



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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March 2011

The March Meeting is on the 19th at the Tucson Botanical Gardens

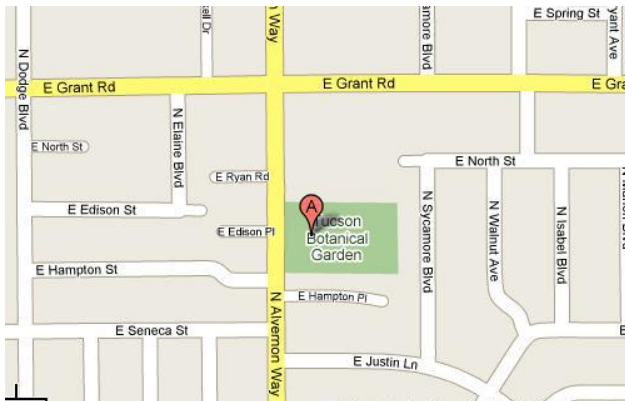
2150 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712
Phone 326-9686 <http://tucsonbotanical.org/>

The meeting will start at 10 am with trains running at 9 am.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens is on the East side of Alvernon Way a little South of Grant Road



Tucson Botanical Gardens Railroad



TGRS PICNIC IN THE PARK

Come enjoy the start of summer with your fellow train enthusiasts with a BBQ picnic at Reid Park. For a nominal fee (\$3.00 per person) we will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and all the fixins. We will ask club members to provide some side dishes and desert. You will also get to play the new lawn game that is sweeping the nation; Lasso Golf (also known as hillbilly golf or monkey balls). There will be baseball mitts and the oldest known Frisbee not currently in some museum (documented as over 50 years old). The date/time is Saturday April 2nd at 11 a.m., so mark your calendars. The location is Reid Park Ramada #18, which is located on the west side of the park off Country Club, just north of 22nd street. Please RSVP directly to Chuck Cook at chuckcooktucson@gmail.com or 797-1066. I will then get back to you with a request for you to bring something. If we don't get 20 people, I reserve the right to cancel the picnic. PS: There will be no social luncheon in March.

Pima County Fair

If you would like to sign up to work one of the shifts please contact Bob Conrad, bjcon1@juno.com

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY Tucson Garden Railway Society (TGRS) BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

February 10, 2011

at the home of Norm & Ibbby Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$33,462.50
2. Revenues from 01/20/11: \$1,001.46
3. Expenses from 01/20/11: \$633.94
4. Net revenues to date: -\$3,103.98
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$2,605.00

Vice-President's Report:

Signup for the County Fair is ongoing. Ten of twenty-two shifts are staffed. Badges will be available for frequent volunteers; tickets for all others.

Some discussion regarding more interaction between the TGRS and the Gadsden Pacific clubs took place. The matter was tabled until the March meeting.

Saturday, March 26, there will be an information and resource fair at Henry Elementary School (Camino Seco and Broadway vicinity). This would be an educational opportunity for the club; perhaps the laptop slide show? More information to follow.

No Editor's Report.

Committee Reports:

There were no reports from the *Clinics, Education, or Social Committees*.

Maintenance: Nothing new to report.

Membership Committee: There were two new members added since the last report.

Mentoring Committee – No new requests.

Old Business:

- A. There is no booster antenna for the Diamond Children's Medical Center installation as yet. An accident has occurred on site in which a child was slightly injured and rolling stock was damaged. Retrofitting the layout with guardrails and other repairs are in the works. Because of the filthy condition of the track, some thought is being given to donating a caboose track cleaner.
- B. New Project Suggestions still under consideration include:
The new Tucson Medical Center children's wing layout is now in the design stage.



Dr. Wayne Wesolowski and his wife Mary Cay presented "The Lincoln Funeral Train is Coming" at our February meeting.

There has been no update from the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) regarding a permanent layout.

- C. The two signal bridges from Eaglewings Iron Craft are ready for pickup.
- D. Glenn Mitchell reported that the 120 mailed ticket orders just went out for Rails In The Garden (RITG). Passes for Big Brothers/Big Sisters and active military are ready to disseminate. Flyers are being distributed to RV parks. Information about the tour has been provided to Garden Railway Magazine. The Colorado Springs club sent out RITG info to their members. Glenn is also working on contacts for publicity and lining up more volunteers for the host homes. A video promotions person has emailed Glenn, but follow-up will not be pursued at this time.

Willis reported that 150 active military tickets are ready to hand over. The starter sets (for door prizes) are on order at a cost of \$130 each.

- E. We are still in need of a Vice President candidate; Dick Izen is still working on this.
- F. The parts necessary for the modification of the Children's Museum layout are here. This has been deemed low priority until after the RITG.
- G. There was a very brief discussion on membership/volunteers incentives. It is hoped more information will be available at the next Board meeting.

New Business:

- A. The Diamond Children's Center retrofit was discussed under Old Business.
- B. It was noted that a projector will be needed for Wayne Wesolowski's Lincoln Funeral Train presentation at the February meeting.
- C. The sale of Madelyn Cook's layout components (buildings, track, etc.) scheduled for 02/12 was discussed and all were encouraged to attend.
- D. Currently, club members must specifically ask to be added to the email list. Effective as of the March general meeting, this will change so that members must request that their email NOT be added. Otherwise, all members (old and new) will be added to the club list to receive important notifications and the club newsletter. This will be coordinated with Jerry Tulino, the webmaster.

