



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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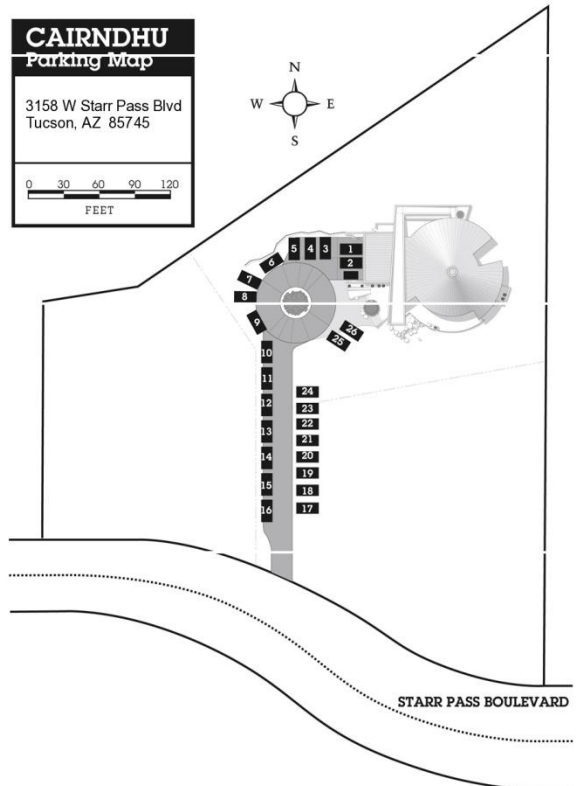
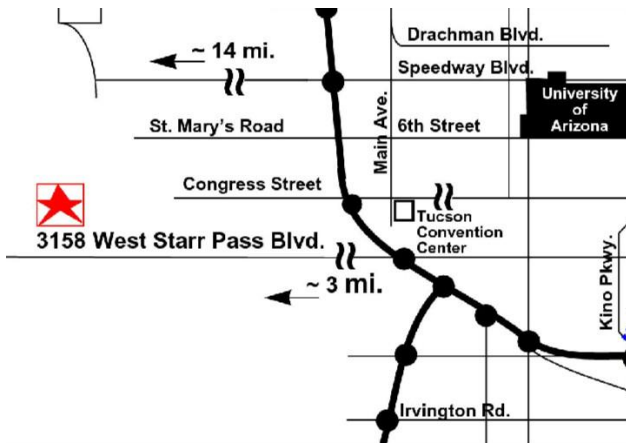
June 2010

The June meeting is on the 19th at the home of Jim White 3158 W. Starr Pass Blvd. phone 770-9278 Socializing starts at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Jim is a TGRS Buff but does not have a railway (except for a switcher shuttling model autonomous trucks back and forth in his Great Room. Driving directions, go west on Starr Pass Blvd. about three miles from I-10



South Patio Dining



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Changes in your Board of Directors

Several changes have taken place in the make up of your Board of Directors.

The first change is in the position of Secretary. Due to reasons of health, Sallie Sanders has found it necessary to resign from that position. We wish Sallie well, and appreciate her service to TGRS. Gina Blackwell has agreed to step in, at least for the time being, and take over the duties of Secretary. In order to alleviate a conflict within Gina's personal time, we will schedule all future Board meetings on Monday evenings immediately preceding the next General meeting. Our thanks to Gina for her help.

The second change involves the creation of the position of Clinics Coordinator. This is a Board position, and will involve the setting up, staffing and scheduling of the many clinics you have indicated you want presented for the benefit of all our members. Jack Forgeus has agreed to accept responsibility for this position, and we are sure he will do a good job. A list of upcoming clinics will be forthcoming.

Norm Ulmer
President

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Surprise, surprise, they were installing AC the last time we were at the Red Garter Saloon; so let's head back and test it out. The date is Thursday June 17th. The Red Garter is located at 3143 E Speedway. We always have fun conversation about model railroading and many other things; and the food there is yummy. Bob Conrad says he will play pool if we do it before lunch. So, pool players meet there at 11 a.m., and food only folks at noon. Hope to see you then. If you have any questions call Chuck Cook at 977-7673. PS: We have talked about another picnic up on Mt Lemmon, and that will be in mid July.

