



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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December, 2009

The Meeting this month is the Christmas/Holiday Party at HomeTown Buffet on Oracle and River

December 5th starting at noon.

The address is 5101 N Oracle Rd.



TGRS Christmas 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.

Mail Checks to:

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

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.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING November 21, 2009

Respectfully submitted by Sallie Sanders

The meeting was called to order by President Norm Ulmer. He thanked hosts Gary and Peggy Martin.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved and accepted as published in the Newsletter.

Vice President Willis Fagg showed the plaque that was to be given to Upland Trains. He also reported on upcoming events and asked for volunteers to staff these events. Sign up sheets will be available after the meeting.

For the Treasurers report see Board of Directors minutes.

Newsletter editor Jim Miller reported that all is going well and asked for more articles to be submitted.

OLD BUSINESS

Nick Buchholz reported that the upgrades on the Club's Pennsy and NYC diesels will be done in time for the VA event. He has also submitted a revised plan for the UMC Children's Hospital.

A proposal was made to contribute to the Community Food Bank. While our By-laws prohibit this, the BOD decided, with the consent of the hosts, to collect can goods at RITG event. The Community Food Bank will provide boxes.

NEW BUSINESS

The BOD has approved the purchase of a two rail bender tool for use of the members. Sign out will be required.

Glenn Mitchell reported on RITG and asked for volunteers to staff the various venues.

The BOD has decided to offer a one year membership along with the starter set at both the Pima Co. Fair and RITG, and a second prize of the Convention car.

Gary Martin asked for volunteers for Luminaria Night at the Tucson Botanical Garden.

Eaglewings Iron Craft is having their annual open house on the weekends of the 5-6 & 12-13 of December in Phoenix.

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum is having the fifth annual Holiday Express on December 5, from 10:00-1:00. Admission is free.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at the Ulmer home by the President, Norm Ulmer at 7:00 pm. Members present were Jim Miller, Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Glenn Mitchell, Nick Buchholz, Jay Sanders, Norm and Ibbey Ulmer.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as published in the newsletter.

Treasurer, Ruth Taylor, gave her report as follows:

Revenues year to date	2,713.83
Expenses year to date	392.71
Net revenue year to date	2,321.12
Total on deposit (checking, savings and CD's)	31,503.42

Ruth reported that she filed the IRS report electronically.

Vice President, Willis Fagg reported on the following upcoming events:

1. St Marks Methodist Church will be on December 7 thru 9.
2. VA hospital. Set up is December 28, run trains December 29 & 30 with tear down on the afternoon of the 30th. Willis will ask for more people to sign up at the December Christmas party.
3. Christmas Party at the Hometown Buffet on Saturday, December 5. Cost is \$10.00 per person.
4. American Home Show will be in January, with set up on the 6th, run trains 8th thru 10th, tear down on the evening of the 10th and pack up on the 11th.
5. Swap meet will be the next weekend on Saturday, January 16th.
6. Willis has ordered plaques to recognize Upland Trains and the Union Pacific. An extra one will be used by the club to place at various venues.

Newsletter Editor, Jim Miller, reported that the financial page in the last newsletter was well received. As

always he is asking for articles.

Membership Chairman, Ibbey Ulmer, reported that we now have 81 paid member families which includes new members, Larry and Elizabeth Erb.

The President reported that it has been suggested that we, as a club, contribute to the Food Bank. It was pointed out that, because of our IRS status we cannot do that unless it is connected to an educational effort. It was suggested that we have food bank collection boxes at all the venues of the Rails in the Garden Tour.

Nick Buchholz reported that he and Norm will meet shortly with the people at the Children's Hospital about the plans. Nick has talked to Dan Hoag of Eaglewings Iron Works in Phoenix about making the track supports. It will cost about \$1500.00. The hospital is not scheduled to open until June of 2010.

Norm reported that Ron Khoeler has a rail bender for sale for \$200.00. The board voted to buy it and have it available for members to borrow. Gary Martin, as maintenance chairman will handle it.

