



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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The May meeting is at Rick and Sue Gast's with a roundabout after the meeting

Welcome back to the T & T Railroad. Rick and Sue Gast welcome you back to their Garden Railroad. Our Layout will be open to view at 8:30 am prior to the 9:00 am meeting. Please bring a chair so you are comfortable during the meeting.

Driving directions to Gast's. The Gast's live at 7751 E. Fairmount St. and their phone is 721-8305. From the South take Speedway to Pantano Rd, go North ¼ mile then turn West on Fairmount St. From the North come down Sabino Canyon Rd. Turn East on Wrightstown Rd. ½ mile then South on Pantano Rd. ¾ miles then turn West on Fairmount St. to 7751.

After the meeting members can proceed to two other club layouts at the homes of:

Garb and Dorothy Mechigian and Tom and Gretchen Schaefer.

Garb and Dorothy Mechigian. We have built the D and G Railroad in three years. We have three main towns, a 1930-1940 town, and Old West town and an Alpine Village served by a Rack Railroad. There are approximately 600 feet of track. Trains are track powered with a walk around control.

To get here from Rick and Sue's go north on Pantano Rd. to E. Tanque Verde Rd. (stay in right lane past Wrightstown Rd. to cross bridge to Tanque Verde). Go East on Tanque Verde past Catalina Highway. Turn right at the first gate for Lakes at Castle Rock. Take Castle Rock Rd. then turn right onto Lake Vista Drive and a quick right onto Split Rock Pl. 2nd house on left. 2142 N Split Rock Place. From the East, go west from Houghton Rd. to 3rd gate at Lakes of Castle Rock and follow directions as above.

Tom and Gretchen Schaefer, T & G Western started three years ago with a humble little loop in our front yard. The following year, we cleared a space in our

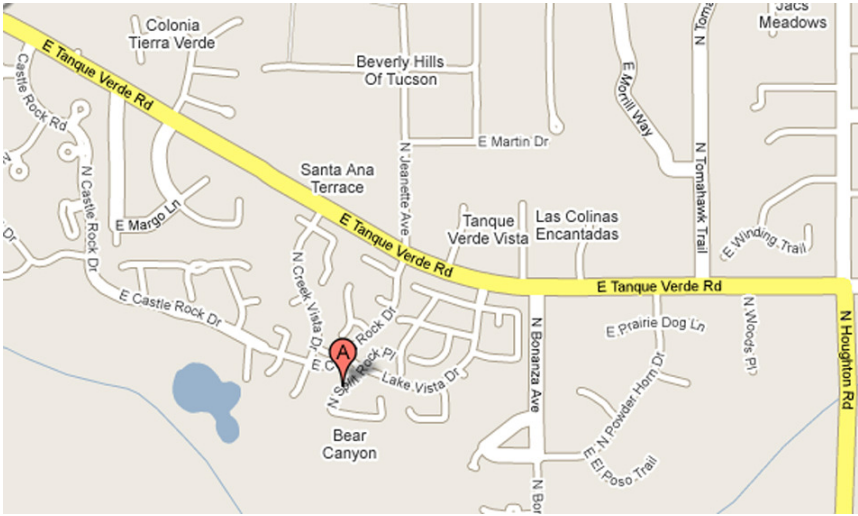
backyard to expand our line. However, physical difficulties have forced us to go "up", so we are now in the process of raising our track layout.

Our layout is currently under construction, but it will soon be up and running. So, come and see our work-in-progress and feel free to share your thoughts and elbow grease.

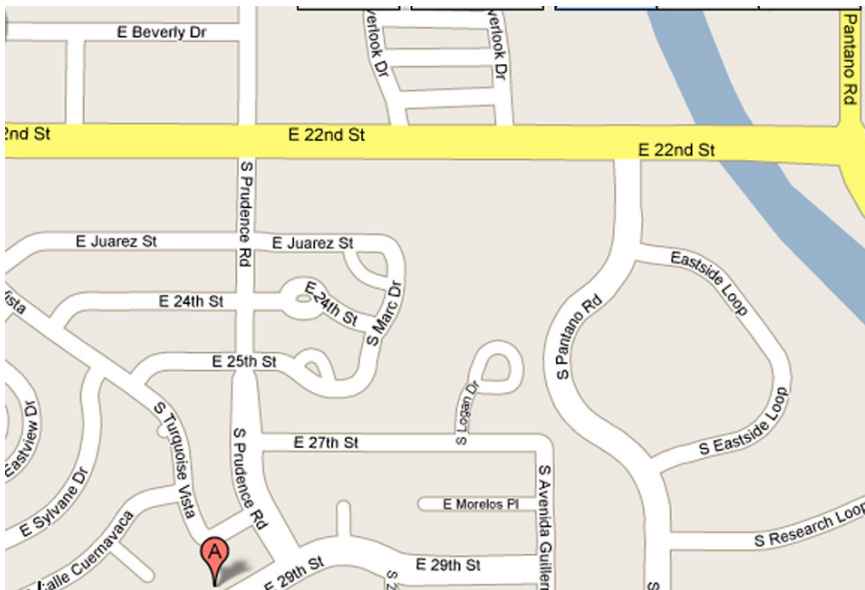
To get here from Rick's house, take Pantano Rd. South to 22nd Street and turn right (west). At the second light, Prudence, turn left (south) and continue until you reach a stop sign. (29th Street). Turn Right (west) on 29th Street. We are the fourth grey house on the right (north) side. 7501 E 29th Street.



