



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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There is no meeting in April , we will be at the Pima County Fair from the 15th of April through the 25th of April.

This is our big show for the year, we look forward to seeing you there.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING MARCH 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norm Ulmer at 1:00 pm at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. There were approximately seventy members present. TBG was thanked for hosting the meeting.

New members and guests were welcomed.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published in the newsletter as corrected by Dick Izen.

The Treasurer, Ruth Taylor, gave her report:

Checking account balance as of 3-27-10	\$11,452.31
Savings Account Balance	\$17,191.33
CD maturing 5-16-11	\$5,000.00
CD maturing 8-11-11	\$5,000.00
Total on deposit	\$38,643.64

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

Vice President, Willis Fagg, reported the following:

1. The Pima County Fair is pretty well filled up, but we can always use more help. He has the name tags and tickets for those who will be working.
2. We will be doing the Chef for a Day at the Ronald MacDonald House on May 8. Jerry Tulino is coordinating it and reported that he already has some signed up, but can use more. The menu is stew, beef, chicken or whatever, and crock pots can be dropped off if you wish. The children's layout will be running all day and dinner is served at 6:00. Members can sign up with Jerry.
3. We will have the children's layout at the Toy Train Operator's swap meet on June 5.

4. Plans are underway for a tour to be arranged with the Arizona Big Train Operators from Phoenix. No time has been set as yet.

Editor, Jim Miller, said that he is always looking for new articles for the newsletter.

Nick Buchholz reported that he is working with some of our new members who wished to have mentors.

Membership Chairman, Ibby Ulmer, reported that we have received four new members as a result of Rails in the Garden. She welcomed those who were present.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nick Buchholz reported on the progress he has made in updating the club's Pennsy & NYC diesels.
B. Norm reported that he and Nick had met with the people from Studio Productions, the Contractor and the Architect for the Children's Hospital to make final plans. The erection of the overhead track support in the gift shop is scheduled to begin on July 14. The grand opening is scheduled for mid September.

C. Chairman, Glenn Mitchell, reported on Rails in The Garden. The average attendance was 1175 people. Revenue was \$7,201.00 and total expenses were \$1,925.88. The collection for the Food Bank was \$422.00 cash and 332 pounds of Food. Door prizes: the starter set was won by a young couple with a small child. The stock car was won by a man who has a layout and a third prize was added, a year's subscription to Garden Railways magazine.

Road side shed's were given as mementos to those who showed their layouts during the tour.

Next year's tour will be March 12 & 13.

D. The results of the preferences for clinics were announced and the following tentative clinic schedule was announced: In May we are arranging a tour of a nursery that specializes in miniature plants. In June we will be demonstrating how to install sound systems by installing one in the club's revitalized diesel. And in September we will have a clinic on making people. These clinics will be held separately from the general meetings, dates to be announced.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. The Board of Directors approved the conversion of the remaining convention cars to TGRS cars. A show of hands indicated a modest level of interest.
- B. We are investigating replacing our present Modular Display Control System with a modern simpler one.
- C. Melissa Halpern asked for help in developing a feeding machine for premature mice that are used in her lab at the University.
- D. Jim Cook is going to be selling much of his tools and supplies. Anyone interested should see him.
- E. We have a Santa Fe Warbonnet Passenger train that came from deceased member, Chris Lawson. It will be brought up to date and used on the modular layout.
- F. The Board of Directors has decided to build and equip a new control cabinet for the layout at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Respectfully submitted

Ibby Ulmer
Acting Secretary

**Minutes of the March BOD Meeting
Respectively Submitted By Jay Sanders**

March 23, 2010, at the home of Norm and Ibby Ulmer.

Present were Norm Ulmer, Ibby Ulmer, Nick Buchholz, Barry Blackwell, Glen Mitchell, Willis Fagg, Jim Miller

The minutes of the last BOD meeting were accepted as read.

In the absence of Ruth Taylor, Norm Ulmer read the treasurer's report and it was accepted as read.

Vice President's report: Willis reported that he has six volunteers for each shift at the Pima County Fair. He said he could use some additional volunteers.

Old Business:

UMC: Nick reported that templates have been completed for the layout with no major problems

Glen Mitchell reported that the Rails in the Garden Tour went well with large turnouts.

Old Business:

There was discussion on the outdoor aspects of garden railroading. Gardening clinics, nursery tours,

layout planning, battery power and radio control, decorating rolling stock and making building. These were the priorities established by our members. Clinics should be established to start with a date and a facilitator

The renting of possible parking space for the trailers was discussed. For now we will utilize members for storage to save costs.

New Business:

Norm reported that the remaining convention cars would be redone to make them TGRS cars. Nick reported that he has looked into new Aristocraft controllers that identify the engine that is being run on the layout. These controllers will take the guess work out of using the 1 or 2 designations on our existing controllers. The cost is \$180.00 each. Nick will further investigate switching to these controllers.