- E. There is room for four more persons on the RailFan trip (March 2 to 6).
- F. We were notified that Jerry Springstead's wife had passed away.
- G. Bob Schwab's Emmett Kelly circus train is for sale. There was some discussion about purchasing it for the club. More information is needed before a final decision.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
February 19, 2011**

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Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

The meeting was called to order by the President, Norm Ulmer, at 1:00 PM. Rincon Country West RV Resort members were thanked for hosting the meeting. There were approximately 69 attendees.

There were three guests present.

The minutes of the previous meeting (January, 2011) were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Vice-President's report:

There will be an Information and Resource Fair at Henry Elementary School on March 26. We will need 2 or 3 people to handle the children's layout.

The swap meet is scheduled for June 4th – we will need volunteers.

Bob Conrad is coordinating 6-hr shifts at the Pima County Fair – we are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. There will be parking passes and tickets or badges available at the March meeting. Setup at the Fair will begin on April 7th.

The Treasurer's Report:

1. Total on deposit as of 2/19/11: \$34,002
2. Revenues from 01/20/11: \$1,541
3. Expenses from 01/20/11: \$634
4. Net revenues from 01/20/11: \$908
5. Total dues paid for 2010-11: \$2,605

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

Glenn Mitchell reported that with just 3 weeks to go ticket sales are lagging a bit. He still needs volunteers to assist some hosts: Buchholz, Eberbach and Somerhalder, in particular. He also has tickets and flyers available for members and packets for the hosts.

The NMRA meeting is in Phoenix on March 12.

Nick Buchholz needs help with building and installing guard rails for the Diamond Children's Center layout. The track has shifted causing cars to fall. It was also noted that the track is not being cleaned regularly, if at all.

Wayne Wesolowski presented the Abraham Lincoln Funeral Train history and reproduction project.

The design for the layout at Tucson Medical Center is underway.

It was noted that, currently, club members must specifically ask to be added to the email list. Effective as of the March general meeting, this will change so that members must request that their email NOT be added. Otherwise, all members (old and new) will be added to the club list to receive

FREE!



1st Train Reaches Tucson!

11:00AM MARCH 20, 2011
TUCSON HISTORIC DEPOT!

414 N. TOOLE AVENUE

Come EARLY, Come All!

Wear Pioneer Attire For Fun!

HEAR THE CANNON ROAR JUST AS IT
DID ON THAT MOMENTOUS DAY AND JOIN
MAYOR BOB WALKUP AND A HOST OF
PIONEERS IN RE-ENACTING THE ARRIVAL OF
SOUTHERN PACIFIC RAILROAD'S FIRST
TRAIN IN TUCSON 131 YEARS AGO!

- Play a role in re-enacting the first train's arrival and Estevan Ochoa's Original Silver Spike presentation at 11:00 a.m. sharp

- Rock to the 4th Cavalry Band's 1880s Music
- Honor Southern Arizona Transportation Museum's Railroaders, Volunteer, and Benefactor of the Year
- Run a simulated Union Pacific diesel engine with Operation Lifesaver
- Tour Vintage Wagon, Vehicle and Bicycle displays and our Museum
- Participate in the Postal History Museum's activities and learn from the Vail Mail-By Rail exhibit
- Kids! Ride the Toy Train and bounce on the Jumping Castle
- Shop the Booths of local Craft Artists
- Enjoy a matinee showing of the movie "Oklahoma" starring Tucson's own Historic Locomotive #1673 at the Fox Theater following festivities at the depot

Presented by Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, in Partnership with the Tucson Presidio Trust, the Postal History Museum, the Vail Preservation Society, Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee, and Operation Lifesaver. So. Arizona Transportation Museum a 501c3 division of Old Pueblo Trolley

623-2223 www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

SATM 2011 History Talks

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum presents the following two historic talks:

When: Sunday, March 13, 3 PM and Tuesday, March 15, 12 noon and 7 PM

Where: ParkWise Conference Room, SW corner of 6th AVE and Pennington

March 13 -- Trains and Automobiles in Tucson: How Fashion and Freedom Transformed the Old Pueblo by Ken Scoville

March 15 -- "Auto Travel Adventure" -- a 1920s trip Across So. Arizona by Dave Devine

Admission: Free; donations accepted

Parking is free on the streets after 5pm and on weekends. Day time parking is available in the Pennington Street Parking Garage as well as on the streets. Each talk with question/answer period will last about one hour. Call the Museum, 623-2223 for further information.

A Big Welcome to New Members

A warm welcome to Lynn Finch, he has an HO layout but is interested in G scale. After April 1 he will be in Port Crane, N.Y. Until then he lives at Mission View RV on Los Reales.

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:

lby Ulmer
4935 N. Craycroft Road
Tucson, AZ 85718

Calendar of Events

Mar 12-13	Rails in the Garden tour	
Mar 19	Tucson Botanical Gardens	10 am
Apr 2	TGRS Picnic	
Apr 14-24	Pima County Fair	Proposed set-up on Apr 7 th
May 14	Clinic; Scratch Building/Kit Bashing	
May 21	Glen and Janet Mitchell	
Jun 4	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet	
Jun 18	Clinic; Mounting Kadee Couplers	

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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