



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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For August we are doing "Chef of the Day" on the 16th of August for the Ronald McDonald House

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Come join your TGRS friends for a social luncheon on Thursday August 21st at the Red Garter Saloon. Our mid-town location was so popular last month that we are staying in that area. The Red Garter is a bar and grill located almost across the street from Chuy's of last month. It is at 3143 East Speedway (north side of the road just east of Country Club). They have good food, adult beverages and POOL TABLES. This will be a good way to get in some practice before the TGRS Pool Tournament in October. These have consistently been fun gatherings with lots of conversation about trains and other varied topics. Plan to arrive about 11:15 to beat the lunch crowd. Any questions, call Chuck Cook @ 797-1066 or 977-7673

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30. Membership renewal for the 2008/9 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the monthly meetings or by mail (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

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**Title: Hand Lettering your Freight Cars
Author: David Maynard**

As most of us who model, I have a need for lettering. And since dry transfers are getting hard to find around here, or are a special order item. And since they never seem to be in the color I want. And since I have not found them in some of the fonts I need. And since when I do use them I have all these letters left over I can't use like ZXQ and such. I decided that I would work out doing my own lettering.

As you may be able to understand I am limited in how small a type of lettering I can do by hand. But since I don't tend to worry too much about the real small details that part doesn't bother me.

So the first step is to find the type style (font) I want to use, and in the age of computers there are literally thousands to choose from. Then I print out what I want to put on what I am painting. By adjusting the font size I can make it come out whatever size I need on my printer. Or better yet I print it out as large as possible and reduce it on a copier to the correct size I need.



Then on the model I lay down a sheet of transfer paper or carbon paper (remember carbon paper kids?). Transfer paper will leave white on the model where it's rubbed, and of course carbon paper will leave black. The one I use depends on the color of

lettering I am doing, light colored lettering I use the transfer paper and dark colored lettering I use the carbon paper. Then I tape the paper with the lettering (artwork) onto the model, positioning it properly.

To transfer the outline I take an old ballpoint pen that has long ago run out of ink and run it firmly along the outline of the letters on the paper.

Did I mention I hardly ever throw anything away? But in the picture you see me using a pencil, today I couldn't find that pen. Have I also mentioned that I am a bit disorganized? When I use a pencil I have to keep it sharp, and that takes longer. As I go I will, from time to time, lift the paper to make sure I am getting a good image on the model, this is why I usually tape only along the top edge. But sometimes, as in this case, I need to tape along more than just the top to hold the artwork still. Then when I have a good outline of the letters I remove the papers.



Then it's a matter of painting between the lines with a small brush.



I know that right now someone out there is saying "My hand isn't steady enough to do that." Well neither is mine. So when I do make a mistake I let the paint dry and then carefully scrape the error off with a new Xacto blade.



It usually takes me going over the letters about 3 times to get them filled in real nice and to fix my mistakes. Sure it is a bit time consuming, but I end up with exactly what I want with no wasted letters. And the looks on people's faces when I tell them its hand painted are priceless.



On the Pittsburgh Metal Airplane car I also numbered the car differently on each side. That way it appears that I have 2 of these cars. If you have any questions or comments, or want to show me some of your hand letter cars, please send me an email at info@lsol.com

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Trains and Coins

Jim Miller

Several years ago (1981) I stumbled onto a display of coins with trains on them. I had gone with my brother who is a coin dealer to help him out at a coin show and when it wasn't busy I was walking around looking at different tables and one of the dealers had a display of three coins with trains on them. That immediately got my attention, and for the next several years I looked for the coins. A Mexico 1950 Cinco (5) Pesos large silver coin, Brazil 1938 200 Reis, and a Canada 1981 Dollar in a proof set.

I was able to buy a Canadian proof set that day, the Mexican 5 Pesos took a couple of years to find, and the Brazilian 200 Reis took several more years to find as it was a very inexpensive coin so the coin dealers don't usually stock them.

I have found a few more coins over the years. 1986 Canada Proof Dollar minted to commemorate the centennial of their transcontinental railroad. 1999 Canadian 25 cents Coast to Coast. The Canadian \$20 Transportation Series 2000-2003, each year there were three coins; a train, an automobile, and a sailing ship. I haven't bought all of them yet but probably will. 1883 Swiss 5 Francs shows a train coming out of a tunnel. There are a couple of Korea coins 2001 and 2002. And of course the 2007 Utah State Quarter commemorating the driving of the Golden Spike. While doing research for this article I found three more coins, 1857 Austria 2 Talers, 1991 Hungary 500 Forint, and 1994 Russia 25 Rubles, these are a little pricier than the others. There are most likely other coins that I don't know about yet.

While looking for train coins I came across several commemorative train pieces (not legal tender) that can be fun to collect. A few of them are silver but many are other metals including Aluminum. I also ran across some stamps with trains as many of the coin dealers also sell stamps and when you ask if they have any coins with trains on them they like to show you everything they have with a train on it.



1950 Mexico 5 Pesos



1986 Canada Dollar Transcontinental RR



1938 Brazil 200 Reis



1883 Swiss 5 Francs

We received this farewell from the Booths and wish them the best in their new location

Although we've just joined TGRS, I'm afraid we now need to discontinue our membership. We are moving to Salem, Oregon as my husband has just accepted a new job as Executive Director of the Mission Mill Museum (missionmill.org). You all seem like a great group of people and I wish we had discovered you four years ago so we could have known you longer.

Thank you so much for your kind welcome to the meeting we did go to and for being so welcoming to our kids as well. We wish you all the best!

Sincerely,
Dana and Peter Booth



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At the Prescott Activity Center 800 E. Gurley

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The Central Az Model RR Club

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Norm Delucchi, 242 Thoroughbred Dr. Prescott Az. 86301-6688

New Members

First there is Tucson Botanical Gardens as represented by Thorne Pierce. He is the person at the garden who we are helping to set up a permanent layout. He has attended our last two meetings.

Second, there are Kirk and Leora Lander. They have moved to Tucson from San Diego three months ago. They belonged to the garden railway

club in San Diego, but, since they did not have a yard at their condo, they had a train inside running around their ceiling from room to room.

They have a son who lives here in Tucson and have wanted to come over here for a while and finally made it. They found out about TGRS from 22nd Street Ace Hardware and from our web site. Kirk was at our last meeting. They live on the north west side near Foothills Mall and have already gotten advice from Nick and Gary and are on their way to a real garden railroad.

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:

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Calendar of Events

Aug 16	“Chef of the Day” Ronald McDonald House
Sep 20	Bob and Eileen Schwab
Oct 18	Chuck & Ruth Taylor
Nov 15	Gary and Peggy Martin
Dec	Christmas Party
Jan	Jay & Sallie Sanders
Feb	Rincon Country RV Park

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