



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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November 2010

The November meeting is at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin on the 13th of November. The meeting will be at 3:00 pm after the open house and before the Food and Beverages. See the announcement to the right for details.

The Martin's are located at 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila in North central Tucson. Their phone number is 299-7428. They are located just off of Swan North of River Road. Going North on Swan go across River, take the second left turnout, there is a sign that says Cerro de Aguila. Going South on Swan from Sunrise 1.5 miles, you will go past Avenida Shelly, it is the next right.



ALL ABOARD

You are invited to the 7th annual

Open House

AT GARY AND PEGGY MARTIN'S

EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN RAILROAD

Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2010

Place: 4625 E. CERRO DE AGUILA, TUCSON AZ.

1. TGRS November Meeting will begin at 3:00PM
2. General Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM

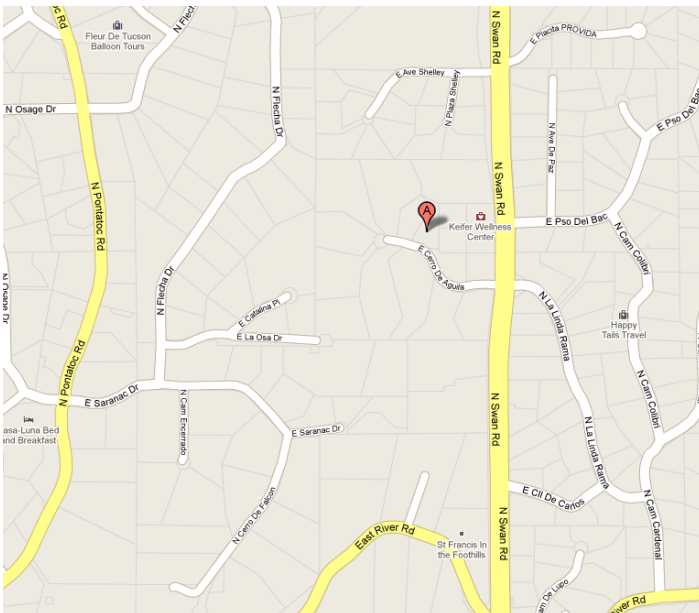
Open to GENERAL PUBLIC

3. Food and Beverages will be served after 4:00PM for club members, their families, and other special guests.

If you plan to stay for the food and beverages, please RSYP by November 7th with number who plan to attend.

520 299-7428 OR

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Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad

Gary started his garden railway in 1992 after buying his first Garden Railway magazine.

It was decided that the design of the railroad would be educational and aesthetic and that the theme of the railroad would be the early diverse events that took place in Arizona between the late 1800's and the mid 1900's. As you walk through the garden, look closely and you will see miniature scenes that depict these early events. The garden is divided into two distinctive areas: mountains and desert. The layout has grown in four phases: first was the town area and 50 feet of track. Next came the logging area with waterfall and ponds the third phase was the desert mining area. The fourth phase is the raised track as you enter the train yard and was designed exclusively to extend the total footage of running track. The garden incorporates a variety of native with other colorful plants that have been chosen for their resistance to desert animals. We have enjoyed a project that brings two hobbies together, gardening and model railroading.



The Railway at a Glance

Name: Eagle Mountain Railroad
Owner: Gary and Peggy Martin
Size: 30 feet by 150 feet and 30 feet by 100 feet (7,500 sq. ft.)
Scale: 1:22.5 ,1:24,1:20.3
Gauge: No. 1 (45mm)
Theme: 3" narrow gauge, Arizona mountains and desert
Era: Steam, late 19th century to the 1930's
Age: 15 yrs.
Motive power: Track and battery power
Length of track: 1400 feet
Maximum gradient: 6.0 %
Minimum radius: 18 inches
Type of track: Code 332, LGB and Aristo-Craft

Structures: Pike, Pola, Railroad Ave., and scratch built

Control system: Track power using Bridgeworks, MRC, Aristo-Craft, LGB, Hogger power supplies controlled with Aristo-Craft Train Engineer R/C. and Battery power controlled with CVP Products AIRWIRE 900 R/C.

Plants on the Eagle Mountain Railroad

Trees

Mesquite
Palo Verde
Aleppo Pine
Dwarf Wines Pine
Dwarf Cedar
California Redwoods

Ground Cover

Myoporum
Lantana
Showy Primrose

Cactus and Succulents

Saguaro
Fishhook Barrel
Prickly Pear
Agave
Teddy Bear
Buckhorn Cholla
Bunnyears
Dollar cactus
Tree chola
Crown of Thorns

Shrubs

Autumn Sage
Bird of Paradise
Blue Juniper
Brittlebush
Bursage
Creosote Bush
Desert Broom
Desert Phlox
Mexican Heather
Ocotillo
Penstemon
Rosemary

TGRS Layout Planning and Design Clinic

Nick Buchholz gave an outstanding program for our TGRS members on October 23rd at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. He gave a detailed power point presentation and shared handouts and a planning questionnaire. It was extremely informative for a person starting a new layout and valuable for anyone with a plan in progress.

