



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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November, 2009

The October meeting is the Open House at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin on November 21st



ALL ABOARD
YOU ARE INVITED TO THE 6th ANNUAL
OPEN HOUSE

Gary and Peggy Martin
EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN
RAILROAD

DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009

11:00AM - 3:00PM

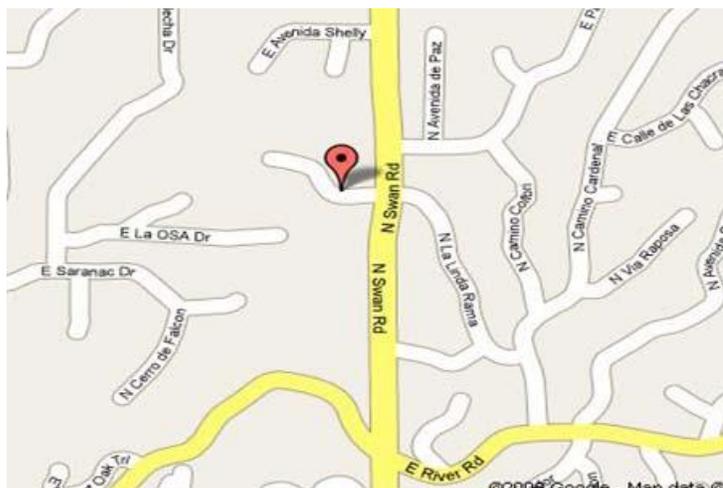
Club meeting 3:00 to 4:00PM

Food served at 4:00PM

Please RSVP by 11/14 /09 if you plan to stay for the food and beverages

QUESTIONS OR DIRECTIONS, CALL
GARY OR PEGGY MARTIN AT (520)299-7428

pgmartin5@hotmail.com



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
 Bunnyears
 Dollar cactus

Shrubs

Autumn Sage
 Bird of Paradise
 Blue Juniper
 Brittlebush
 Bursage

Creosote Bush
 Desert Broom
 Desert Phlox
 Mexican Heather
 Ocotillo
 Penstemon
 Rosemary

Tree chola
 Crown of Thorns

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Now that the weather has cooled (after we found out one hot August day that they had swamp cooling instead of AC) let's return to The Red Garter Saloon for our monthly luncheon. The date is November 10th. Hopefully this midtown location will attract the far out east members. The address is 3143 E Speedway. That is on the north side of Speedway, a couple doors east of Country Club. Meet at 11:30. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions call Chuck Cook at 977-7673.

HOW ABOUT A ROAD TRIP

How about a trip to Phoenix for some train fun on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend (11-28-09). Here's what I have in mind. We do some carpools up to Mesa for their swap meet and arrive about opening time. We stay there for 2-3 hours and then drive to Tempe to board their light rail system and go downtown to TGI Fridays at Chase Field for some late lunch. We take the train back and optionally we could stop at Arizona Trains in Mesa if you want to be wowed by all the good things you can do with MTH equipment. Call Chuck Cook at 797-1066 by November 15th and let me know your interest.

EDUCATION EVENT

Well, I did it! Not easy but I did it! What you may ask? I developed a Power Point presentation on Garden Railways for adults!! First of all, I should say we did it, along with Gary, Jim Miller, Tony Blackwell, (Barry Blackwell's son) and Ellen Stoesser a 75 slide presentation was put together. The program is divided into four sections:

1. **General information** - depending on the group, it covers a brief history of TGRS, history of Garden Railways and history of train transportation in general.
2. **Trains and Rolling stock** - shows different locomotives and rolling stock, also explains the different methods of movement from wind-up,

steam locomotives, track power to battery power. Also a little bit about scale or gauge.

3. **Modeling** - structures and figures, slides show bought structures, kits, bashed kits to handmade buildings from wood, styrofoam, concrete boards, etc. Figures, bought or handmade.
4. **Gardens and Layouts** - tried to show water features, towns, small layouts, large layouts, indoor layouts such as those overhead, beautiful tressels, etc. I will continue to work on and improve the presentation as we go forward. Future projects include a presentation for school age children.

