



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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July 2010

**There are no meetings for the months of
July and August**

CHRISTMAS IN JULY (Monthly Social Luncheon) Saturday July 17th

There's no club meeting in July, so plan to come out for our social luncheon; which is on a Saturday this time. It's like Christmas because it will be at the Hometown Buffet on Oracle Rd. just north of River Rd. It's also like Christmas because I have some fun activities planned if we get enough people. We have half of the banquet area reserved if we have 20 people. Our luncheon will be from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the cost is \$ 9.25 per person. I will be sending an e-mail to those on the club list when we get a little closer so I can get a head count. If you do not get club e-mails and can attend; or if you have any questions, call Chuck Cook at 797-1066. Don't miss this chance to socialize and get an update on our construction at the new UMC Children's Hospital.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30.
Membership renewal for the 2009/10 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the monthly meetings or by mail (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

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

The First Clinic at the Rillito Nursery By Jack Forgues

The first clinic was held on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Twenty four members of the TGRS met at the Rillito Nursery to attend a walking tour and lecture pertaining to plants, planting and tools. After helping ourselves to home baked goodies and coffee we began our tour of the nursery with one of their certified nursery technician. As we walked along the pathways of the nursery, many plants were pointed out to us that could be used on our garden railroad layouts. It was a unique opportunity to have a question and answer period as we walked through the nursery. All the members received valuable information on what could be used around their homes or on various garden railroads. After the clinic was over, members walked around the nursery looking for that special item to take home and plant or display. No doubt, TGRS members will return to the Rillito Nursery again to purchase unique plants.

The next clinic will be held on Saturday, July 31, 2010 at the Rillito Nursery. The subject will be: Installing drip systems. As of right now we have twelve people signed up for the clinic. If you would like to join us please contact Jack Forgues/ clinic coordinator at 818-9598 or jr4gus@wbhsi.net. See you at the next clinic.

Future TGRS Clinics For 2010

Rillito Nursery, Saturday, July 31, 2010.

Location: 6303 N. La Cholla Blvd.
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Subject: Installing drip systems.

Fairfield Recreation Center Saturday, September 18, 2010.

Location: 5500 N. Paseo Otono
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Subject: Making People
Presented by: **Jane Dorgan**

Tucson Botanical Garden, Saturday, October 23, 2010.

Location: 2150 N. Alvernon Way
Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon
Subject: Railroad Layout Planning
Presented by: **Nick Buchholz**

**Contact Jack Forgues/ Clinic Coordinator at 818-9598 or jr4gus@wbhsi.net,
If you have any questions or if you would like sign-up for a particular clinic.**

We received the following letter from the Ronald McDonald House

On behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona, we would like to thank you for volunteering through our **Chef for a Day** program. The love you've shown to our families means so much to them during their most difficult time.

As you know, when we have someone sick or in the hospital, our families, friends, co-workers and church communities come together to bring casseroles, soup, cake — all the comforts we rely on in a crisis. Our **Chef for a Day** program gives the Tucson community the opportunity to step in on behalf of these families who are far from home — without their own support system.

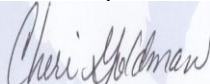
Each year, our Ronald McDonald House and Ronald McDonald Family Room programs help more than 4,500 families of seriously ill children find comfort and support in their time of greatest need - the serious illness of a beloved child.

RMHC provides an atmosphere of encouragement, nurturing and hope at a time when families are undergoing one of the most stressful ordeals they can endure. The real uniqueness of our mission is found not in caring for bodies, but caring for hearts and souls.

Thank you for opening your heart to help children and families, we are so thankful for the support that we receive from friends like you who make our work possible.



Diana Sheldon
Executive Director



Cheri Goldman
House Manager

This additional write-up and Pictures provided by Ted & Valerie Golembiewski

Clinic on Desert planting, small plants, pruning and Tools

On Saturday, June 12, 2010, about 20 members of TGRS attended a desert planting clinic at the Rillito Nursery at 6303 N. LaCholla Blvd. It was a very rewarding morning, starting with coffee, water, and a delicious homemade treat.

Our guide, Stephanie, was very knowledgeable about the use of small plants for garden railroads, as well as how to prune and fertilize them. She shared her ideas for the best plants to use in the shade and the sun, and the pros and cons of each variety. She patiently answered all questions and provided invaluable insight into the world of desert plants.

We also had an interesting segment about various herbs and ground covers, and summer vs. winter types of plants, and a short presentation about pond plants.

Preparing the ground is one of the most important steps in ensuring that plants thrive in our tough desert soil. Tips for dealing with caliche were provided, ranging from the good old pick axe to sulphuric acid! Mulching is also necessary to improve the soil around the plants, as is a root stimulator, which is a liquid fertilizer/rooting hormone/transplant shock reducer.

