



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

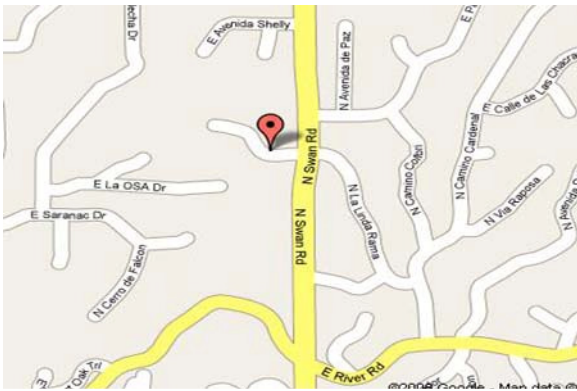
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November, 2008

The November Meeting is on the 16th of November at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin. The meeting will start at 12:30 pm, see below for details.

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.



Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad

Gary started his garden railway in 1992 after buying his first Garden Railway magazine.

It was decided that the design of the railroad would be educational and aesthetic and that the theme of the railroad would be the early diverse events that took place in Arizona between the late 1800's and the mid 1900's. As you walk through the garden, look closely and you will see miniature scenes that depict these early events. The garden is divided into two distinctive areas: mountains and desert. The layout has grown in four phases: first was the town area and 50 feet of track. Next came the logging area with waterfall and ponds the third phase was the desert mining area. The fourth phase is the raised track as you enter the train yard and was designed exclusively to extend the total footage of

running track. The garden incorporates a variety of native with other colorful plants that have been chosen for their resistance to desert animals. We have enjoyed a project that brings two hobbies together, gardening and model railroading.



The Railway at a Glance

Name: Eagle Mountain Railroad
Owner: Gary and Peggy Martin
Size: 30 feet by 150 feet and 30 feet by 100 feet (7,500 sq. ft.)
Scale: 1:22.5, 1:24, 1:20.3
Gauge: No. 1 (45mm)

Theme: 3" narrow gauge, Arizona mountains and desert

Era: Steam, late 19th century to the 1930's

Age: 15 yrs.

Motive power: Track and battery power

Length of track: 1400 feet

Maximum gradient: 6.0 %

Minimum radius: 18 inches

Type of track: Code 332, LGB and Aristo-Craft

Structures: Pike, Pola, Railroad Ave., and scratch built

Control system: Track power using Bridgeworks, MRC, Aristo-Craft, LGB, Hogger power supplies controlled with Aristo-Craft Train Engineer R/C. and Battery power controlled with CVP Products AIRWIRE 900 R/C.

Plants on the Eagle Mountain Railroad

Trees

Mesquite
Palo Verde
Aleppo Pine
Dwarf Wines Pine
Dwarf Cedar
California Redwoods

Ground Cover

Myoporum
Lantana
Showy Primrose

Cactus and Succulents

Saguaro
Fishhook Barrel
Prickly Pear
Agave
Teddy Bear
Buckhorn Cholla
Bunyears
Dollar cactus
Tree chola
Crown of Thorns

Shrubs

Autumn Sage
Bird of Paradise
Blue Juniper
Brittlebush
Bursage
Creosote Bush
Desert Broom
Desert Phlox
Mexican Heather
Ocotillo
Penstemon
Rosemary



ALL ABOARD

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 5th ANNUAL

OPEN HOUSE

(TGRS General Meeting)

Gary and Peggy Martin's

EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN RAILROAD

DATE:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

Time: 12:30 Meeting

Open house begins after meeting

Buffet served at 5:00PM

**Please RSVP by 11/10/08 if you
plan to attend the buffet**

**QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS, CALL
GARY OR PEGGY MARTIN AT (520)2997428**

TGRS Christmas Party

It will be at the Hometown Buffet on Oracle Saturday December 6th beginning at noon. The cost is \$10/person. Ruth will take advance payments by mail (check only) or at the November meeting. She will also take payments at the door.

Mail Checks to:

Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

There will be a gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift.

The rules of the gift exchange. One gift per family with a limit of \$10 and steals limited to two.

More information to follow

Rail Fans Tour 2008

By Ibby Ulmer

Early on the morning of September 24 Norm and I boarded an airplane on our way to join a group of "Rail Fans" on a trip to Europe. In Cincinnati we met seven couples, mostly from ABTO, and boarded the plane for Amsterdam. When we arrived at our hotel we were met by Ellen and Joe Stoesser and Peggy and Gary Martin who had gone ahead a couple of days before.

