



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

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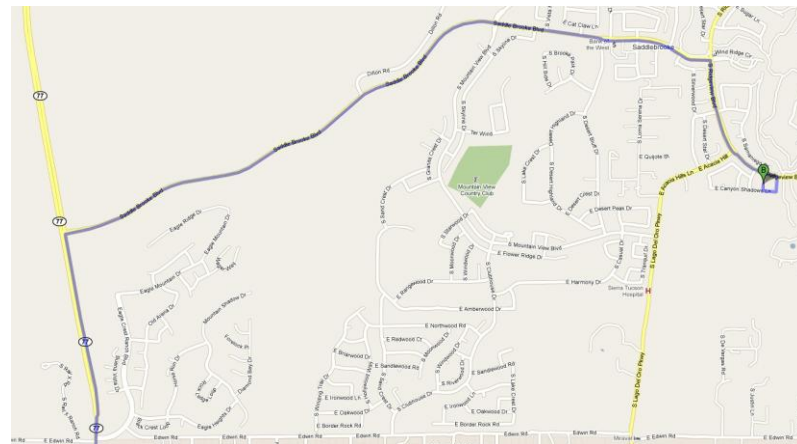
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The January Meeting is at the home of Bruce and Pat Somerhalder on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Their address is 38443 S. Viewpoint Ct. in SaddleBrook, phone 825-0584 Cell 925-437-5240  
From Ina go North on Oracle road, for 14 miles  
Turn Right on SaddleBrook Blvd for 3.1 miles  
Turn Right at South Ridgeview Blvd for 0.6 miles  
Turn Right at South Double Eagle Dr for 0.1 miles  
Take first Right onto South Viewpoint Court



Please see Want Ads below for the two sales that will be happening before and after the meeting at Schwab's and Tiefenbach's.

### The Monthly Social Luncheon Goes BOWLING 1-14-11

I can't seem to win at pool, so let's try bowling. The lanes have a little restaurant so you can get sandwiches, pizza, etc and you DO NOT have to bowl – just come laugh at those that are. The lanes will provide a ball roller device for those that wish (Jackie) and they have a bar (Gary). So come have some fun and camaraderie at Fiesta Lanes, 501 W River Rd.

The date is Friday Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and let's meet at 11 a.m. If you are coming from the east, take the first left after you cross Oracle. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

### TGRS Children's Layout at St. Mark's

Again this year the children's layout was set up and operated for the delight of St. Mark's Early Childhood Center preschool and child care. It was erected and decorated on 12/8 and operated on 12/9 & 12/10. The layout was decorated for the holidays with "snow" and holiday vignettes. There were holiday carolers, skaters on the pond, sleds on the hill, Santa's workshop and decorated trees in the village. Of course there were several Santas, including Santa in his "flying" sleigh over the village, Santa on the trains and Santa's handcar circling the big Christmas tree. The trains were loaded with presents and attended by many elves and gingerbread characters.

All of the ECC classes visited the layout – most multiple times – with at least one class passing up their playground time so they could stay and watch the trains longer. The children seem to really enjoy the layout and appreciate our being there.





The TGRS crew including Bob & Phyllis Dirksen, Mike & Jane Dorgan and Glenn & Janet Mitchell.



The Children enjoying the layout at St. Mark's



Carissa Planalp from FOX11 did a nice segment on the evening news of about our layout

### TGRS at the Southern Arizona Veterans Hospital

Our layout at the VA was very much appreciated. We received good media coverage from the newspaper and TV stations.





## ABTO Members Tour Tucson

On November 6th, members of the Phoenix Arizona Big Train Operators toured seven of our TGRS member layouts. While the tour of seven layouts made for a long day, our hosts received lots of compliments. In addition to the layout tour, lunch was served at the Martin's. Once a regular exchange tour activity between ABTO and TGRS, this was the first tour since we started the 2008 convention planning effort. Mike Temenski, president of ABTO, indicated that ABTO will be hosting TGRS members next year.

Overall, the tour was a great success. Many thanks to all the hosts and volunteers who assisted the hosts. Layout hosts were the Blackwell's, Buchholz/Ker, Dorgan's, Forgues', Martin's, Mitchell's and Ulmer's. Special thanks to Chuck Cook for acting as our caterer for the lunch.



Photo by Willis and Dottie Fagg

## Upcoming TGRS Elections

By Dick Izen

One of the problems any club has is getting people to volunteer to help run the club. If the same old group is always making decisions the club misses the vitality it needs. Many people hesitate to step forward because they are not certain of how to do the job. TGRS has at least partly solved this problem by creating a pathway for the Vice President to move up to President and the past President to move onto the Board of Directors. This ensures that there are at least two experience people to help the newly elected people.

It is, once again, time to consider another set of elections. In May, 2011 we will elect officers and at large board members to serve from July 1 for the next two years. The current officers have asked me to serve as a nominating committee and come up with a slate for the five officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer & Newsletter Editor) and four at large Board of Director positions.

As per the bylaws we will announce a slate of candidates in April. At the April meeting additional candidates may be nominated from the floor. Elections will be held in May, usually at the May meeting.

While I am certain that we will have a full slate of names, I am looking for additional members who would be interested in holding either an officer's position or a seat on the Board of Directors. We are particularly interested in new faces who can bring a fresh point of view to running the club.

If you have any interest please contact me.

