



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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FEBRUARY MEETING

This month's meeting will be on the 9th of February at 1:00 PM at Rincon Country West RV Resort in the Recreation Hall located in the building immediately adjacent to the club layout. Trains will be running at noon. All TGRS members are welcome to bring their trains to run.

Rincon Country West RV Resort
4555 S. Mission Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746
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Telephone: 294-4980

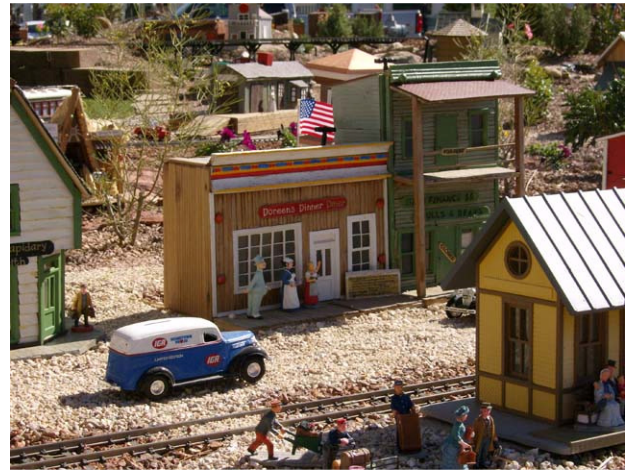
Driving Directions

From I-19 take the Ajo Exit and proceed west on Ajo Way to Mission Rd. Turn left onto Mission Rd. and proceed approximately ½ mile to a left turnout (2nd turnout on Mission Rd.). Turn left here at white entrance wall marked 4545 and flag flying. Go 500 ft. and turn right into RCW Resort. Stop at gate keeper building and indicate you are attending TGRS meeting. Proceed straight down the boulevard to large parking lot on the left. There is parking all around the buildings in this area. The RCW Railroad layout is located at the end of the parking lot.

Rincon Country West Railroad

The RCW RR and layout is the ongoing project of the RCW Garden Railroad Club located at the Rincon Country West RV Resort. The club has been developing its layout over the past three winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 300 ft. of track with three independent loops. Each loop has track power. Our village of Rincon is composed of lighted scratch built structures named for existing clubs in the RCW Park (Shuffles Boarding House, Tennis Court House, etc.). Our extensive vegetation is maintained by club members and has its own irrigation system. We are presently in the process of completing, at the layout, the RCW Depot

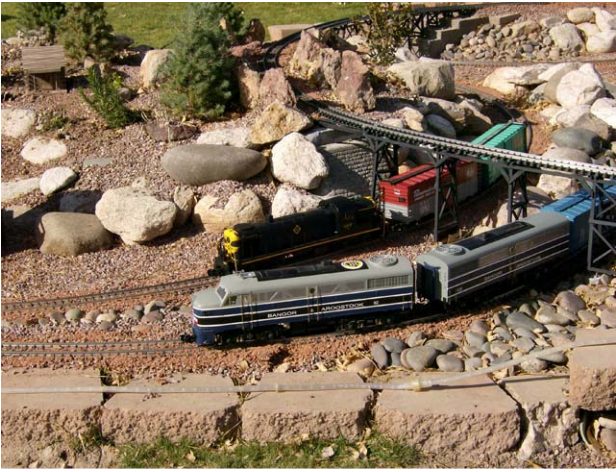
which will serve as our storage shed. Future expansion of the layout is in the planning phase.



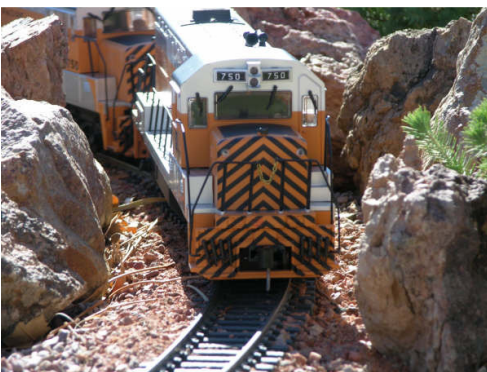
Activity in the town of Rincon



Mikado engine #4555 of RCW RR steaming toward the town of Rincon



Bangor & Aroostook and Erie Railroad Diesels passing under trestle on their journey to the town of Rincon. Photos courtesy of Ken Zacharias



Photos by Angel Martinez

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

The first monthly social luncheon was a great success with 20 members in attendance. Everybody enjoyed the food and the setting (holiday train running elevated around the perimeter); and not too much noise so that we could visit.

The second monthly luncheon will be held on Friday Feb. 15th again at R&R Pizza Express. This is a railroad themed restaurant with an operating G-gauge line running the perimeter near the ceiling. It is located at the northeast corner of River Rd and La Cholla Blvd. This is a Basha's shopping center and the restaurant is the farthest east shop in the center. They have a great lunch buffet, as well as smaller entrees, and a senior discount. We will arrive at 11:15 a.m. to beat the lunch crowd.

The owner is quite interested in our business (and he loves trains) and has volunteered to put our Rails in The Garden flyer on all his pizza boxes the month before the event. We will return there this time, then move to a near eastside location for March. Any questions, call Chuck Cook @ 797-1066.

