



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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August 2010

**There is no meeting  
for the month of August**

### Future TGRS Clinics For 2010

### MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Let's go to the Red Garter Saloon for lunch one more time to see how all their improvements came out. The date will be Thursday August 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 September if we can work out details.

#### 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](mailto:jr4gus@wbhsi.net).**

**If you have any questions or if you would like sign-up for a particular clinic.**

### Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expired on June 30.

Membership renewal for the 2010/11 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

**Our club received the following thank  
you letter from the Diamond Children's  
Medical Center**



July 26, 2010

Tucson Garden Railway Society  
Norman Ulmer, President  
4935 N Craycroft Rd  
Tucson, AZ 85718

Dear Tucson Garden Railway Society:

On behalf of University Medical Center, I would like to thank you for your generous gift-in-kind donation of a train for the Diamond Children's Medical Center lobby, made on 7/17/2010. Your gift, directed to the Diamond Children's Medical Center Fund, will benefit patients in that area.

All of us at UMC deeply appreciate your support of this vital program.

Sincerely,

Kent D. Rollins  
President  
University Medical Center Foundation

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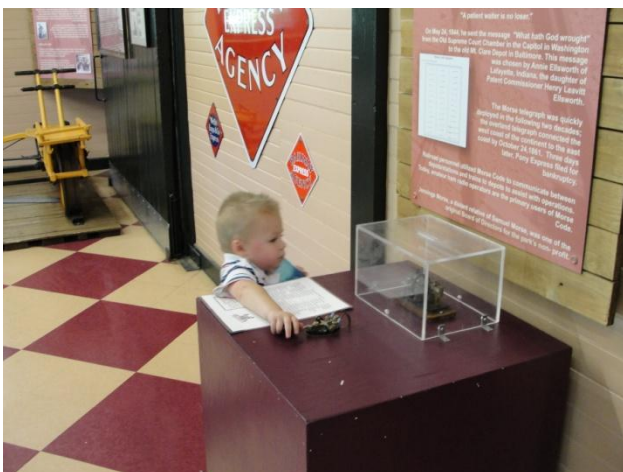
UMC Foundation | 655 E. River Rd. | Tucson, AZ 85704 | (520)694-6088 | FAX (520)694-4211 | [www.DiamondChildrens.org](http://www.DiamondChildrens.org)

## McCormick Park by Ibby Ulmer

In May Norm and I went to McCormick Park in Scottsdale with our family, including our two year old grandson. There are the usual playgrounds for children in a lovely setting but most important there are trains! One is a 15 inch gauge train powered by 2-8-0 Consolidation engine which circles the park.

There are the obligatory gift shops, of course and there is a museum which features the Pullman cars which were chartered by the U. S. Government and used by Presidents Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman and Eisenhower much as our Presidents use Air Force One today.

If you haven't been to McCormick Park, it is well worth the trip for a family outing.



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

July 12, 2010 at the home of Norm & Ibbey Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

1. Total on deposit: \$35,880.89
2. Revenues from 6/15/10: \$826.41
3. Expenses from 6/15/10: \$1,398.54
4. Net revenues from 6/15: (\$572.13)
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$1,140.00

Vice-President's Report:

The ABTO tour is scheduled for 11/6 with seven layouts possible -- Blackwell, Buchholz, Dorgan, Forgues, Martin, Mitchell, and (maybe) Ulmer.

The Children's Festival at the U of A is scheduled for 10/17 -- a display in the Centennial Hall lobby and/or a DVD playing on the monitors was discussed. More information from U of A needed before a final decision can be made.

The Southern Ariz. VA Health Care System is hosting a welcome home event for returning veterans at the U of A mall 10/16 -- unsure what role the club would play except to promote the Rails in the Garden Tour.

The Southern Ariz. VA Health Care System layout is tentatively set for 12/27 through 12/30.

No Editor's Report.

Committee Reports:

*Clinic Committee* -- Future clinics include: 7/31 drip irrigation at Rillito Nursery, 9/18 people-making, 9/23 layout planning at Tucson Botanical Gardens. Jack will give details and updates to the Editor and Webmaster to publicize.