## 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 4<sup>th</sup>. If you would like tickets to sell, or more tickets, please call or email.

Thanks and keep smiling!  
Glenn Mitchell

### MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER TGRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

December 2, 2010 at the home of Norm & Ibby  
Ulmer

Present were: Norm Ulmer, Ibby Ulmer, Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Jack Forgues, Peggy Martin, Barry Blackwell, and Gina Blackwell

The minutes of the November Board of Directors meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$34,801.95
2. Revenues from 11/13/10: \$910.46
3. Expenses from 11/13/10: \$932.93
4. Net revenues from 11/14: -\$11.47
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$2,525.00

Ruth also read an inventory of Regalia items: shirts, hats, etc. and sizes currently available.

Vice-President's Report:

The SAVAHCS layout is set and some shift sign-ups are still needed.

The Home Show in January – sign-ups are needed – setup is the Wednesday prior to opening.

There are plans to set up for the Gadsden Pacific's swap meet January 15<sup>th</sup>.

No Editor's Report.

Committee Reports:

*Clinics:* seven clinics are planned for 2011. The first will be "Weathering", by Gary Martin, 2/12. Jack noted that there are problems with using the Tucson Botanical Gardens meeting rooms – they are asking a fee of \$100/hr. Peggy Martin agreed to follow-up with a contact at the Gardens to try and get the issue resolved.

*Education:* the class at OASIS was well received, but was attended by a very small group. Peggy agreed to write a report on the presentation for the newsletter.

*Maintenance:* In Gary Martin's absence, Peggy reported that everything was fine regarding maintenance.

*Membership:* there are no new members.

*Mentoring:* no report.

*Social:* no report.

Old Business:

- A. There was no update regarding the booster antenna for the Diamond Children's Center.
- B. Regarding new project suggestions:  
A layout at the new Tucson Medical Center children's wing is being explored. They seem very interested in setting up a garden layout in a large patio.  
Two holiday-themed cars were approved for purchase for the Diamond Children's Ctr.  
An elevated layout in the Transportation Museum has been tabled for now.  
A permanent layout at the SAVAHCS is still under consideration.  
A permanent layout at the Ronald McDonald House has been tabled for now.
- C. Two signal bridges are in production at Eaglewings Iron Craft.
- D. Received Bridgewater's controllers for the children's modular layout. Glenn Mitchell

and Willis Fagg are working on the retrofit and they are considering adding a joystick. They are hoping to have the assembly ready for the January Swap Meet.

E. No report from Rails in the Garden 2011.

**New Business:**

- A. A new, non-board position of Chief Engineer has been proposed – a job description is to be written.
- B. It was agreed that the Children’s Museum system be modified to mirror the battery-charging system at UMC.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

**Want Ads**  
**Train Equipment for sale**

**Where:**

Bob Schwab  
14605 N. Desert Rock Dr.  
Oro Valley  
825-3481

Dave Tiefenbach  
36425 S. Golf Course Dr.  
SaddleBrooke  
825-7546

**When:**

Saturday, January 22, 2011 before and after the TGRS monthly meeting.

**What:**

Engines, rolling stock, structures, electronics, figures, construction, everything must go. For a detailed list of Dave’s items, submit a request to [davepataz@wbhsi.net](mailto:davepataz@wbhsi.net)

**Timetable:**

10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Sale at Schwab’s house in Oro Valley  
10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Sale at Tiefenbach’s house in SaddleBrooke  
1:00 pm to 2:00 pm –Meeting at Somerhalder’s house in SaddleBrooke

**Directions:**

**Schwab:** North on Oracle Road, turn left on Rancho Vistoso Blvd., turn right on Del Webb Blvd., turn right on Lost Arrow Dr. to 14605 N. Desert Rock Dr.

**Tiefenbach:** North on Oracle Road through Catalina, turn right on SaddleBrooke Blvd. and drive for 3 miles to stop sign (Ridgeview), turn left on Ridgeview and drive for one mile to Rock Crest, turn left on Rock Crest and drive 4 blocks, turn right on Desert Sands, continue on Desert Sands to Golf Course Dr. turn left to 36425 S. Golf Course Dr.

**OR**

From **Somerhalder’s** to **Tiefenbach’s**, return to Ridgeview, turn left and continue on to the stop sign at Ridgeview and SaddleBrooke Blvd. From the stop sign, drive for one mile to Rock Crest, turn left on Rock Crest and drive 4 blocks, turn right on Desert Sands, continue on Desert Sands to Golf Course Dr. turn left to 36425 S. Golf Course Dr.

**Lunch:**

Several restaurants are available in Catalina or SaddleBrooke. In SaddleBrooke as you enter the community on SaddleBrooke Blvd. take the first right on Mountain View Blvd. and at Starwood Dr. turn left to the Mesquite Grill. Or stay on SaddleBrooke Blvd to the stop sign at Ridgeview, drive across Ridgeview and straight ahead is the Road Runner Grill in the SaddleBrooke clubhouse.

## A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members for the month of December.

## 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".

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

### Calendar of Events

Jan 5-9	Arizona State Home Show	Tucson Convention Center
Jan 15	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet	
Jan 22	Bruce and Pat Somerhalder	1:00 p.m.
Feb 19	Rincon Country West	1:00 p.m.
Mar 12-13	Rails in the Garden tour	
Mar 19	Tucson Botanical Gardens	
Apr 14-24	Pima County Fair	Proposed set-up on Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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