The first presentation was on Monday, October 5th at the Tucson Racquet Club for the T-bird club. There were about 25 members and many had been to our Rails in the Garden event. I am looking forward to presenting this Power Point program to any group or organization interested in learning more about Garden Railroads.

Peggy Martin

TGRS Christmas/Holiday Party

It will be at the Hometown Buffet at 5101 N. Oracle Road on Saturday, December 5th beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person. Ruth will take advance payments by mail (check only) or at the November meeting. She will also take payments at the door but requests that you her call in advance to make your reservation. Her number is (520) 908-1312.

Make checks payable to: Tucson Garden Railway Society

Mail to: Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735-5195

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

Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

We recently discovered the Pantano River Park, adjacent to Lowe's at Kolb & Speedway.

To our delight, they have train structures for kids (and some adults!) to play on.

It is a quiet, undiscovered place, so far, and really nice to visit. In addition to the trains, there are mosaics and tiles from several schools and local

Tucson groups that are beautiful and imaginative. Hope the members have a chance to visit sometime.



Train in Pantano River Park

Obituaries

Frank Trunzo

On October 20th, Frank Trunzo passed away. While not a charter member, Frank was a member of long standing, and one who always had a smile and a good railroad story to tell. He came by his railroad information naturally, his Father having been a Pennsylvania RR man. Frank will be widely missed, and we want Bobbe to know that our sympathy is with her, and any help or support we can provide, either as a club or individually, will be provided as requested.

Dolly Duda

Joe Duda's wife, Dolly, died quite suddenly early Saturday morning, October 24th. Dolly cheerfully worked with anyone who needed it, and was a mainstay at Rails In The Garden tours. She was a wonderful and happy person, and her presence will be missed by all of us. We extend our sympathies to Joe and their children and grandchildren, and want them to know that we stand ready to help in any way we can.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER BOD MEETING
Respectfully submitted by Sallie Sanders

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2009 MEETING

Respectfully submitted by Sallie Sanders

The meeting was held at the home of Ruth and Chuck Taylor. Norm thanked them for hosting. Minutes of the last meeting were approved with one correction.

Vice president's report: Willis Fagg plans to be at the Benefits Fair for the Military next Saturday to hand out flyers for RITG. The sign up sheet for the VA is being passed around for members to sign up. Set up for the American Home Show will be on January 6th and teardown will be on the 10-11 following the show. The show will be open the 8-10. The Toy Train Operators will have a meet on January 16. We will also be at St Marks with the Children's layout on December 6-8.

Membership committee: Ibbly Ulmer reports the membership is at 81 families.

Education committee:

Gary Martin showed part of the power point presentation that was created by Peggy Martin, Jim Miller, and others.

Old business: Nick Buchholz is making progress on upgrading the Club's Pennsy and NYC diesels. Nick has also presented a track plan for the UMC Children's wing and both UMC and Studio Productions have approved it.

New business: The AZ division of the NMRA is meeting here on Saturday, Nov. 14. The November meeting will be hosted by the Martins.

The meeting was held at the home of Norm and Ibbly Ulmer October 6, 2009.

Present were Norm Ulmer, Ibbly Ulmer, Nick Buchholz, Gary Martin, Peggy Martin, Ruth Taylor, Willis Fagg, Barry and Gina Blackwell, Jim Miller and Sallie Sanders.

The Treasurers report was approved as presented by Ruth Taylor.

Vice presidents report:

Willis Fagg reported that a sign up sheet for the VA hospital, with running times will be available at the general meeting.

The Christmas Party will again be at Home Town Buffet on December 6th from 12:00-4:00 P.M. Cost will be \$10.00.

Purchase of Thomas and Percy sets for the Children's layout was discussed and approved.

Education Committee:

Peggy Martin, Jim Miller, Gary Martin and the Blackwell's son have worked very hard putting together a power point presentation on the new computer. It includes a history of model railroading as well as some history of our club. Their first presentation was to the Thunderbird Club. Peggy is also working on a presentation geared for children.

