



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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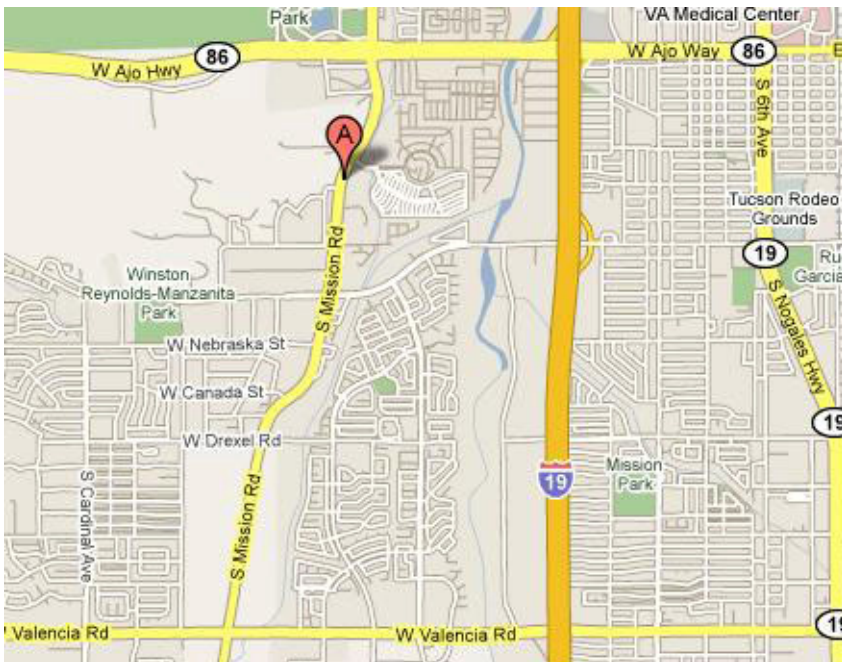
February, 2009

The February Meeting is on the 14th of February at Rincon Country West RV Resort. Trains will run at noon and the meeting will follow at 1:00 pm in the RCW Recreation Hall located next to the RCW train layout.

located on left at end of Boulevard. There is plenty of parking on the Left in parking spaces located all around the RCW auditorium next to the train layout.

Rincon Country West Railroad

The RCW RR 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 four winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 450 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. Our Train Depot containing a work bench, shelf and track storage for trains and all our electronics has been completed. The club recently added 150 feet of track and expanded the front of the layout to include an industrial area and switch yard as well as a new trolley line running from the town of Rincon to the circus.



**Rincon Country West RV Resort
4555 S. Mission Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746
Contact: Ken Zacharias
Tel. # 294-4980**

Directions to RCW RV Resort

Take I-19 S, go 1.3 mi to Ajo Way, exit 99. Turn Right (W) at Ajo Way, go 0.9 mi. Turn Left (S) at Mission Rd., go 0.6 mi. Turn Left at Via Ingresso-entrance to Rincon Country West. Take immediate first Right at Gate House entrance. Once through gate proceed down main boulevard to club layout



Three Locomotives from the Rincon Country West Railroad



More Power on the Rincon Country West Railroad

MONTHLY LUNCHEON

OK, this month it's not a luncheon, it's a brunch. The date is Tuesday Feb 10th. We will meet at LeBuzz (in the Safeway center on the NE corner of Tanque Verde Rd. and Catalina Highway) for coffee and pastries at 9 a.m. At about 10 a.m. we will head out to members Johnny and Fran Ourso's house. They have a very large layout of MTH trains in O gauge for us to view. Then we will move outside where Johnny has a loop of G gauge track around the pool; and he and I will run our large MTH engines. If you have ANY questions about MTH equipment, Johnny is your guy (he's a beta tester for them). Any questions, call Chuck Cook @ 797-1066 or 977-7673.

Tucson Garden Railway Society 2009 Rails In The Garden Tour

This year's tour will be the sixth annual Rails in the Garden Tour and will feature eight garden train

layouts primarily on Tucson's west side. Layouts open for viewing include a large, 4000 sq.ft. old Arizona themed pike; a raised, for ease of access, layout featuring bustling city and town scenes and a club layout built and operated primarily by winter visitors. The diversity of the layouts promises to provide another interesting tour. 2009 tour particulars are:

Dates: March 7 & 8, 2009

Times: 10:00 AM 'til 4:00 PM each day

Cost: \$5.00 per person – no charge for children/teens 18 and under

Tickets: available at Barbeque World, at the Hobby Place at Ace Hardware, from TGRS members and by mail

For Info: Visit www.tucsongrs.org for contact info, tour info and tickets by mail form

Email: ritg@tucsongrs.org

Phone: 520-406-8853

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a registered 501(c)(3) organization. Funds raised by tour ticket sales help fund the Society's projects at the Tucson Children's Museum, Tucson Botanical Garden, Ronald McDonald House, Veteran's Hospital and our modular displays at various locations throughout the year.

