



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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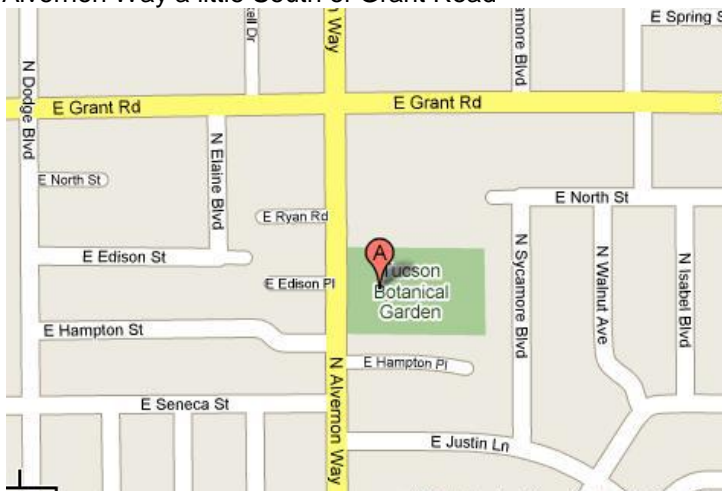
March, 2010

The March Meeting is on the 27st at the Tucson Botanical Gardens

2150 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712
Phone 326-9686 <http://tucsonbotanical.org/>

The meeting will start at 1 pm with trains running at noon.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens is on the East side of Alvernon Way a little South of Grant Road



MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING of the TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY February 20, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President, Norm Ulmer at 1:00 pm at the Rincon Country West RV Park recreation hall. There were approximately fifty members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

Vice President, Willis Fagg, distributed a signup sheet for working at the County Fair in April. He also asked for a volunteer to assist him with the arrangements for the fair. He also asked for helpers

at the various sites of the Rails in The Garden Tour. There will be a Toy Train Operators swap meet on June fifth for which we will have the children's layout. We are scheduled to be "chef for a day" at Ronald MacDonald House on May 8.

Treasurer, Ruth Taylor, reported the total on deposit (Checking, Savings and CD's) is \$32,195.40. Total revenues year to date are \$6,934.23 and total expenses year to date are \$3,856.29 leaving a balance of \$3,078.94. The Treasurer's report was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nick Bucholz reported that he has painted the club's Pennsy & NYC diesel engines and is ready to install the sound systems.

B. Norm Ulmer reported that the plan for the UMC's Children's Hospital display has been finalized with the exception of the design for the mountain in the portion that runs from the gift shop into the lobby. The estimated cost will be about \$5,000.00.

C. Glenn Mitchell reported on the RITG. Contributions to the Community Food Bank will be accepted at the RITG sites. Stoessers have had to back out of the tour which leaves eight sites when you include the Tucson Botanical Garden. He distributed the packets to the hosts.

D. Pat Sumerhalder was presented a Christmas wrapped package because she earned the title of "Official Package Opener" at the Christmas party this year. Almost every package she chose was taken away by someone else prompting the making of a new rule for the Christmas Exchange. From now on no person can have more than two gifts taken from them.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. The BOD has developed a list of possible clinics to be presented and Norm asked members to check on the list those subjects that they might be interested in. We can set up those clinics on dates between general meetings.

B. Norm spoke about the need for more members to

participate in our activities and encouraged members to volunteer.

C. The 2010 convention is coming up the end of July.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

There was a sale of items donated to the club which took place before and after the meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Ibby Ulmer, acting Secretary.

Minutes of the February BOD Meeting Respectively Submitted By Sallie Sanders

February 16, 2010 at the home of Norm and Ibby Ulmer.

Present were Norm Ulmer, Ibby Ulmer, Nick Buchholz, Ruth Taylor, Jack Forgues, Barry Blackwell, Glen Mitchell, Willis Fagg and Sallie Sanders.

The minutes of the last BOD meeting were accepted.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

1. Total on deposit \$31,362
2. Revenues from 11/22/2009 \$8,306.58
3. Expenses from 11/22/2009 \$7,904.63
4. Net revenues from 11/22/2009 \$401.95

Vice President's report: Willis discussed the need for sign ups to work at the Fair. A signup sheet will be passed at the next meeting. New chairs for the maintenance and education committees are needed.

Old Business:

UMC: Nick was asked to submit a copy of the layout to estimate costs. There was discussion of buying new rolling stock vs. using existing stock refitted with ball bearing wheels to avoid maintenance issues.

Glen Mitchell reported sales of tickets were going well for Rails in the Garden. Joe and Ellen Stoesser have had to withdraw their layout from the tour. Barry Blackwell reported that Food Bank cans will be at all houses on the tour.