We were barely settled in our rooms when the sightseeing began. The next few days were spent seeing the sights in the area including museums, the Anne Frank house, a wooden shoe factory, the international flower market, the diamond market and of course, windmills. We also toured a "replica" Dutch village on the shore of the Zuider Zee. Oh, and, by the way, some of us took an evening tour of "the district" that is so famous.

On the 28th we took an all day intercity train trip to Bern, Switzerland. The next day we took the *Golden Pass Panoramic Train*. We went from sea level at Lake Geneva, passed through alpine meadows and crossed the spine of the Alps. There's no comparison to the beauty of the Alpine countryside. While in Montreux we went by boat to Chillon castle built in the 13th century.

Early on the 30th we took another train to Zermatt and then took a series of gondolas and cable cars to the top of Klein Matterhorn. From the rarified 127063 ft altitude we saw skiers on the slopes and an Italian village in the valley among other views.

We returned to Bern and had dinner at the famous restaurant Kornhouskeller built in 1714.



On October 1 we boarded the train to Milan, Italy and were there in time for lunch and a bus tour of the city. We were able to see the famous Di Vinci painting of The Last Supper at the Cenacolo Vinciana. We then proceeded to Como where we spent the next two nights. The villas, hotels and casinos on the lake are amazing as well as the list of celebrities who spend time there.

Then on the third we took a bus to Florence where we saw more churches and art museums including the famous statue of David by Michelangelo. The next day we took a bus trip through the beautiful Tuscan countryside with its vineyards and Olive groves to Sienna and San Gimignano.

On the 5th we toured Lucca, the birth place of Puccini, and went to Pisa to see the leaning tower. We were all surprised to learn that the bell tower is not the only building that is leaning. The Duomo and the other buildings also lean.



The following day we boarded the motor coach that took us to Rome. In the afternoon we saw the sights of the city from the bus with our guide who reminded us that "Rome wasn't built in a day." On Tuesday we had a full day touring such places as the

Catacombs, the Vatican Gardens, St Peters Basilica, the Vatican museum and the Sistine Chapel. Ellen and Joe were fortunate enough to spend time with Tucson's Bishop Kicanus who was in Rome for a meeting of Bishops. They also were able to attend the Papal Audience on Wednesday.

On the 8th we had a free day and we all made the most of it visiting Roman ruins, the Colosseum and other highlights of Rome. It was all capped off by a farewell dinner and a night time tour of the city.

Thursday the 9th was spent on airplanes heading home and adjusting to our mundane life in Tucson while remembering the sights, sounds and tastes of a wonderful trip.

MONTHLY LUNCHEON & TRAIN VIEWING!!!

We have been invited to Dale Cover's house on Thursday Nov. 13th to view his many train layouts and then go to lunch afterwards. Dale lives at 4733 E. Montecito, which is a couple blocks south of Broadway and his house is just east of Swan. To get there from the south just turn on to Montecito, which is between 17th and 18th. From the north you can: a) Go past 17th and past Montecito and make a U-turn on Swan and come back to his street, or b) turn left on 17th and go several blocks, then right on Niven and right on his street back to 4733. Dale has many small loops of trains in all scales, both indoors and out. In addition he has a homemade train YOU CAN RIDE ON, and a homemade monorail (no, you can't ride on that). If that is not enough, he has a Koi pond and a greenhouse and a great workshop with many neat solutions to common problems. We will gather at his house at 10 a.m. and a little after 11 a.m. we will move over to the Hungry Fox Restaurant and Store at 4637 E. Broadway (NW corner Broadway/Swan) for lunch. Any questions, call Chuck Cook @ 797-1066 or 977-7673.

Progress on the Golembiewski's RR

Inspired by a raised layout we saw during one of the Rails in the Gardens tour a couple of years ago, and because we are getting older and creakier, we decided to construct our own raised layout.

We used concrete block as a perimeter, 4 to 5 levels depending on the slope of the backyard and Wonder Board for the top. We also used pressure treated 2x4's and Trex composite decking (16 inch on center) for the frame work. Also 4x4's pressure treated wood for the legs, approximately every two feet apart.