Membership Committee:

Ibbly reports that the new Roster is on the website. A letter will be sent to those who have yet to pay their dues.

Old Business:

Nick Buchholz has submitted a proposed layout for the UMC Children's wing. At this point the response was favorable.

New Business:

The monthly social lunch will be at RR Pizza on the 13th.

One of our members has suggested that we donate a portion of the RITG income to charity. Nick Buchholz will check to see if there is any conflict to the laws and or by-laws involved.

Adjustments to the VA layout were discussed and settled.

Willis Fagg would like to send a framed photo of the Dedication Plaque at the Children's Museum to Upland Trains for their contribution to the project. This was approved.

2009/2010 APPROVED BUDGET

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
Treasurer's Report
October 6, 2009**

REVENUE

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| Dues | \$ 2,700 |
| Membership Badges | 0 |
| Hats & Shirts | 350 |
| Tours | 0 |
| Raffles | 800 |
| Group Equip. Sales | 50 |
| Donations | 200 |
| Rails in the Garden | 5,000 |
| Miscellaneous | 100 |
| Holiday Party | 800 |
| Meeting Contributions | 0 |
| 2008 Convention | 0 |
| Interest Earned | 0 |
| Total Revenue | \$10,000 |

EXPENSES

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| Newsletter | \$ 550 |
| Membership | 200 |
| Modules | 1,000 |
| Raffle Expense | 300 |
| Hats & Shirts | 300 |
| Insurance | 500 |
| Group Equip. Purchase | 1,000 |
| Tour Expense | 0 |
| Miscellaneous | 400 |
| Trailer | 750 |
| Tools | 250 |
| Meeting Expenses | 0 |
| Legal/Acctg/Office Supplies | 300 |
| Rolling Stock | 500 |
| Rails in the Garden | 1,800 |
| Holiday Party (75@\$10 EA) | 750 |
| SPECIAL PROJECTS | 4,200 |
| Ronald McDonald House | 200 |
| UMC Children's Hospita | 4,000 |
| Total Expenses | \$12,800 |

Anticipated demand on savings:\$2,800

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| Checking Account Balance 10/6/09 | \$ 3,885.33 |
| Savings Account Balance 10/6/09 | 17,182.03 |
| CD maturing 1/11/10 (13 months @3.25%) | 5,000.00 |
| CD maturing 2/11/10 (11 months @ 2.25%) | <u>5,000.00</u> |
| Total on deposit | \$31,067.36 |

Revenues from 9/13/09:

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| Dues | \$461.50 |
| Sale of donated equipment | 415.75 |
| Patches | 62.00 |
| Interest Earned | <u>2.82</u> |
| | \$942.07 |

Expenses from 9/13/09

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| Newsletter | <u>\$ 63.02</u> |
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Net revenues: \$879.05

YEAR TO DATE RECAP:

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| Revenues to date: | \$2,193.73 |
| Expenses to date: | <u>305.85</u> |
| Net revenue 2009/2010 | \$1,887.88 |
| Total dues paid for 2009/2010: | \$2,271.5 |

Respectfully submitted: Ruth A. Taylor, Treasurer

Want Adds

We have 5 sheets of 1/4 inch cement board free for anyone who wants to come pick it up.

Tom and Gretchen Schaefer
722-2010
7501 E 29th Street

A Big Welcome to New Members

We have no new members for the month of 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.

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

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".

Calendar of Events

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| Nov 21 | Gary & Peggy Martin |
| Dec 5 | Christmas party at the Hometown Buffet |
| Dec 6-8 | Layout at St Mark's |
| Dec | Display at the VA Hospital |
| Jan 6 | American Home Show |
| Feb 2010 | RCW Rec Hall |
| Mar 2010 | Tucson Botanical Garden |
| Apr 2010 | Pima County Fair |
| May 15 | Herb Waesch |

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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| President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401 | At Large Board Members |
| V-President:.....Willis Fagg.....520-760-0147 | Barry Blackwell.....520-322-5033 |
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