Minutes of the January BOD Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

January, 15 2008-7:00 P.M. at the home of Norm and Ibbey Ulmer

All Board members were present except 2 Pres. Norm thanked Ibbey for hosting Minutes of the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Norm reported for Willis Fagg:

1. Current checking account balance is \$3,009.72.
2. Reserve account balance is \$3,918.82 for a total of all accounts of \$6,928.54.
3. Revenues to date are \$2,226.50 and expenses of \$3,718.23 for a net decrease of \$1,492.23.
4. Membership renewal total is 87.
5. The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Vice President Events: Lew Sleeper reported that the basic modules would be used at the swap meet Saturday. We will be selling RITG tickets. The Home Show will be in June. June 6, 7, & 8.

Membership Chairman's Report: Ibbey Ulmer reported we have 87 members.

Mentor Committee: Nick Buchholz reported he has 3 mentors assigned to the 3 members requesting them. He will need counselors for the Scout Merit Badge program.

Social Committee: Norm reported there were 18-20 people at our first social gathering. There was "good food with good company". The price of the meal was \$9:00, all you could eat. We will hold one more at R&R Express and the one after that will be at Fuddrucker's on the east side.

Old Business:

- A. Norm reported we are waiting on Split Jaw power clamps to complete the 2 ft Bridge approach modules.
- B. **Convention report:** Norm reported the hotel is 80% full and 471 people have registered so far. They are not buying the extra things. Volunteers are starting to sign up and some of the hours will be revised. We have 240 Bachmans donated and 30 USA and 3 reefers with lots of other prizes.
- C. **TBG:** Norm reported for Gary Martin that TBG will leave the track down and they are looking for donations of houses and cars. He will start working on bridges and needs a work detail for the track.
- D. **Day Chairman Duties.** Jim Cook had copies of the duties of a Day Chairman for the Board to look at and evaluate.

New Business: RITG: March 8 & 9, 2008 –Dirk would like some members to help on Thursday (1/17/08) with a mailing. We are selling tickets at Ace. Dirk has talked to Bonnie Henry about us. R&R Express will be putting flyers on their pizza boxes the month of February. Dirk will go to the Visitors Center a month before the event with flyers. Lee Willets is working on the monthlies. Accent is 3 weeks before the event. KNST is free on Friday morning, just call in; lby will try to get on. The sites will be in this order---Blackwell---Martin---Dorgan---Stoesser---Sander---Gast--- Jim Cook---Karrel. These will be open from 10:00 to 4:00. Dirk will comp. tickets to Michelle at TBG and 2 teachers and 11 children from the Deaf and Blind School for the RITG weekend.

New Business:

Norm talked to 2 women who owned restaurants downtown and they invited the Board to lunch and to visit some of the empty storefronts to see if it would be possible to set up a Christmas display. Maybe this could be in conjunction with the Festival of Lights. Since all members are busy at this time we could set up early and take down at our leisure. There would be security. Since we are a 501 (c) 3, maybe someone would donate us a building. The Board will explore this idea.

Veterans Hospital: Norm reported that Pepe Mendoza would like us to explore the idea of doing an October Show.

Insurance: Willis was checking on changing our insurance company. Our present agent did not feel he was making enough money from our policy.

State Farm agent Tom Bower has suggested we switch to them. The old policy cost us app. \$900.00. Tom would give us, rolling stock and modules- \$17,000-18,000. Since they are in separate trailers and not likely to be damaged at the same time this is adequate. Better (\$2-4 million) coverage. \$330/A liability, +/- \$150 on trailers. This would be a saving of over \$300 a year. A motion was made by Norm that the Board approve a \$490 check and change insurance. This was approved by the Board. There will be a separate rider for the 2008 convention at the cost of \$25.00 for a month.

Data Base: Nick has received 8 sheets for the data base.

Birthday Parties: At the Home Show Dirk was asked if we were interested in doing birthday parties.

Schools: Lew will compose a letter with our curriculum on a separate sheet asking the elementary schools if they would be interested in us doing a set up for them.

Children's Hospital: Jim Cook will contact the fundraisers of Children's Hospital, construction has started, to see about us being there. He will take DVD's of the hospitals that are in Phoenix to show him how it can be done. If we would do this, it would be a whimsical set up.

Loading the trailers: Do we need a loadmaster or rack master? Should we mark on the outside of the boxes where things go? Lew would like more work days to organize the trailers starting with the things we use all the time. Swiveling casters on all the racks, tool boxes and the tower of power would be nice. A work day could be scheduled for this fall.

Trailer decal: Joe Stoesser will look into pricing and sizing of a TGRS decal on the small trailer. It would be app. 24-36 inches.

No date was set for the next board meeting.

Adobe Mountain Model Railroad Swap Meet

March 15th from 9:00am to 3:00pm
Donation \$4.00 a person, children free

Adobe Mountain Railroad Park
22822 N. 43rd Avenue
South off of Pinnacle Peak Road

For more information contact
Alan Lathrem at 520-544-9738

New Members

We extend a warm welcome to Rich and Marcia Grau. Rich found out about us from Alan at Ace Hardware and our website. They have lived in the

area since 1990 and just moved to Vail about two years ago. Rich just retired from Rincon Research, a defense Contractor. He does not have a layout as yet, but has been studying books and magazines on the subject and wants to learn more through TGRS

Clint Watkins, one of our founding members and TGRS' first President before he moved out of state is now living in Arizona again and has re-joined the club. He and his wife, Nancy, now live in Maricopa, AZ. Welcome Back, Clint.

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.

To join the email mailing list send an email to members-subscribe@tucsongrs.org; include your name and a simple message like "I am a new TGRS member and would like to join the mailing list".

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:

lby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Feb 9 Rincon Country West RV Resort
Mar 8&9 RITG
Mar 15 Bob and Jean Hoffman
Apr Jim and Madelyn Cook
May 17 Roy and Mary Ann Eberbach

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401
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