Arizona Railway Museum

Yesterday, we visited the Arizona Railway Museum in Chandler. They close during June, July, and August, so we decided to get in a visit before the end of the month. Despite the heat, the museum is a great place to visit for adults and kids alike. There are plenty of places to climb on, go into, and explore to your hearts content. Admission is by donation. They suggest \$2 per person, or \$5 for a family. Hours are noon-4pm on Saturdays and Sundays. The gift shop is on the pricey side, but there are areas where free magazines and such are available. Bring plenty of water! They charge \$1 a bottle. It

takes about 1 1/2 hours to drive there - about 100 miles. While no food is available at the museum, there are dining places nearby, in all price ranges. The one restroom is immaculate!



Although there are not too many locos, the ones they have are worth the trip. The interiors of some of the cars are fascinating, including original seats from various railroads. We found one from the New Haven, which we both have traveled in the past. There are several examples of bay window cabooses, which are a particular favorite of ours. It is fascinating to see the lounge and dining cars and to recall the glory days of train travel. The sleeping compartments are straight out of an old movie - they are quite large by today's standards and make you realize just how crowded it is to travel by plane!



Hope you all get the opportunity to visit.

Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2010**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norm Ulmer, at 1:00 PM at the home of Herb and Marion Waesch. There were approximately 45 members present. The Waesch family was thanked for hosting the meeting.

There were no guests present. Mr. and Mrs. A. Swensen were welcomed by the club as the newest members in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting (March, 2010) were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Vice-President, Willis Fagg, reported the Pima County Fair was a great success, commending the membership for their volunteerism. He will have a letter in the next newsletter thanking everyone. He also read a letter from the County Fair organizer, Peggy, thanking the club. Chef-for-a-Day at the Ronald McDonald House was very successful as well.

Willis asked for volunteers for the Toy Train Swap Meet setup, staffing and teardown June 5. He is working with Jerry Tulino on setting up a detailed calendar for the website which would include meetings, clinics, and other events. He is still waiting to hear back from ABTO about a Tucson tour for them in the Fall.

The Treasurer, Ruth Taylor, gave her report:

Total on deposit:	\$36,299.66
Year to date recap:	
Revenues to date:	\$15,502.69
Expenses to date:	8,231.51
Net revenue:	7,271.18
Rails in the Garden recap:	
Revenue:	\$7,251.00
Expenses:	1,925.68
Net revenue:	5,325.32
Raffle recap:	
Revenue:	\$531.00
Expenses:	125.00
Net revenue:	406.00

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Editor, Jim Miller, reported that he will be going out of town on the 27th of May and that he would appreciate receiving all articles, etc. prior to that date to keep the newsletter from being late.

Gary Martin of the Maintenance Committee reported that three engines are now repaired and he is waiting for motor blocks. Nick Buchholz reported that he is looking into LED kits to replace lights in some cars.

There were no new issues for the Mentor Committee to report.

lby Ulmer reported that there were no new members in the past month, but that our total membership is more than 90.

In Chuck Cook's absence, it was noted that the next social event will be on Wednesday, 5/19 at the Red Garter Saloon. The R&R Pizza Company is no longer in business.

Old Business:

(A) In accordance with the By-Laws, the Board of Directors approved the appointment of Gina Blackwell to fill the position of Secretary, which was vacated by Salli Sanders.

(B) Norm reported that we are scheduled to begin erecting the overhead track support in the Gift Shop at the Diamond Children's Center on July 14. The track support system has been completed by Eaglewings Iron Craft and he estimates that it will take 6 volunteers about 4 days to complete the installation.

(C) Our first Clinic is scheduled as a tour of the Rillito Nursery on June 12, beginning at 9:00 AM. The nursery is located at 6303 N. La Cholla Blvd., south of Orange Grove on the west side of the street. A signup list for the tour was provided. Contact Jack Forgues if you have any questions.

(D) Future clinics are tentatively scheduled as follows: drip irrigation on July 31; people-making sometime in September; layout planning sometime in October.

(E) Norm has completed the conversion of Convention cars to TGRS cars. Eighteen are available for purchase at \$40 each.

(F) Nick is working on the control problems with the modular layout. He hopes to have it worked out by the time of the VA display in December. We will be purchasing two new TE transmitters and sending two older ones for repair.