His presentation posed many thought provoking questions that would be helpful in preventing mistakes and organizing a layout. His suggestions were challenging to each member's creativity and inspiring for future planning.

We appreciate Nick for sharing his knowledge and expertise with our members. It was a great clinic!

Jack Forgues

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

The food, fun and service is terrific, so we will continue to gather at The Red Garter Saloon. The date is Thursday November 18th and the Red Garter is located at 3143 E Speedway. Pool players arrive at 11 a.m. and lunch only folks at 11:45. Come Join Us! Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TGRS CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:

It will be at the Hometown Buffet at 5101 N. Oracle Road on Saturday, December 4th beginning at noon. The cost is \$10 per person. Ruth will take advance payments by mail (check only) or at the November meeting. She will also take payments at the door but requests that you call her in advance to make your reservation.

Her number is: (520) 908-1312

Make checks payable to: Tucson Garden Railway Society

Mail to: Ruth Taylor, Treasurer
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

There will be a gift exchange. If you would like to participate in the gift exchange please bring a gift.

The rules of the gift exchange:

One gift per family with a limit of \$10.
Steals are limited to two and no person can have more than two gifts taken from them.

2011 Rails In The Garden Layout Tour

Where has spring and summer gone!?! It is already time to start thinking and planning for next spring's RITG. For 2011 the RITG dates are March 12 and March 13. The tour is back on the (mostly) west side of town for 2011. We have a great group of layouts for next year including at least three layouts in Saddlebrook that have not been on the tour before. Hosts that have agreed to have their layouts open for 2011's tour include:

Jack & Rosalie Forgues
Ron & Helen Koehler
Bruce & Pat Somerhalder
Roy & Mary Ann Eberbach
Nick Buchholz & Mary Ker
Glenn & Janet Mitchell

Gary & Peggy Martin
Rincon Country West RV Resort club layout

The Toy Train Operators Museum is also likely to be a tour stop.

2010's food and donations drive for the Community Food Bank was so successful that we are going to have collection boxes and receptacles at each layout again in 2011. Hopefully, our guests and neighbors can be as generous as in 2010 when we collected over 300 pounds of food and \$400 in monetary contributions.

We are again using last year's ticket pricing scheme – individual adult tickets will be \$5 and children/teens 18 and under will be admitted at no charge, when accompanied by an adult. Tickets to be sold by TGRS members were available starting at the Christmas party on December 4th. If you would like tickets to sell, or more tickets, please call or email.

Thanks and keep smiling!
Glenn Mitchell

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING October 9, 2010

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norm Ulmer, at 1:00 PM. Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker were thanked for hosting the meeting.

There were no guests present.

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

Vice-President Willis Fagg reported:

1. The ABTO tour is set for Nov. 6th. The order of the tour will be Forgues, Dorgan, Ulmer, Martin (the lunch will be served here), Blackwell, Mitchell, and Buchholz. Volunteers to help the hosts were recruited.
2. The 4th Annual Welcome Home for Veterans on the U of A mall is scheduled for 10/16. A tabletop display with club information is planned. There are also plans to contact the different service organizations regarding passes for the Rails in the Garden tour.
3. U of A Presents' Children's festival Oct. 17th. The same display (as on 10/16) is planned that would include some buildings, people, etc. The Gadsden Pacific group and representatives from the Transportation Museum will be there too.
4. We have confirmation from the VA hospital to display from 12/27 to 12/30. Setup will begin at

10AM on 12/27 (Monday), run Tuesday and Wednesday from 9AM to 4PM, run Thursday from 9AM to Noon and then tear down. Drivers are needed and a shift signup sheet was passed around.

5. The Arizona State Home Show, January 7-9, 2011 – parking is an issue (\$5-\$8); participating is still under discussion.
6. The club has declined to participate in the Gadsden Pacific swap meet on 11/06.
7. Bridgewater's controllers for the children's layout are being planned to help control speed. These would be grounded units and suitable for use outdoors.
8. Luminaria Nights at the Tucson Botanical Gardens will be 12/3 to 12/5. No volunteers are needed.
9. The Christmas party is scheduled for 12/4 – pay \$10/person to Ruth Taylor.

The Treasurer's Report:

1. Total on deposit: \$35,994.60
2. Revenues from 9/12/10: \$666.41
3. Expenses from 9/12/10: \$191.97
4. Net revenues from 9/12: \$474.44
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$2,425.00

The Diamond Children's at University Medical Center layout cost a total of \$5,968.22. Another \$75 for an antenna booster was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Jack Forgues, Clinics Committee, was absent. Norm Ulmer announced that the next clinic will be at the Tucson Botanical Gardens – layout startup/track planning.

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

Gary Martin reported that the Education Committee is planning a presentation to the OASIS group on 10/21. It will primarily be an introduction to garden railroading. The presentation will be given to the general membership at the February meeting.

Maintenance Committee had no new issues. Gary reminded the members to always remove the batteries from the transmitters. An external battery setup is being explored.

Nick Buchholz reported that there were no new Mentoring Committee issues.