One of the most interesting aspects of the morning was finding out which plants repel 'critters' such as javelinas. Stephanie provided information about how to plant critter repellent plants around the more edible and appealing plants. One of the members suggested just planting a separate garden for the javelinas, rabbits and such!

The next clinic at the nursery will be Saturday, July 31st, detailing irrigation systems and how to best water your plants. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes, sunscreen, and a hat.



TGRS Members attend Clinic at Rillito Nursery



Stephanie shows a plant for a Garden Railway

Golden Spike National Historic Site Jim and Elaine Miller's vacation

The end of May we went to Utah to see our Daughter Angela, son-in-law Michael, and granddaughter Mahalie. We went to Promontory Point to see the Golden Spike site. This is our third trip out there and probably not the last. When we arrived only the Jupiter was out as 119 had been in the day before for a boiler wash and it takes six hours to bring the boiler up to pressure. Just after 2:30 p. m. they brought 119 out so we were able to see both locomotives. The original locomotives were scrapped around the first of the Twentieth Century for the going price of \$1000.00 each. The replica locomotives were built in the mid 1970's and are said to be within 1/4" of the originals. The locomotives were recently converted to burn their original fuels instead of the oil they had been burning, 119 now burns coal and the Jupiter burns wood.



Mahalie stands by the pilot of Locomotive 119



The Jupiter



119



Family Picture

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 19, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norm Ulmer, at 10:00 AM at the home of Jim White. There were approximately 28 present. Jim was thanked for hosting the meeting.

There were no guests present and no new members.

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

Vice-President Willis Fagg reported:

1. The ABTO tour has been tentatively scheduled for Nov. 6th. A show of hands for layouts to be open for this included Gary Martin, Nick Buchholz, Glenn Mitchell, and Barry Blackwell.
2. The new online calendar is up and running – Willis requested feedback via email.
3. U of A Presents is having a children's festival Oct. 17th and would like to have the children's layout. There was some discussion about the feasibility of setting up the layout for a 2-hr event and, most importantly, whether it must be set up outdoors. This layout is not grounded and is not suitable for an outdoor event. Some alternatives were proposed such as providing information on how to design a garden layout, showing a DVD of layouts, the Power Point educational presentation, etc.
4. A quick to set up display for educational purposes has been proposed and will be discussed further at the next Board of Directors meeting.

In Ruth Taylor's absence, Norm read the Treasurer's Report:

1. Total on deposit: \$36,466.42
2. Revenues from 5/15/10: \$469.46
3. Expenses from 5/15/10: \$442.70
4. Net revenues from 5/15: \$26.76
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$270.00

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

The Editor, Jim Miller, reported that the newsletter is going well and asked the membership to keep sending in articles.

Gary Martin reported that the Maintenance Committee had no new issues and that he is still waiting for parts.

Nick Buchholz reported that the Mentoring Committee is going well and that most of the members' concerns are electronics-related.

Ibby Ulmer reported that there have been no new members added to the roster and that she is accepting dues payments in the Treasurer's absence. Ibby also requested that those members wishing to mail in checks for dues should mail them directly to Ruth Taylor.

In Chuck Cook's absence, it was noted that a social event is being planned for a Sunday on Mt. Lemmon.

Jack Forgues reported that 24 attended the first clinic at Rillito Nursery. A signup sheet for the 7/31 event on drip irrigation (at Rillito Nursery) was circulated. The people-making clinic is scheduled for 9/18 and the layout startup/track planning clinic for 10/03.

Old Business:

Jerry Tulino was thanked for his efforts in getting the online calendar up and running. He and Willis worked together in getting the events for the next year posted. The membership was advised to check it periodically for updates.

Norm reported that he and Nick had picked up the Diamond Children's Center track support system on 6/18. They will lay it out and check it in the Cooks' garage.

Converted convention cars are available at \$40 each.

Jerry presented a letter of thanks from the Ronald McDonald house for the Chef for a Day event. This was given to Jim Miller to print in the newsletter.

New Business:

Following the September meeting at Jack and Rosalie Forgues' home, Ron Koehler has invited the club members to his home to see his live steam engines in operation.

The Mt. Lemmon picnic date and time are to be announced.

Reminder: The ABTO tour is tentatively set for 11/06.

Gary Martin brought a structure for Show & Tell. His annual open house is scheduled for Nov. 13: open to the public from 11 AM to 3 PM and the club meeting to begin at 3 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

June 14, 2010 at the home of Norm & Ibby Ulmer

Present were: Norm Ulmer, Ibby Ulmer, Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Jim Miller, Nick Buchholz, Jack Forgues, Glenn Mitchell, Barry Blackwell and Gina Blackwell

The minutes of the May BOD meeting were approved as read.