New Business:

Volunteers agreeing to host upcoming general meetings in the next year are:

Jack & Rosalie Forgues – September
Nick Buchholz & Mary Ker – October
Gary & Peggy Martin – November
Bruce & Pat Somerhalder – January

Rincon Country West – February
Tucson Botanical Gardens – March
Glenn & Janet Mitchell – May.

Thorn has offered to host another social event on Mt. Lemmon in August. More details to follow.

Gary Martin brought some artificial rock that he had purchased. He advised anyone wishing to obtain more information or to buy some of the rock to contact Barry Blackwell for the address and/or phone number.

Norm mentioned that there are some good deals (\$5 each) to be had on Convention shirts, hats, etc.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

Minutes of the May BOD Meeting

May 10, 2010, at the home of Norm & Ibbby Ulmer

Present were: Norm Ulmer, Ibbby Ulmer, Nick Buchholz, Ruty Taylor, Willis Fagg, Jay Sanders, Barry Blackwell, Jack Forgues, and Gina Blackwell.

The minutes of the April BOD meeting were approved as amended to include Jack Forgues' name as the Clinics Committee Chairman under New Business.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

1. Total on deposit – \$37,441.16
2. Revenues from 4/14/10 – \$439.41
3. Expenses from 4/14/10 – \$722.54
4. Net revenues from 4/14/10 – (\$283.13)

Vice President's Report: Willis presented a wrap-up of the Pima County Fair as a great success. He commended the excellent response of the club membership in staffing and plans to note this in the next newsletter. He also passed out the schedule for the upcoming swap meet.

Old Business/Committee Reports:

- A. Clinics – The first clinic is scheduled for the morning of June 12 at the Rillito Nursery. Maps and more information will be made available at the May 15th general meeting. There was some discussion on when and where to schedule clinic events and it was agreed that two "events" per month (including the general meeting) should be workable. It was also noted that the Tucson Botanical Gardens may have a room available to host clinic events and that some club members may also have resources available for hosting future events. Setting up an annual club calendar on the website for meetings, events, clinics, etc. was suggested.
- B. Maintenance – work on the Santa Fe engine is progressing (waiting for trucks); looking into LED kits to replace lights in the cars; parts prices are increasing.
- C. Membership – no new members in the past month.

Other Old Business:

- A. Gina Blackwell was proposed as interim secretary and the Board approved.
- B. Renting trailer parking spaces – options were discussed but no decisions made.
- C. The track support system for the Diamond Children's Center project is finished. A final payment of \$1144 is due and will be sent. The funds for the system were approved prior to placing the order. There was some discussion of pickup and storage of the system until the time of installation. More information from Eaglewings Iron Craft is

needed about the size of the pieces before a decision can be made.

- D. Convention cars converted to TGRS cars – there are 18 available to the club membership.
- E. Adding impedance devices to the modular layout in lieu of a new control system was discussed and will be explored further.
- F. 1000 Railroad Safety coloring books have arrived.
- G. Duties for work on the Diamond Children's Center project:
 - Purchase of track and rolling stock – Willis Fagg (one car is the TGRS car and he is looking for other donations)
 - Purchase and set-up of electronic controls – Glenn Mitchell
 - Arrange for equipment to erect system – Barry Blackwell (to check with equipment rental companies)
 - Acquisition of volunteer workforce for system erection – Norm (at least 5 people will be needed)

New Business:

- A. The Board authorized the purchase of 2 new TE Xmtr controllers; the old ones will be sent back for repair.
- B. Need a volunteer host for September.
- C. There was some discussion about purchasing new engines to replace aging stock; Uintahs, moguls, etc. were proposed, but no decision made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

New calendar coming soon to our Web Site



Jerry Tulino and Willis Fagg are working on our new calendar and this is what it will look like when it is finished. We will have an article in the July newsletter about it and how to use it.

From the May meeting at Herb and Marion Waesch.



Telephone Booth by the Garden Railway

A Big Welcome to New Members

There were no new members during June

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

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

Jun 5 TTOS Swap Meet
Jun 19 Jim White
Nov 2010 Gary and Peggy Martin
Dec 4 Christmas Party
Feb 12, 2011 Rincon Country West
Mar 2011 Tucson Botanical Gardens

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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