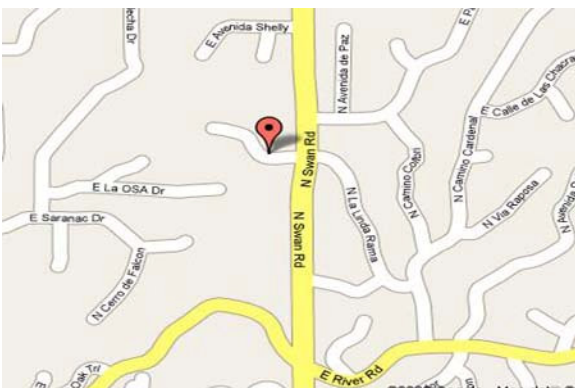
May Meeting

The meeting this month is on the 20th of May at 10:00 am at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin. Their railroad the "Eagle Mountain Railroad" is one of the largest Garden Railways in Arizona and well worth the trip to see. Their recent addition is an open pit copper mine.



Guests admire the Eagle Mountain Railroad during the "Rails in the Garden" tour.

They are located at 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila in North central Tucson. Their phone number is 299-7428. They are located just off of Swan North of River Road. Going North on Swan go across River, take the second left turnout, there is a sign that says Cerro de Aguila. Going South on Swan from Sunrise 1.5 miles, you will go past Avenida Shelly, it is the next right.



TGRS at the Pima County Fair



A very impressive layout at the fair



A train passes in front of the town



Gary Martin's Mexican village

Toy Train Show

Saturday June, 3rd is the Toy Train Show of the Gadsden-Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum. It will be at the Roadway Inn Event Center from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Our club will have the Children's Layout set up and will need volunteers for that day. Hope to see everyone there.

Correction to RITG

We wish to apologize for the omission to recognize the following members who volunteered at Jim & Madelyn Cook's railroad during our "Rails in the Garden" tour this year.

Ralph and Arelen Plucinski
Bob & Conrd
Jerry Tulino
Lloyd and Jaime Smith
Sam Stephenson
Lew Sleeper
Buzz & June Weaver
Ken Karrels
Channing Bancroft
Grayson Bancroft
Bob & June Hoffman
Lee Willets
Don & Shirley Hale

Minutes of April BOD Meeting Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

April 11, 2006-7:00 P.M. at the home of Lew & Jan Sleeper

All Board Members were present except two.

There were no minutes to approve.

Treasury Report: Willis Flagg reported:

1. A current checking account balance of \$9,211.99.
2. Reserve savings account balance is 1500.67 for a total of all accounts of \$10,712.66.
3. Revenues to date for fiscal year 2005-2006 are \$8,712.89 and expenses are \$4,493.93 for a net increase to date of \$4,218.96. The new savings account earned \$.45. in March.
4. Revenues to date for the Rails in the Garden tour are \$6,059.00 and expenses of \$1,644.09 for a net gain to date of \$4,414.91. Expenses include \$600.00 for the RITG tour signs.
5. Total membership to date is 111.
6. The YTD revenues reported at the March meeting was in error, YTD revenues were incorrectly reported at the March meeting, YTD

revenues reported as \$8,939.89 was really \$8,139.89.

Newsletter: Jim Miller reported that 2/3 of the newsletter is being emailed. Each month there will be an article featuring an old member or a new member starting with Jon Anderson. Information about the yearly dues renewal will start in the May newsletter.

Events:

1. **County Fair** ---Nick reported, for Chuck, that sign up for the Fair was going nicely, he is working on nametags and passes. Setup on Monday at 10:00 A.M, no one will be there Tuesday, buildings on Wed., with Thursday as final finish up.

Mentors: Joe Stoesser would like new members to be encouraged to work the Fair.

Old Business:

1. RITG- Jerry Tulino suggested that we have 2 sites open in the evening, not the same ones as in the day, ones that looked good at night. It was decided this was too dangerous, walking, parking, and the traffic, and we should stick to what we are doing.

2. **Fee Structure:** It was decided this would stay the same.

3. The box cars for BBG are being made.

4. Dirk had a sample booklet memento for the site hosts, the cost of these would be approx. \$20.00.

5. There was discussion on whether we would do the Fair and the RITG in the year 2008.

6. **County Fair**—Steve is going to need a ride to the fair each day, and several members volunteered to take and bring him home.