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Editor's Report: Will add event dates to back page of newsletter. Will also include notice about dues.

Committee Reports:

Clinic Committee – The first clinic at Rillito Nursery was attended by 24 and very well received. An article for the newsletter is planned. Future clinics include: 7/31 drip irrigation, 9/18 people-making, 10/23 layout planning. Jack will give details to the Editor and Webmaster to publicize.

Membership Committee – No new members.

Mentoring Committee – Nick is currently helping Jerry Tulino with a sound system.

Social Committee – No report. The next social is scheduled for 06/17.

Old Business:

- A. Norm and Nick are planning to go to Phoenix to pick up the track structure for the Diamond Children's Center on Friday, 06/18. To borrow Barry's car trailer and furniture pads. The Cooks have offered their RV garage to set up and check out the system prior to its installation.
- B. A secure location for layout trailer storage is being sought. Ruth has identified a location on the west side. The annual fee would be \$300 for the 1st trailer, \$270 for the 2nd and 3rd.
- C. Clinics – see Committee Report above.
- D. There is a problem with the tunnel location at the Diamond Children's Center. Nick is working to resolve this.
- E. Barry to check equipment rental companies for a duct jack.
- F. No progress to date on the impedance devices for the modular layout.
- G. Event schedule now online; some dates are still tentative. The ABTO tour is proposed for 10/30 or 11/06, pending their club's feedback. A show of hands at the next general meeting for 4-6 open layouts is proposed. A request for the children's layout

for a Challenger Little League function will be declined due to grounding issues; would be willing to do it if an indoor locale can be found. The swap meet went well, even with only a few volunteers. Willis is proposing to pick up track to match the donated track while in California over the July 4th weekend. He agreed also to check on power supply limiters for the Diamond Children's Center. Engines are on order.

- H. Need to purchase two TE Xmtr controllers and send the old ones back for repair.
- I. Tucson Botanical Gardens – Glenn to pursue obtaining an enclosure for their equipment.
Diamond Children's Center – discussion about setting up the control system. To set it up to run two circuits, then stop. A vandal-proof start switch needs to be purchased. The Board authorized up to \$100 for battery-charging circuit boards.
Rails in the Garden 2011 – to be held March 12 & 13 with Martins, Buchholz, Rincon Country West and some Saddlebrook layouts (so far). Need a central locale for tickets. Ticket/map configuration was discussed. There was some discussion about "comping" tickets for special-interest groups like Big Brothers & Big Sisters, Ronald McDonald House; these tickets could be made to look like RR passes but would not be eligible for the drawing. It was decided that we would repeat the food bank donations as well.

New Business:

- A. Summer Sunday on Mt. Lemmon – Thorne Pierce has offered to host again.
- B. Ron Koehler will have his live steam layout open after the meeting hosted by Jack and Rosalie Forgues. Jack asked for help with a track and motherboard problem.
- C. It was suggested that a technical advice session be added as a clinic.

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

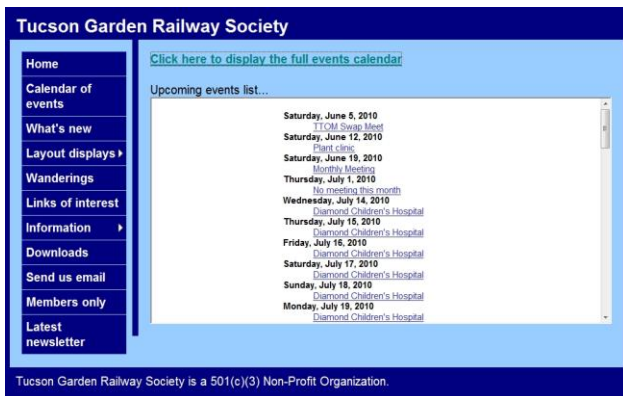
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**Our new Calendar of Events
on our Web Site
Thanks to Jerry Tulino with the dates
entered by Willis Fagg**

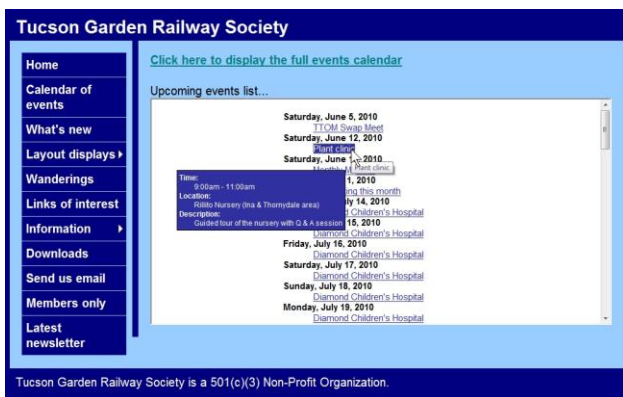
We have setup and populated a completely new "Calendar of events" page for the web site that will display our scheduled events for many months in the future. This document is intended to describe some

of the features of the new calendar. There is much more that it can do so you are encouraged to “kick the tires”. The program and the event data are protected from changes so you cannot do any damage by clicking on the various links to see what else it can do