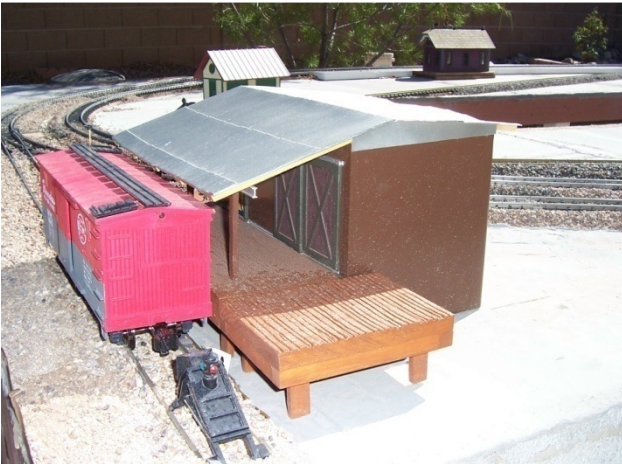
The track and switches are AristoCraft stainless steel, and at present we will be using track power, wiring in progress, 14 AWG for short runs, and 12 AWG for longer runs, with jumper wires attached

approximately every 6 to 8 feet. We used Split Jaw and AristoCraft rail joiners.



We have installed Sierra Sound in one locomotive.

The freight station and log cabin are scratch built.



The bridge is removable for easy access to the U shaped layout. Wiring is under the Wonder Board.

The mountain is actually a faux stone garden fountain, with large stones from our yard complimenting the fountain. There will be a lake at the bottom, with possibly real water.

We have more buildings to put up and much more scenery to put down.

No name for the railway yet, but our kids call it The Bunker.

Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

UMC Children's Hospital

Vicky Began, our contact at University Medical Center, called with some good news. Vicky is Vice President for Women's and Children's Services there, and as such, is heavily involved in the planning and construction of the new Children's addition. She said that plan revisions were just

about done, and she would like to make a presentation to our members after the first of the year to bring us up to date on progress there. So we made the February meeting at Rincon Country West the time and place for that presentation, since it will be indoors and there is plenty of room for all to attend. Vicky is also going to get us some poster-sized renderings of the new facility for us to display at the Pima County Fair in April. In a nutshell, the timing for the interior work on the addition will be on or after 16 June 2009, and I told her we would like at least 4 months to work on our part of the project. Vicky said this would not be a problem, and said she would have a representative of the Architect's office get in touch with me with regard to plans and facilities. So, plan to attend the February 14th meeting at Rincon Country West RV Park to learn more about this exciting project. See you there!
Norm Ulmer

Just an update

Bud Stewart from the Gadston Pacific Division finally returned my call today. The December swap meet is scheduled for Saturday, December 13th, which is the first weekend of the downtown display. I explained to him that we had committed the Children's layout to the downtown effort and he was very supportive of our participation. He said the most important thing was to get the trains on display even if it wasn't at their swap meet.

They are planning the next swap meet on January 17th and I told him we would support that meet.
Willis

Correction

In my article "Walt's Barn" which appeared in last month's newsletter, I neglected to include the correct title of the Michael Broggie's book. The title of the book is "Walt Disney's Railroad Story". It's a great book for all us model railroad enthusiasts.

Willis Fagg

2009 Rails In The Garden

Well, it's November already and our Rails in the Garden tour is only four months away. For 2009 the RITG dates are March 7 and March 8. After trying to concentrate 2008's tour on Tucson's east side, 2009's tour will be (mostly) on the west side. We have a great group of layouts - several of which have been modified or expanded recently. Six of the eight layouts were on the 2008 convention tour. The hosts/layouts for this tour are:

- 1) Rincon Country West RV Resort club layout
- 2) Glenn & Janet Mitchell
- 3) Gary & Peggy Martin
- 4) Nick Buchholz & Mary Ker
- 5) Bruce Lynn
- 6) Roy & Mary Ann Eberbach
- 7) Bob & Jean Hoffman
- 8) Bob & Eileen Schwab

We are implementing a simplified ticket pricing scheme for the 2009 RITG – individual adult tickets will be \$5 and children/teens 18 and under will be admitted at no charge, when accompanied by and adult. Tickets to be sold will be available for distribution to members beginning at the Christmas lunch on December 6th. Put your salesperson's hat on and get ready to hawk those tickets!

Lastly, for now - all of our RITG tours have enjoyed wonderful support from our non-host members to help the hosts prepare their layouts and help at layouts on tour days with operation and "meet and greet" duties. To have another successful RITG for 2009, we need to continue to support the layout hosts. While some hosts will require no additional help for layout prep, others may appreciate a helping hand with final clean-up and setup. Keep this in mind and look for the opportunity to help someone.