*Maintenance Committee* -- New Aristo transmitters are in; need to send old ones back.

*Membership Committee* -- No new members; 38 families are paid up this year, so far.

*Mentoring Committee* -- Nothing new to report.

*Social Committee* -- No report. The next social event is scheduled for 07/17 at the Hometown Buffet on Oracle.

Old Business:

- A. Norm went to Phoenix to get more material and touchup paint for the track support system for the Diamond Children's Medical Center. The pieces were laid out and the track bent in Jim and Madeline Cook's RV garage. All is ready for the installation scheduled to begin 7/14. UMC parking passes were issued to those present who will be taking part in the project. There will

be a mandatory orientation for the participants at UMC before the project begins and temporary badges to be worn on-site will be distributed. Per Glenn Mitchell, the controllers are ready. Kid-friendly and somewhat kid-proof switches were displayed and discussed. Three cameras are needed plus two receivers and a circuit board. A combo-car is being investigated for the battery. Ruth is going to send thank-you letters to ACE Hardware and Eaglewings Iron Craft.

Norm noticed a 2-track bridge at Eaglewings Iron Craft and there was some discussion about obtaining it for the modular layout.

- B. A secure location for layout trailer storage will not be needed in the near future, but Ruth has identified a location on the west side that should be available when the time comes.
- C. Rails in the Garden 2011 -- to be held March 12 & 13: the tour will tentatively include Martin, Buchholz, Rincon Country West and some Saddlebrook layouts (three so far).

New Business:

The next Board of Directors' Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 9.

There was some discussion of looking for a secure space for a permanent club layout. Tucson Botanical Gardens, Tohono Chul and Reid Park were mentioned as possibilities to explore.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

## Murals Begin Where the Landscaping Stops!

Have you ever wanted to “get rid of” the backyard wall and imagine your train running through the open country, or past a mountain setting or through an industrial area?

How often have you seen a friend’s layout where the rocks and mountains look great as they press up against the back wall but then stop, without any blue sky or mountains off in the distance?

That’s where murals take over. Complete the picture! Extend the fantasy!

An 1800’s western town, a mining camp off in the distance or a pastoral scene with a waterfall and beautiful flowers are all possible with paint.

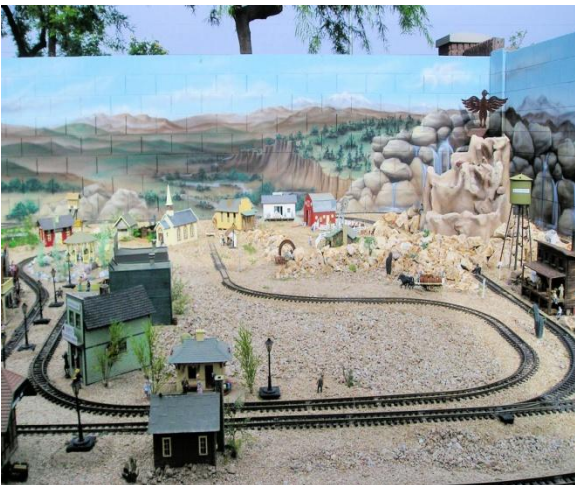
Affordable, durable and imaginative, a painted wall mural can add another dimension and an increased sense of space to anyone’s railroad.

Painted plants keep their color year-round and don’t drop leaves or require water or trimming. Towns painted off in the distance extend the atmosphere of the railroad much like a theatre backdrop. The effect can be awesome!

MuralsByGardner.com specializes in this type of work. As a member of ABTO, I have seen many beautiful layouts and I’ve met many passionate train lovers, being one myself.

I love to share my joy and talent with people of similar interests. If you have ideas or questions related to techniques, materials and effects of wall murals, please call. Advice and conversations are always free!

Jim Gardner  
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## A Big Welcome to New Members

There were no new members during July

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 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. For new members dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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