



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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There is no Meeting in August

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expired on June 30.
Membership renewal for the 1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010 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) Please make checks payable to TGRS and send to:

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

Gary Martin will be presenting a weathering workshop on

**Saturday, August 8th
10:00 AM**

4625 Cerro de Aguila

The workshop will include airbrush, chalk and ink weathering techniques. If you plan to attend, please contact Gary at 299-7428 or pgmartin5@hotmail.com.

**A Tale of four trains
By Norm Ulmer**

On June 25th, lbb and I set out for Sumpter, Oregon, intent on riding the Sumpter Valley Railroad. On arrival in Sumpter, it was a glorious sunny summer day. We rode in a fully restored vintage coach,



behind a restored Mikado, #19.



This engine was originally purchased by the Sumpter Valley in 1920, along with its twin #20. Both engines were sold in 1940 when the SVRy purchased the articulated 2-6-6-2 engines, #250 & #251 from the Uintah Railway Co. Both engines wound up in the yard of the White Pass & Yukon in Skagway Alaska, and in 1977 were reacquired by the SVRy.

The trip covered a distance of about 6 miles, the entire distance was alongside the tailings dump from a dredging operation that had ceased in 1954, after

removing some \$10 million of gold from the site. All in all, a worthwhile adventure, including being robbed by mounted bandits.

Next, we traveled to Portland, Oregon to visit some of Ibbey's cousins. While there, we attended the Oregon Zoo, where we rode the 24" gauge open air train around the park. The engine was a dolled up diesel switcher



with a fancy cab made to look like a streamliner. Later in the day, they pull the cars with a replica 4-4-0 steam engine, a very fancy and well decorated little engine.



Again, a fun thing to do.

After visiting our daughter and grandchildren in Washington, we went on to Glacier National Park in Montana, and then to Mt. Rushmore in So. Dakota. We were pleasantly surprised to find that right there in Hill City, SD, there was a tourist train called the "1880 Train". Well, we just had to ride it. The train is owned by the Black Hills Central Railroad, and runs from Hill City to Keystone, a distance of 9 miles thru very lovely forested terrain. On the trip we saw many deer and turkeys.

Now, the really interesting thing about this train is that it is pulled by an engine that both Bachmann and Garden Railways would have you believe was never built. But, there it was, a Baldwin 2-6-6-2T, #110, built in 1928, and the engine that Bachmann has just released a model of.



This engine pulled a consist of 6 fully loaded passenger cars up a very long 6% grade on the way to Keystone and back, without so much as a hiccup. It currently is the only one of it's kind in operation. However, there is another one in process of being restored in California. This was a very enjoyable adjunct to our visit to Mt Rushmore.

Our next stop was in Colorado Springs, to ride the Pike's Peak Cog Railway.



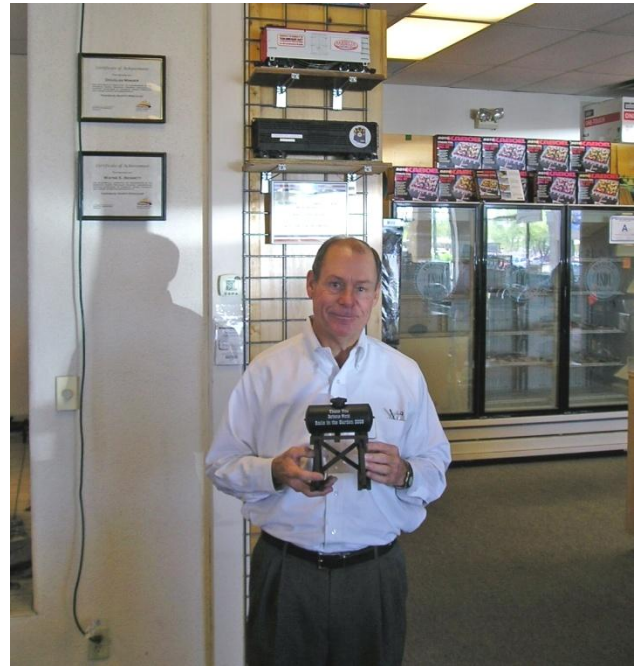
The day was sunny, very warm at the depot in Manitou Springs (87 degrees) and on top, well above tree line, surrounded by unmelted snow, it was still 47 degrees. The ride progresses thru Ponderosa and Pinion pine, Aspen and other deciduous trees, and some spectacular views from the top -14,115' elevation. Altogether, a very enjoyable trip for anyone who hasn't been there yet.

MONTHLY SOCIAL OUTING

Member Thorne Pierce and his wife have graciously offered us an afternoon at their cabin on Mt Lemmon for a Beat the Heat BBQ. So, mark your calendars for the afternoon of Sunday August 9th. Plans will be to form some carpools and drive up to their place in Willow Canyon. We will arrive around 1 PM, put some chicken and hamburgers on the grill around 2 PM and enjoy a nice Sunday afternoon picnic. The club will round up the food and lemonade and ice tea and charge \$3 per person. We will ask those attending to bring some kind of salad or desert. Those that want to bring adult beverages can do so in their own coolers. Please RSVP to me, Chuck Cook by 9 PM on Thur. August 6th. You can call me at 797-1066 or send me an e-mail at chuckcooktucson@gmail.com. I will then get in touch with you to find out whether you want chicken or hamburger and what side dish you could bring and how to get you some directions. I hope to see you up on the mountain.

2009 Rails in the Garden Wrap-Up

A big factor in the continuing success of our Rails in the Garden Tour is the support and help we receive from the businesses that assist with ticket sales and promotion. The accompanying photos are of Joe Findysz and Alan Oelschlager at 22nd Street ACE Hardware, George Hollie of Barbecue World and Luis Bayard of R&R Pizza Express receiving this year's RITG "thank you" memento for their help and participation. Thank you very much!!! In addition to these individuals, our thanks also go to their employees who sell tickets, handout brochures and generally help get the word out about RITG. We look forward to their participation again in 2010!



George Hollie of Barbecue World



Luis Bayard of R&R Pizza Express



Joe Findysz and Alan Oelschlager at 22nd Street ACE Hardware

The Southwest Garden Railroad Show

Will be held at the beautiful Fairplex in Pomona, California. The dates for the show are Saturday October 31, 2009 and November 1, 2009. Hours are 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday and 9 am to 4 pm on Sunday

A train load of activities are being arranged at this year's show

Contact for information
Small Rails Productions
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A Big Welcome to New Members

We would like to welcome Debbie and Bill Peterson. While they live in Illinois, they plan to spend the winter in Tucson at Rincon West RV Park. They have a railroad called "Beakon Hill and Western RR" which has a general 1950's theme. This welcome is a month late as it was to be in the July newsletter and somehow I overlooked it, sorry. Jim Miller

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	No Meeting
Sep 12	Bob and Jean Hoffman
Oct	Chuck and Ruth Taylor
Nov	Gary & Peggy Martin
Dec 5	Christmas party at the Hometown Cafe
Feb 2010	RCW Rec Hall
Mar 2010	Tucson Botanical Garden

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