Pictures from our January Meeting at Jay and Sallie Sanders





worked the VA, Home Show and Swap Meet. He also thanked Chuck Cook for his help with the scheduling.

Treasurer's Report: Willis reported:

1. Checking account balance 1/20/09 \$1,450.61
2. Reserve account balance 1/20/09 17,150.38
3. CD maturing 1/11/10 (13 months @3.25%)
\$5,000.00
4. **Total on deposit** **\$23,600.09**
5. Revenues from 11/16/08 \$1,302.06
6. Expenses from 11/16/08 5,485.72
7. **Net revenues from 11/16/08** **\$4,183.66**
8. YEAR TO DATE RECAP:
9. Revenues to date \$16,195.53 *
10. Expenses to date 10,426.59**
11. **Net revenue** **\$5,768.94**
12. *Includes \$12,289.97 revenue from Convention
13. **Includes \$5,136.32 for TCM project
14. Total dues received \$1,451.00
15. The treasurer's report was approved.

Mentor Committee: Nick Buchholz had application forms to be a counselor for a Boy Scout to get the Railroad Merit Badge. Training sessions are 4/18/09 and 8/29/09.

Editor's Report: Jim Miller reported things were going well and if you go on any train excursion write an article and if you have pictures, please submit them.

Social Committee: There will be a brunch at Le Buzz coffee Shop (9121 E Tanque Verde) on 2/10/2009 at 9:00 a.m. There will be an open house at Johnny Ourso's after the brunch. Chuck is setting up a train excursion going from Globe to the Apache Gold Casino. It is a 1 1/2 hour drive to Globe and a 25 minute train ride. The train runs Thursday through Sunday until May 2. If more than 20 people sign up, we would have preferred seating. Cost is \$15:00 for those over 59---\$20.00 for those under 59---Children--\$10.00. Currently they are using a diesel engine, in February they will be using a 1917 Heisler Geared locomotive. Website— www.copperstrike.com.

Education Committee: Janet Mitchell is resigning in June. Contact Norm or Dick Izen if you would to head the committee.

Maintenance Committee: Gary Martin has a list of things that need repaired. If you have repairs, please give them to him as soon as you noticed them.

Old Business:

- A. **Tucson Children's Museum:** Dick reported that so far, \$5100.00 has been spent. \$4000.00 from TGRS and the rest from a \$1500.00 contribution from Union Pacific. We are still waiting to see if

Minutes of the January 24, 2009 Meeting

Respectfully submitted by Ellen Stoesser

The meeting was held at the home of Jay and Sallie Sanders

Norm thanked them for hosting

There were 48 attendees.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Vice President's Report: Willis Fagg reported about our upcoming events:

Rails in the Garden: Willis would like the hosts to let him know if they need volunteers to help them.

The Pima County Fair will be held April 16-26th 2009. Willis had sign up sheets. We need to sign up early to get our free passes. Willis would like to give the passes out at the March meeting. Set up will start on April 10, so we can unload in the building. More work on the layout will continue the next week. The final set up will be on Thursday. We need 8 people for each shift. Willis asked for a helper to help with scheduling while he is gone on Feb 1-5 and 27-March 11. He also thanked those who

there is going to be a grant from Union Pacific. We will find out about this in February. The display is done except for a few odds and ends, and there is still a few problems with the TV.

- B. Norm thanked all those who helped at the Home Show, especially those who took the Split Jaw wrenches home with them. Nick is going to order more wrenches.
- C. **Rails in the Garden:** Glenn Mitchell reported we are in great shape. We sent out 950 ticket order forms and 75% of the RV's homes have flyers. Press releases are out. If you need tickets without a map, contact Glenn. He would like the members to make sure and volunteer to help.
- D. **UMC Children's Hospital**—Norm reported that Vicky Begen (Vice President of Women's and Children's Services) will be at our 2/14/08 meeting at RCW RV park with a slide show and posters for the our UMC project. On 2/2/09 Norm will meeting with the architect and interior designer. They will be doing a walk around Gary's and Norm's layouts. In June or July we will start with our part. We will have our meeting after the presentation.

New Business:

- A. **Nominating Committee:** Dick would like more people to volunteer for the election of officers.
- B. **Turf:** artificial turf can be purchased at Turf Tek at 3902 N Oracle, 888-6777.
- C. GP TTom will install a 7 ½ " Ga layout around their property.
- D. Only 4 people are going to the Denver Convention
- E. Bryon Skinner had OSH calendars free for the taking.

Announcements: Ryan McCann will have his layout open after todays meeting at 7920 E Birwood. The NMRA will have a meet in Phoenix on 3/7/09. Nick had handouts.