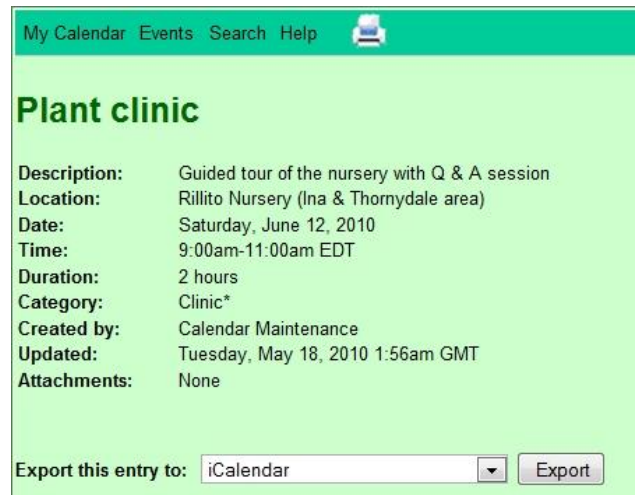
When you click on the “Calendar of events” item on the main menu, a new page will be displayed as seen below. This page contains both a link to the full calendar and a window that displays several of the upcoming events in order by date...



The “Upcoming events list” has links to the events as well as a short description that pops up when you hover your mouse over the name of the event...



Additionally, when you click on an event, a window that shows all of the information about the event is displayed...



Note – The “Export this entry” at the bottom of the event display allow you to export the event to your personal calendar on your PC. If you have any questions about this feature, please email me at webmaster@tucsongrs.org.

Once you click on the “Click here to display the full events calendar” link the train really leaves the station. A full year calendar is displayed and every date that has an event scheduled is show with a red background. Weekends are displayed in dark green and the current day is the yellow day.



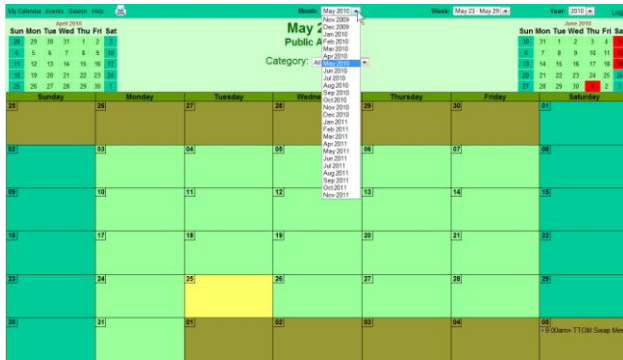
You can navigate this calendar to last year or next year by clicking on the big arrows just below the title bar. The “My Calendar” item on the menu lets you select the type of calendar that you wish to display. For example you might want to see just one month at a time...



If the current month is not the one you wish to look at you can either click on the name of the month...



Or you can click on the “drop down arrow” and select the month you want...



The month calendar also displays the previous and next months. If you want to go to June you could just click on the name of the month to go there. Or, suppose you want to see what is on the schedule for June 12. You can click on the date itself...



And the calendar for that day will be displayed.



Again, you can hover the mouse over the event to see the expanded description...



And, if you click on the event itself, all of the information about the event is displayed...

My Calendar Events Search Help

Plant clinic

Description: Guided tour of the nursery with Q & A session
Location: Rillito Nursery (Ina & Thornydale area)
Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010
Time: 9:00am-11:00am EDT
Duration: 2 hours
Category: Clinic*
Created by: Calendar Maintenance
Updated: Tuesday, May 18, 2010 1:56am GMT
Attachments: None

Export this entry to:

When you are finished viewing the calendar you can click on “Exit” from the menu...

My Calendar Events Search Help Month: Dec

Home Today This Week This Month This Year Exit

Tuesday, December 28, 2010

Public Access
 Category: All

Proposed Layout Display-VA

8:00am	
9:00am	
10:00am	
11:00am	

Feel free to experiment. If you have any questions about any feature please email me at webmaster@tucsongrs.org

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

Sep 11	Jack and Rosalie Forgues	meeting at 10 am	Live Steam follows
Oct 9	Nick Bucholz and Mary Ker	meeting at 1 pm	
Nov 6	ABTO visits	To Be Announced	
Nov 13	Gary and Peggy Martin	meeting at 3 pm	
Dec 4	Christmas Party	2 pm	
Jan 15	Bruce and Pat Somerhalder		
Feb 12	Rincon Country West		
Mar 19	Tucson Botanical Gardens		

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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