Thanks and keep smiling!
Glenn Mitchell

Minutes of the October 18, 2008 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser
The meeting was held at the home of Ruth and Chuck Taylor
Norm thanked them for hosting
There were 47 attendees
Minutes of the September meeting were approved.
Vice President's Report: Willis Fagg reported about our upcoming events:
Veterans Hospital: Monday-Dec. 29---set-up-10:00 A.M.-4:30 P.M. Tuesday-Dec. 30 run trains-9:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Wednesday-Dec.31-run trains -9:00 A.M-2:00 P.M. with tear down to follow. We will run the small version of the large layout. There was a sign up sheet for this.
There was a sign up sheet for the downtown **Festival of Lights**. The dates are: December 12-13-14 and 10-20-21 and 26-27-28.
Christmas Party is December 6th at noon. Money will still be collected at meetings and at the door. This will be at Hometown Buffet and the cost of the lunch is \$10.00
Gadsden-Pacific has a December 13th show planned. The January show will be on the 17th.
Pima County Fair will be held April 16-26th 2009. Willis is still trying to contact Peggy.

Treasurer's Report: Ruth Taylor reported:

1. Checking account balance 10/18/08	\$12,418.83
2. Reserve account balance 10/18/0	<u>17,137.24</u>
3. Total on deposit	\$29,556.28
4. Revenues from 9/17/08	\$1,624.21
5. Expenses from 9/17/08	<u>- 1,195.48</u>
6. Net revenues from 9/17/08	\$ 428.73
7. YEAR TO DATE RECAP:	
8. Revenues to date	\$14,449.63*
9. Expenses to date	<u>2,725.40</u>
10. Net revenue	\$11,724.23

11. *Includes \$11,500.00 revenue from Convention
12. The treasurer's report was approved.

Editor's Report: Jim Miller reported things were going well and if you have any articles or pictures, please submit them.

Membership Committee: Ibbey Ulmer reported we have 81 members. The October roster is available on the web.

Social Committee: This month's luncheon included a pool tournament

Old Business:

- A. **Convention Report:** Willis reported that the city of Chandler is going to refund The Convention - \$175.00. We will close the books then.
- B. **Convention Cars:** We are selling the convention cars for \$50.00 apiece or \$160.00 for a case of Joe Stoesser will contact Joe Findyz (Ace Hardware) to see if we can sell them at the store. There are bags, pins free for the taking. Chuck and Ruth also had books free for the taking.
- C. **Rails in the Garden:** Glenn Mitchell reported that he needs help to make calls about publicity for the event. We already have gotten some in one magazine.
- D. **UMC Children's Hospital**—Norm reported that UMC is still checking the revised plans also that Vicky Began is out of town.

E. Tucson Children's Museum:

Glenn Mitchell brought the control panel for the overhead train. The acrylic road bed construction will be held at Nick's house.

October 25th & 26th ---November 1st & 2nd 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

This will be cutting, gluing and clamping the cut plastic. He would like you to check with him for the tools to bring. There was a sign up sheet for this at the meeting. There will be a workshop at Norm's to build the plywood locomotive.

October 25th & 26th ---November 1st & 2nd from 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

There was a sign up sheet for the workshop.

Grants; Union Pacific gave us a donation of \$1500.00 for the Tucson Children's Museum.

New Business:

- A. June Weaver is ill and had an EEG, Norm will check with June and see what the results of the test were.
- B. **Joe Duda's** layout is going to be open on Sunday November 9th-10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. as part of the **NMRA Fall Meet** which is on November 8th.

Open House: Gary and Peggy Martin will host the Nov. club meeting and this will also be his annual Open House. This will be on the 15th with the meeting at 12:30 and the trains running after the meeting. The Open House will be from 2:00—5:00 P.M. There will be a buffet for club members after the Open House.

Ellen

New Members

We have no new members for October.

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.

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".

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

- Nov 15 Gary and Peggy Martin**
- Dec 6 Christmas Party**
- Dec Festival of Lights 8-9 & Layout at the Veterans Hospital 29-31**
- Dec 29-31 Veterans Hospital**
- Jan Jay & Sallie Sanders**
- Jan 17 TTOM Swap Meet**
- Feb 14 Rincon Country West RV Park**
- Mar 7&8 RITG**
- Mar 21 Tucson Botanical Gardens**
- Apr 16-29 Pima County Fair**

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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