Gary is going to have a workshop on 2/7/09 at 1:00 p.m. Southwest structure from foam board. There was a sign up sheet if you are going. He will have a workshop on weathering a couple of months later. Maricopa Live Stream will have a spring meet the weekend of March 21.

The next regular meeting will be at Rincon West RV on February 14. at 1:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE TUCSON RAILWAY SOCIETY JANUARY 20, 2009

Members present: Nick Buchholz, Chuck Cook, Jim Cook, Bob Dirksen, Willis Fagg, Dick Izen, Jim Miller, Glenn Mitchell, Janet Mitchell, Ruth Taylor, Ibby Ulmer and Norm Ulmer.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer, Ruth Taylor reported a checking account balance of \$1,450.61, a savings account balance of \$17,150.38 and a 13 month CD of \$5,000 for a total on deposit of \$23,600.99. Revenues from November 16th were \$1,302.06 and expenses for the same period were \$5,485.72. The report was approved.

The Vice President, Willis Fagg, reported that he has spoken to Peggy at the Pima County Fair which is scheduled to run from noon on Thursday the 16th of April through Sunday the 26th. Because we will not have access through the 4H exhibit later, we will unload on Friday the 10th and then set up on Monday the 13th. As in past years there is some controversy about the number of passes they will allow us, but we are confident that we can work it out. The Board approved the purchase of a starter set for raffle. Willis will circulate a sign up sheet at the meetings.

The next swap meet is June 6th. It will be at the fair grounds. Pepe is sending us a DVD of the news coverage of our display at the Veterans Hospital.

Membership Chairman, Ibby Ulmer, reported that we now have 90 members. An Up-to-date roster is on the website.

Social Committee Chairman, Chuck Cook reported that our next social function will be a brunch at LaBuz on Feb. 10th at 9:00 am followed by a viewing of Johnny Ourso's layout.

Education Chairman, Janet Mitchell, they are considering a magnetic puzzle for the children to play with on the wall. The Board agreed that nothing further be done until we get the grant from the museum.

President Norm Ulmer reported that Vicki Began from UMC will be at our February meeting to present a power point show on the Children's hospital.

Nick Buchholz reported that he has finally been able to get in touch with the Boy Scouts regarding our participation in the merit badge program. He will be asking for volunteers who will be willing to participate in training sessions in April and August.

Dick Izen told us of some vandalism that has occurred at the Children's Museum. The start button was broken as well as a portion of the bell on the engine. The button has been replaced and plans are going forward to make the display "kid proof." There are also technical problems with the TV and they are being resolved. Posters have been

translated into Spanish and will be put up soon. At some point we will turn it over to the Museum. If and when they get a grant we will get some of our money back.

Glenn Mitchell reported on the progress on the Rails In The Garden Tour. Over 950 mailings went out. An order form for tickets has been put on the website. Flyers are being distributed and notices have gone to the newspapers. Hosts will be responsible for getting their own help. There was a discussion of whether or not to give free passes to active duty airmen and their families, but the consensus was that it could be difficult to implement.

There was discussion about the rearrangement of the trailers so as to take just one for the smaller layouts such as the VA. This would involve changing the height of two of the racks. Also there was a decision made to change the casters on the taller racks to swivel casters. This could maybe be done at the time of the County Fair while they are empty.

It was announced that GP TTOM is considering a 7 1/2" gauge layout at their museum. In order to participate, one would have to join.

It was announced that KVOA TV would not let us put their report on the VA on our website. The question is should we get their permission to post in writing?

Respectfully submitted
Ibby Ulmer, acting Secretary

Future Meetings and Events 2009

February---Rincon West RV Club 14---1:00p.m.
March---RITG---7&8
March 21---Tucson Botanical Gardens---10:00 A.M.
April 3-4 Sahba Home Show If we do this
Fair---April 16-26
May 16---Gast—East side round-a-bout
July 5-11 Denver www.2009ngrc.com
Round-a-bout ---Sonoita—George & Peggy
Wagoner---Peter & Julie Firos

Adobe Mountain Model Railroading Adventures & "Everything Railroad" Swap Meet

Adobe Mountain Railroad Park
22822 N 43rd Ave
North of Pinnacle Peak Rd.

Saturday, March 21st, 2009 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

A Big Welcome to New Members

A late welcome to the Whelans family, Joseph and Laura and their two children Ashing (10 yrs old) and Liam (8 years old.) Liam is the train buff of the family.

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 14 Rincon Country West RV Park
Mar 7&8 RITG
Mar 21 Tucson Botanical Gardens
Apr 16-29 Pima County Fair
May 16 Rick & Sue Gast
Jul 5-11 National Garden Railway Convention, Denver

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