7. It was decided not to buy gas cards for the drivers towing the trailers.

Proposed TGRS Project Priorities: Of the 20 proposed projects, 4 have the design completed and one is completed. Work will begin on 3 other projects, with the rest waiting until next year.

New Business: 2008 Convention Norm reported that the 8 Tucson layouts will be open 3 days, Monday, Sunday after the convention, and with the bus trip on Thursday. 2-4 people will be needed plus the owners. The Tour Committees should have the names of the sites by August. All of Phoenix will be open. In August he will have a sign up sheet for working the Convention. There will be 150 slots. His trouble spots are, the brochure is not coming together and there are a couple of problems with the BBQ. He is looking at a \$35.00 price and \$15.00 for the bus, but this may not work. He is also trying for a net income of \$50,000. Those who serve extensively will get their registration fee returned.

Sands Buddy Walk; This will be held on October 21st with the Children's Layout being used. Chuck will arrange. The monthly meeting

will be the weekend before. **TTOM:** will be on 6/3/06 with the Kids layout being used. Jim will have information in the May newsletter.

Magic Garden. We were invited to do a setup there, but it was the weekend after the Fair, so this was turned down.

Hats: The old style of hats is discontinued and Joe has ordered a new style.

New Accounts: A motion was made and passed that \$1500.00 be put away in a separate account. It was also decided that \$5,000.00 be put in a CD.

Donations: It was suggested we needed to get connected to a charitable organization.

Ken Karrell would like us to help fund a viewing stand for the museum engine.

This stand would have to meet all city ADA requirements. There was discussion could the train clubs help with this? What would the price with the ADA requirements? Ken will check this out. This will be brought to the members.

Train for Ronald McDonald House: Nick will ask Jerry to check this out and see if a G scale starter set would work for them.

There was no date set for the next board meeting.

Club History By Ibbly Ulmer

Since we now have 111 member families on our roster we thought it might be a good idea to feature some of our long time members in each issue of the newsletter so that we can know each other better.

TGRS was started in 1994. Jon and Ginny Anderson joined shortly thereafter. They were member number 12. Jon was the fourth President of the club. He initiated a lot of new activities for the club, such as; the layouts at the Pima County Fair, layouts at schools, layouts at the Great American Home Show, the Christmas Potluck and gift exchange, interclub tours with ABTO in Phoenix, and bought the first trailer to mention a few. He also wrote the first by-laws and had the club incorporated. The Andersons have a layout that features 1910-1930 era trains but has no name.

Jon and Ginny's son, Steve, is also a member. He has a small layout in the garden of his town house. And he has an N gauge layout inside. Whenever we show our children's layout, you will find Steve helping the kids run the train. That is his specialty. He is taking a week off of work the end of April to do just that.



Steve Anderson working with the Children's Layout

In Memory

We received an email from Brooke Miner informing the club that her husband, Mark Miner had passed away on the 14th of April. He will be missed by all of our members.

Membership Renewal Reminder:

Membership dues for the current year expire on June 30, 2006. Annual renewal is \$30. Checks should be made out to TGRS and should be submitted either in person or by mail to Willis Fagg, 12440 E. Ave. De La Vista Verde, Tucson, AZ 85749. If you have any questions regarding your dues, please call Willis.

Year End Holiday Party Planning

During recent meetings we have discussed the possibility of holding our annual holiday party at a restaurant or some other venue where we could cater in as opposed to the traditional potluck. The primary reason to explore this option is due to the increasing size of the club and limited number of member owned sites that can accommodate large groups.

There was a general consensus among members to pursue this option. Willis Fagg has volunteered to compile data on possible options to present to the membership. If you have a suggestion, please provide information on type of accommodation, meal options, cost, etc. to Willis so that these options can be discussed at the next general meeting. We should be planning on a facility that can accommodate as many as 100 guests.

Willis

New Members

The TGRS extends a warm welcome to returning former members, Hal and Judy Sorenson, he calls his narrow gauge railroad "Battle Snake Mountain". This brings our membership up to 112 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 30th of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated 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 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

May 20	Meeting at Gary and Peggy Martin's
June 17	Meeting at Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker
July	No Meeting
Aug 19	No Meeting
Sep 16	Open
Oct 21	Open

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