



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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The September meeting is at the home of Bob and Jean Hoffman on the Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at 10:00 am, the trains will start running at 9:00am. 2044 E. Bighorn Mountain Dr. in Oro Valley, phone is 825-2423.

### Directions

Going North on Oracle to Rancho Vistoso, turn left, going South from Saddlebrook, turn right. Proceed to Del Webb where you turn right. Proceed to Bighorn Mtn. where you turn right. It is the 4<sup>th</sup> house on the right.



The Circus is coming to Cactus Corners RR

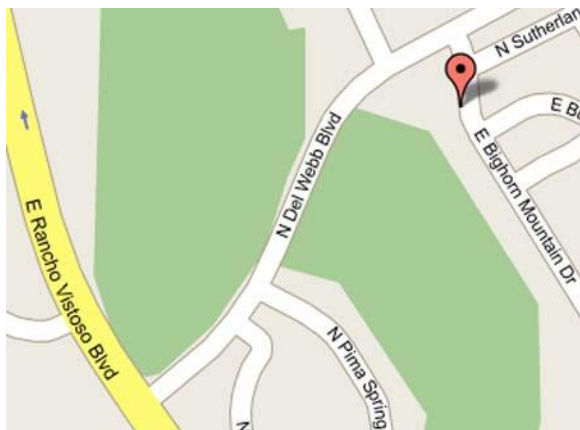
### Cactus Corners Railroad

Bob and Jean Hoffman

Excitement is high in the little town of Cactus Corners. Today the Circus is coming to town!! There will be a Big Top, an Animal Tent, a Merry-Go-Round and other rides, Peanuts and Cotton Candy, and a Sideshow with the strangest folks you've ever seen! Here comes the Circus Band right now, dressed in their finest and leading a parade from the Train Depot to the Circus Grounds! People are coming from Casa Grande, Green Valley, Red Rock, Picacho and even as far away as Tombstone to see the fun.

Cactus Corners is a mining town about 1881 to 1946. Once a prosperous town of Gold and Silver mining, it is experiencing a boom once again with the resurgence of the price of Silver. The railroad brings in dozens of hopeful people every day. They check in at the Pair o' Dice Hotel in town or get a room in the hitching post out by the lake. (The Trolley only runs up to the train roundhouse, but it's only a short walk to anywhere in town.) The dollars they bring in helps the economy.

Cactus Corners has three parts. The Main Street of course has stores, a railway station, a Church with Cemetery behind, a school and quite a few homes.



2044 E. Bighorn Mountain Dr. in Oro Valley

Some Kits and other scratch built. There is also a Silver Mine which almost became a Diamond Mine when a patio table was blown off the patio and into the Pale Verde tree, smashing it into a million gleaming "Diamonds". (Bob the realist dismissed that idea out of hand,)

Old Towne, on the other side of the tracks, is becoming a Mecca for hikers, swimmers, and fishermen. The waterfalls, however, tend to attract Bears, and the water beneath the falls is treacherous for small boats.

The third part of town is the Indian Village to the North of town, the Indians are friendly and often appear at the Fruit Stand to sell eggs and vegetables, as well as artifacts made by members of the Tribe. Several guests have come to town for the Circus. You can see their camping gear atop the hill, (there is some talk about a Casino in the works, but that is just speculation.

The Cactus Corners Railroad had its beginnings when Jean invited Bob to drive her from Thousand Oaks to Santa Barbara for a Doll, Toy, Bear, and Miniature Show. (She hoped he would get interested in making some furniture for the Doll's House she was building.) The ruse backfired and this is the result-about 360 feet of track, a ten-foot scratch-built trestle over the Cactus Corners Dry River Bed, a water feature built by Gary Martin, three engines, 20 cars, two trolleys, and a 4-foot high mountain built stronger than our house, with a tunnel curving through it.

Bob is the Mastermind, Builder, and Engineer. Jean is the Painter, Enabler, and Indian Village maker.

P.S. Bob and Jean Hoffman are getting out of the Garden Railway business and everything is for sale after the meeting so come prepared to buy.

## **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

## **MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

This month we will return to a crowd favorite; R&R Pizza, owned by one of our very own TGRS members. If you haven't been there before; this is a great railroad themed restaurant with a G gauge model circling the perimeter. They have a pizza buffet that includes salad, pasta, etc. and of course a senior discount. R&R is located at 1970 W. River Rd. which is the far east end of the Bashas shopping center on the NE corner of River and LaCholla. It is directly behind the Burger King that faces River Rd. Let's meet at 11:15 on Wednesday Sept 9<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully some members will have stories to tell of summer railroad adventures. If you have any questions call Chuck Cook at 977-7673.

## **AN AFTERNOON NEAR SUMMERHAVEN**

On Sunday, August 9th about 25 TGRS members drove up to Mount Lemmon and enjoyed the afternoon at Thorn and Lucy Pierce's cabin. What a joy to go from over 100 in Tucson to 75 degrees.

We all relaxed while a cool breeze and the smell of pine trees surrounded us on Thorn's deck.

The drive took less than an hour. It was a potluck occasion which Chuck Cook organized. (Thanks Chuck!!!) Thanks also to Debbie Cook for a great job at the barbeque grill.

Thanks, Thorn and Lucy for your hospitality!







Photos by Garry and Peggy Martin



### Garry Martins Workshop on Weathering From Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

We attended Gary's workshop on 8/8 and it was great! In addition to some terrific weathering techniques, the group also exchanged ideas about making items for the layouts by using everyday things such as soda/beer cans, and where to buy inexpensive supplies at places such as Michael's using their 40% off coupons. It was a very informative and entertaining session.

Nick also shared some insights and tips.

We also discussed some other types of workshops the club could have, either separately or as part of a meeting.



Photos by Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

## A Big Welcome to New Members

Jerry and Carol Lewis from Green Valley, they have a layout and it is called "C & J Santa Cruz RR" It has an early 20th century Southwest theme.

## 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30<sup>th</sup> 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

Sep 12	Bob and Jean Hoffman
Oct 10	Chuck and Ruth Taylor
Nov 21	Gary & Peggy Martin
Dec 5	Christmas party at the Hometown Café
Dec 6-8	Layout at St Mark's
Feb 2010	RCW Rec Hall
Mar 2010	Tucson Botanical Garden

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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