New Business:

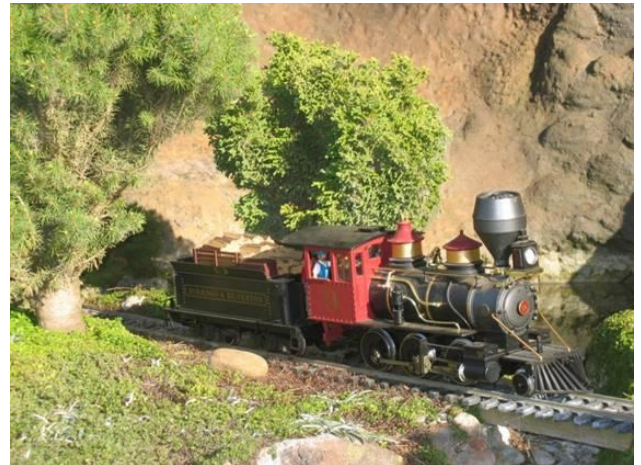
There was discussion of more emphasis on the outdoor aspects of garden railroading. Gardening clinics, nursery tours and other ideas were mentioned. It was decided that members would be asked to submit their ideas for possible topics.

The renting of possible parking space for the trailers was discussed as the Cooks have put their house on

the market. Willis was going to look into renting warehouse space and Norm has priced storage facilities which would run about \$135.00 per month.

Again this year a group of Garden Railroad Hobbyist in the South San Francisco Bay Area have a food drive/Garden Railroad Tour in their community to benefit St Josephs Family Center in Gilroy and the Community Pantry in Hollister

South County Garden Railroaders
Invite you to our 16th annual
Garden Layout Tour
to benefit the
"St Josephs Center & Community Pantry"
on SATURDAY, June 26, 2010
from 9AM to 4PM



Visit 13 model railroads running thru some of the most unusual backyard gardens in Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Hollister and Salinas. 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 June 1st at the All Aboard Junction train store at 8355 Monterey Street, Gilroy [behind Cottage Floors], Garden Accents at 11155 Lena Avenue, Gilroy [near 101-Masten exit], BookSmart at 80 East 2nd Street, Morgan Hill [Near Depot Street at RR Tracks]. For more information visit "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].

130th Railroad Heritage Festival 10:00 am Saturday March 20, 2010





SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

5th Annual Lecture Series - 2010



TIMES: 12 Noon - 1pm and 7pm - 8pm each day
(presentation repeated)

TOPICS:

Feb. 16: Beneath the Rails – An archeological survey of the variety of railroad bridges in the Cienega Creek Preserve – by Cherie Freeman

Feb. 23: The Tucson Depot – a look at the history and architecture of the Southern Pacific Depot – by Andy Malinowski

Mar. 2: Vintage Steam Trains – a presentation of pictures from western tourist steams train – by Gary Hunter

Mar. 9: SP's Patagonia Branch and Tucson to Nogales Connection – a history of the Benson to Nogales route and celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the completion of the connection from Tucson to Nogales – by Richard Dick

Mar. 16: The 1880 Silver Spike – the story of the Silver Spike presented at the 1880 arrival of the railroad into Tucson – by Jim Turner

WHERE: Held at the ParkWise Conference Room, 110 E. Pennington St., Suite 150, Room 112 (Pennington St. Parking Garage, SW corner of 6th Ave. and Pennington)

PRICE: Admission is \$5 per person per presentation. All proceeds go to the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, (a Division of Old Pueblo Trolley, Inc. - a 501(c) (3) corporation).

Call the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 623-2223, for information

1st Train Reaches Tucson!

Come One, Come All! Tucson's Historic Depot!

Dress up in old-time attire or your best outfit just for fun!

Revisit 1880—11:00 am, March 20, 2010—Tucson's Historic Depot

Join Mayor Bob Walkup and a cast of historical characters in re-enacting the Tucson arrival of Southern Pacific Railroad's first train 130 years ago.

That first steam locomotive thundered into our "ancient and honorable pueblo" at 11:00 am on March 20, 1880, sparking intense and frolicsome revelry. The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum invites citizens to a recreate that magic in a community celebration of the pomp and party so long ago.

FREE!! 623-2223

414 N. Toole Avenue---

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.com

- Play a role in re-enacting the first train's arrival and Estevan Ochoa's Original Silver Spike presentation at 11:00 a.m. sharp
- Rock to the 4th Cavalry Band's 1880s Music
- Cheer Mayor Bob Walkup's Proclamation of "Railroad Day," March 20, 2010
- Honor Southern Arizona's Railroaders and Benefactor of the Year
- Enjoy craft booths, toy train rides, jumping castle Kettle Corn popcorn, and more...
- Run a simulated Union Pacific diesel engine with Operation Lifesaver
- Thrill to the Wyatt Earp/Frank Stillwell Shootout Re-enactment
- Tour our vintage vehicle display and our Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, a 501(c)3 division of Old Pueblo Trolley

A Big Welcome to New Members

Bob "Tex" and Norma Crosby, 4555 S. Mission Rd. They are "snowbirds" at Rincon Country West RV park and live the rest of the year in Loveland, CO. Brian, Sarah, Eli and Jasper McGill, Eli is 9 1/2 and Jasper is 5. Eli is the train guy and is starting a layout and has already been consulting with Gary Martin.

Alan & Betty Swensen, They were at the social luncheon. He is a retired doctor and they have been in Tucson about four years. They live in the Dove Mountain area of Marana. They are just starting their layout which they have named "Rio Grande."

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

Mar 27 Tucson Botanical Garden
Apr 2010 Pima County Fair
May 8 Ronald McDonald House, layout and serve dinner
May 15 Herb Waesch

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Norm Ulmer.....520-299-9401
V-President:.....Willis Fagg.....520-760-0147
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