Pima County Fair

This year the Pima County Fair runs from April 15 through the 25th. There are still a few open volunteer positions and I have a limited amount of tickets remaining. If your are interested in participating, please contact Willis Fagg; phone 760-0147 or e-mail at km6mv@cox.net. Tickets will be allocated on a first come/first served basis.

If you are interested in participating in the layout set-up, it is scheduled for Thursday April 8th at 9:00 AM. You can just show up.

Willis

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

For the month of April; let's head back to R & R Pizza on the northeast corner of River Rd and LaCholla Blvd. This member owned, railroad themed restaurant is always a hit. We always have fun conversation about model railroading and many other things; and the food there is yummy. The date is Tuesday April 20th. Meet at 11:30. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions call Chuck Cook at 977-7673.

TGRS and the Ronald McDonald House

For nearly 35 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) has been creating, finding and supporting programs that directly improve the health and well being of nearly 4 million children worldwide every year.

Many families travel far from home to get treatment for their seriously ill or injured children. The treatment may last a day, a month, or even longer. It's a long time to be away from home, or to divide a family. Ronald McDonald Houses around the world offer families a way to stay together, in proximity to the treatment hospital, and be comfortable and cared for during their stay.

Families are stronger when they are together, which helps in the healing process. By staying at a Ronald McDonald House, parents also can better communicate with their child's medical team and keep up with complicated treatment plans when needed.

TGRS is proud to be a participant in the Ronald McDonald House Chef-for-a-Day program. This is designed to provide a wholesome meal for the families staying there. On May 8th we will prepare the meal for the third time. Additionally, the children's layout will be setup and displayed all day. The plan is to arrive at 8 am to setup the layout and then just monitor it during the day. Dinner will be served at 6 pm with cleanup and teardown expected to be finished by 8 pm.

There is no way to know how many people will be staying at RMH on that day or how much time they have to stop by to see the layout or to have dinner. We just make everything available and welcome anyone who can spend a few minutes with us.

Dinner is served buffet-style with everything put out on a counter. This time we have decided to serve "stews" as the main dish. All volunteers are welcome to enjoy dinner with the residents. Anything "leftover" when we are ready to clean up and leave is left in the refrigerators for anyone to eat when they can. I will provide containers to store the leftovers in so everyone can take their equipment home with them.

We need several more families to cook the entrée and 1 or 2 more to bring or make a desert. If you would like to help or have any questions, please email Jerry Tulino (webmaster@tucsongrs.org).

Who is looking at us
Stats from our Website as of the 27th of
March

Jerry Tulino sent these, Let us know if you would like to see these more often.

Day	Number of visits	Pages
01 Mar 2010	78	743
02 Mar 2010	57	274
03 Mar 2010	77	349
04 Mar 2010	84	312
05 Mar 2010	61	191
06 Mar 2010	48	431
07 Mar 2010	116	1106
08 Mar 2010	112	898
09 Mar 2010	120	671
10 Mar 2010	86	518
11 Mar 2010	135	635
12 Mar 2010	165	926
13 Mar 2010	181	1111
14 Mar 2010	115	730
15 Mar 2010	50	232
16 Mar 2010	35	170
17 Mar 2010	40	189
18 Mar 2010	39	122
19 Mar 2010	58	186
20 Mar 2010	41	101
21 Mar 2010	28	81
22 Mar 2010	38	94
23 Mar 2010	30	84
24 Mar 2010	26	90
25 Mar 2010	23	56
26 Mar 2010	18	58
27 Mar 2010	4	5
28 Mar 2010	0	0
29 Mar 2010	0	0
30 Mar 2010	0	0
31 Mar 2010	0	0
Average	69.07	383.81
Total	1865	10363

Countries		Pages	Hits
United States	us	9825	48684
Russian Federation	ru	130	130
Romania	ro	81	84
Canada	ca	81	650
Spain	es	71	74
Japan	jp	58	85
China	cn	39	109
Australia	au	22	171
France	fr	16	16
Germany	de	13	13
Switzerland	ch	7	55
Great Britain	gb	6	26
Netherlands	nl	6	6
United Arab Emirates	ae	2	2
Moldova	md	1	1
Latvia	lv	1	1
Singapore	sg	1	1
European country	eu	1	1
Poland	pl	1	1
Sweden	se	1	21

A Big Welcome to New Members

Ralph and Bonnie Elliot who live in Green Valley. They have an "unnamed" contemporary layout. Ralph builds all his buildings from scratch. Jim Logan who just moved back to Tucson and his layout is currently in boxes. He says "I'd simply like to get involved so I can learn and contribute. Glenn and Maria Ellis. He does not have a layout as yet but is interested in contemporary theme which he will call Yucca Valley and Sonoran Railroad. Hank Testa & Bobbi Harmon, They have an HO layout inside, but not a very large yard. They expressed an interest in creating a scene for the modular layout

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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Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Apr 15-25 Pima County Fair
May 8 Ronald McDonald House, layout and serve dinner
May 15 Herb Waesch
Jun 5 TTOS Swap Meet

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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