Ibby Ulmer reported that the new roster of the current 84 members will be on the website soon. The members were reminded of the password to access it.

In Chuck Cook's absence, it was noted that a social event is being planned for Thursday, October 14 at the Red Garter Saloon on Speedway.

Old Business:

Norm reported on several suggestions for future club projects: holiday cars or train at the Diamond Children's layout, possibly a layout at the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (VA Hospital), among others being considered.

Converted convention cars with the TGRS logo are available at \$40 each.

The club is looking into making the battery packs on the TE transmitters readily removable.

New Business:

There is an updated mailing list for the Rails in the Garden (about 1,100) and about 250 email addresses. The layouts scheduled for 2011 so far are: Rincon Country West, Mitchell, Eberbach, Buchholz and three Saddlebrook layouts. Volunteers were encouraged to begin signing up. Also, Janet Mitchell asked for volunteers to help with stuffing envelopes, etc. for the mailing list.

We are buying new grounded controllers for the children's layout.

Ken Karrels reported that there will be an event at the Doubletree Hotel on 10/23 benefiting the Transportation Museum. Also, the Second Saturday downtown event is tonight (10/09).

Gary Martin reminded the members of the open house and next club meeting on 11/13. Be sure to RSVP to the Martins if you plan to stay for dinner.

Gary is looking for a tester for the LGB MTS system.

Jane Dorgan was thanked for putting on a great people-making clinic.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**
October 7, 2010 at the home of Norm &
Ibby Ulmer

Present were: Norm Ulmer, Ibby Ulmer, Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Nick Buchholz, Gary Martin, Barry Blackwell, and Gina Blackwell

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved.

1. Total on deposit: \$35,982.81
2. Revenues from 9/12/10: \$666.41
3. Expenses from 9/12/10: \$203.76
4. Net revenues from 9/12: \$462.65
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$2,425.00

Vice-President's Report:

The ABTO tour 11/6: the seven layouts include Blackwell, Buchholz, Dorgan, Forgues, Martin, Mitchell, and Ulmer. About 30 ABTO members are expected.

The Children's Festival at the U of A 10/17 Noon to 2PM: the setup will be an information table, a module and/or buildings, and possibly a running engine. There is the possibility of collaborating with the Gadsden Pacific group.

The Welcome Home event sponsored by the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) for returning veterans at the U of A mall 10/16: planning mainly an informational booth to promote the railway gardens and the club (to be used again the next day for the Children's Festival)

The SAVAHCS layout is confirmed for 12/27 through 12/30. Setup on the Monday, the 27th, run on Tuesday and Wednesday from 9AM to 4PM and Thursday from 9AM to Noon, then tear down.

The swap meet is scheduled for 11/06 (the same day as the ABTO tour) and whether the club will participate will be discussed at the upcoming General Meeting.

The club banner and poster have been received.

No Editor's Report.

Committee Reports:

Clinic Committee – no report.

Education Committee – A presentation to the OASIS group is scheduled for 10/21 at the Junior League on River Road. It is a revamped PowerPoint presentation about TGRS and its projects and garden railroading.

Maintenance Committee – Three Aristocraft controllers had frozen batteries. Gary cleaned and reinstalled them and they seem to be working fine. Nick has two units from Old Pueblo engines reportedly not working properly and these need to be checked out. Gary is looking for DCC controllers to test engines.

Membership Committee – 80 paid members.
Mentoring Committee – Nothing new to report.
Social Committee – No report.

Old Business:

- A. The Diamond Children's Medical Center installation is complete. The camera signal is getting lost with battery power – may need a booster antenna and one will be purchased to try out. Working on second engine – just about ready.
- B. New Project Suggestions include:
 - A nurse at University Medical Center has offered to help financially in producing a holiday car or two for the Diamond Children's layout. There was some discussion of putting together a Christmas train, or at least exploring the possibility.
 - An elevated layout in the Transportation Museum or outside by the steam engine is under consideration.
 - A permanent layout at the SAVAHCS is also being explored.
 - The feasibility of a permanent layout at the Ronald McDonald House is also being considered.
 - Other suggestions were Tohono Chul, expand Tucson Botanical Gardens, and Tucson Medical Center. More discussion and information are needed on all the proposals.
- C. Two signal bridges can be purchased from Eaglewings Iron Craft for \$500. Norm to follow-up.

New Business:

- A. There was no report on Rails in the Garden. Norm mentioned that he has an extensive mailing list of over 1,000 names for it.
- B. The Board approved up to \$500 to purchase controllers for the children's layout.
- C. Discussion on having the children's layout at the 11/06 swap meet was tabled until the general meeting. It is anticipated that there will be a shortage of manpower due to the conflict with the ABTO tour.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined in October

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

Nov 6	ABTO visits	To Be Announced
Nov 13	Gary and Peggy Martin	meeting at 3 pm
Dec 4	Christmas Party	noon
Jan 15	Bruce and Pat Somerhalder	
Feb 12	Rincon Country West	
Mar 19	Tucson Botanical Gardens	
Apr	Pima County Fair	

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