Map to Rick and Sue Gast's home



Map to Garb and Dorothy Mechigian's home



Map to Tom and Gretchen Schaefer's

TGRS Elections

By Dick Izen

As you know this is the year when we elect officers and at-large directors for the next two years. Per our by-laws the nominating committee (that's me and Gary Martin) is to submit a list of at least one name for each position in April. That's the purpose of this article.

We propose the following slate, all of whom have agreed to serve:

Officers (* designates incumbent)

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| President | Norm Ulmer | * |
| Vice President | Willis Fagg | * |
| Secretary | Sallie Sanders | |

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| Treasurer | Ruth Taylor | * |
| Editor | Jim Miller | * |

At Large Board Members (* designates incumbent)

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| Barry Blackwell | |
| Nick Buchholz | * |
| Bob Dirksen | * |
| Jack Forgues | |
| Jay Sanders | |

Remember nominations from the floor are accepted. If you think you know a member in good standing who is willing to serve please let me know. If they agree to serve their name will be added to the list of candidates. Since we don't have an April meeting, nominations from the floor will be accepted through April 26, the last day of the Pima County Fair. That will just give me enough time to check the candidate's willingness to serve and amend the list for publication in the May news letter. Elections will be held at the May meeting as per the by-laws.

U of A Master Gardener's Garden Tour

On Saturday, April 4th, Gary and Peggy Martin's Garden Railroad was part of the U of A Master Gardener's Annual Garden Tour. There were four gardens selected to take part in this fund raising event with over four hundred in attendance. We would like to thank the following TGRS members for their help in operating trains and talking to visitors:

- Barry and Gina Blackwell, Jim and Madelyne Cook, Joe Duda, George Fitzner, Dick Isen, Ken Karrels, Thorne Pierce, and Joe Stoesser. Thanks again for making this a

great event.

Gary and Peggy Martin

South County Garden Railroaders

Invite you to the 15th annual Garden Layout Tour

August 15th, 2009

Visit 11 model railroads running thru some of the most unusual backyard gardens in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and Hollister. Please bring non perishable food [canned goods, pasta, cereal, etc] to donate [cash or check to "St Josephs Family Center" or "the Community Pantry" also gratefully accepted] and pickup a guide book after August 1st at the All Aboard Junction train store at 8355 Monterey Street, Gilroy [behind Cottage Floors], Garden Accents at

1155 Lena Avenue, Gilroy [near 101-Masten exit],
BookSmart at 80 East 2nd Street,
Morgan Hill [Near Depot Street at RR Tracks] or San
Juan Model Railroaders at Bolado Park in Hollister.
For more information visit
<http://www.bagrs.org/FoodDrive> or call Pat [408-846-8841] or Dale [408-848-1440] or Email
"dalemcanally@verizon.net" or Dave [408-842-1843]
for more information.

Photos from TGRS rides the Copper Spike Railway



The broken Heisler Locomotive
Photo by Jackie Conrad



TGRS at the 2009 Pima County Fair



Power from the past has railroad equipment

A Big Welcome to New Members

Our newest members are Bob and Sherry Campbell. He joined at the Fair. They were originally from California, but have lived all over the U. S. and abroad before retiring to Oro Valley eight years ago. He has attended a couple of tours, is just starting his layout and has requested help from members.

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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4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

May 9	Chef for a Day, Ronald McDonald House
May 16	Rick & Sue Gast
Jun 20	Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker
Jul 5-11	National Garden Railway Convention, Denver
Feb 10	RCW Rec Hall

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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