Glenn Michell reported on the Rails in the Garden tour. It was suggested to add the Botanical Gardens as a ninth site. Door prizes will be as last year: #1 - a starter set to include a year's membership in the club and #2 - a convention car. The new phone # for the flyers is 404-3251. He will have packets of tickets ready for members at the Christmas party. He will put a general map on the website for those who go there to see where the sites are but not give actual addresses. Jim Miller will contact Davis Monthan re free tickets for military personnel and their families. Flyers and or posters will be distributed to trailer parks and nurseries around town.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ibbey Ulmer
Acting Secretary.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM FREE ADMISSION HOLIDAY EXPRESS AT THE AMTRAK RAILROAD DEPOT, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5th 2009, 10:00AM to 1:00PM

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum located at the Downtown Historic Railroad Depot at 414N Toole Ave. is hosting its 5th Annual Holiday Express Event at Trackside. For contact information call 623-2223 or www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

The event will have Santa arriving by Old Pueblo Trolley and Locomotive # 1673 will provide the backdrop –so bring your camera- for that Special moment.

Union Pacific's Operation Lifesaver Simulator will once again provide your young engineer an experience of running a diesel locomotive.

Continuous activities include : jumping castle, train rides on the Fun Farm Choo Choo, writing a letter to Santa under the direction of the Postal History Foundation story time reading of the Polar Express, a model railroad layout in the depot, Holiday Music, Antique cars, and a craft show for your holiday shopping

At 1:00PM the raffle drawing for the Amtrak Round Trip to Los Angeles for 2 in a sleeper car will be held and the winner announced. The Fox Tucson Theater once again presents the movie, "Polar Express" (www.foxtucsontheatre.org).

You can make this holiday special for some families by bringing a new and unwrapped gift for a child. Gifts go to the Casa de Los Ninos

PARKING is free on Saturday and also available in the Pennington Garage Just a block and a half west of the Depot Museum .

The SATM is a non-profit 501-c3 organization,

Obituary



JUNE NORTHROP WEAVER, beloved wife of Earl "Buzz" Weaver. She passed away peacefully Oct. 31, 2009, at La Hacienda (La Posada) in Green Valley.

She will be missed by the members of the Tucson Garden Railways Society. We send our condolences to her family

Announcements

Vinyl Decals

For vinyl decals in a variety of colors, sizes and fonts (including railroad roman) you can contact Bulldog-Graphics. Speak to Jason McCoy at 520-437-3740. Jason's prices are very reasonable and he owns this home based business in NW Tucson. His web site is www.bulldog-graphics.com

TGRS Patches

Instead of sewing your new patches on your shirts and jackets you may want to "glue" them on with a product called Fabri-Tac manufactured by Beacon Adhesives. This product is a direct bond adhesive that is permanent, waterproof and washable. You can find it at most fabric stores including Hancock Fabrics.

Smith Pond Junction Railroad Products Club Discount Program

The club discount program is designed to promote clubs and the hobby, which is good for all involved. It will vary from 4-10% off on many of our products, mostly on building kits. There may be times when other items will be included.

!!!! How To Use The Discount Code !!!!

- The Tucson Garden Railway Society discount coupon code is **TGRS** (it isn't case sensitive). You enter it in the window of the Discount Coupon section during step 2 of shopping cart checkout. Then continue to check out. You should see a congratulations message regarding the discount on the next page. Please accept the responsibility to make sure your order quantities are correct. Nothing is finalized or charged to your credit card until you click Confirm the order.
- This discount is only for active club members.
- It is valid only on website shopping cart orders. If you don't have Internet access you may have another club member who does place the order for you. They can specify it be shipped to a different address during the shopping cart process.
- All payment methods we offer may be used however if you aren't in a hurry paying via check or money order will save us credit card fees further justifying the discount.
- It is your responsibility to make sure to use the code and verify that you received the discount before finalizing their order. You will know it worked as the shopping cart shows a congratulation message about the discount.
- Enjoy the savings.

**Thanks & Happy Railroading
Mark & Sue Smith**

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A Big Welcome to New Members

Matt Welsh and his father Paul, they do not have a layout as yet.

Robert & Sandra Blodgett, they also do not have a layout yet.

Larry and Elizabeth Erb. They were members of the RCW group. Currently their layout is in the planning stage.

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:

Ibby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Dec 5 Christmas party at the Hometown Buffet
Dec 6-8 Layout at St Mark's
Dec 28-30 Display at the VA Hospital
Jan 6-11 American Home Show
Jan 16 TTOM Swap Meet
Feb 20 RCW Rec Hall
Mar 2010 Tucson Botanical Garden
Apr 2010 Pima County Fair
May 15 Herb Waesch

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401	At Large Board Members
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