



Tucson Garden Railway Society's Time Table

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The October Meeting is at the home of Bob and Winnie Coburn on Saturday the 8th of October at 2:00 pm.

Trains will be running at 1:00 pm and the meeting will start at 2:00 pm.

The address is 11118 N Mountain Breeze Dr. Oro Valley, AZ 85737



Easiest way to get here is:
In Northwest Tucson - Oro Valley -Start anywhere north of Ina on La Canada Drive up to Lambert Lane. Pass shopping center on right, El Conquistador Country Club on left. Turn left on Naranja Drive. Go 2 blocks to Mountain Breeze Dr. Turn Left, go to seventh home on the left. Home has flag pole and will have signs for the meeting.

The Cailyn Crossing RR

The RR started, as I suspect, many others did. I put a G Scale train around the Christmas Tree and found 5 little neighbors watching it with me.

As our kids were starting to have children, I thought their little ones would like it too, so I decided to expand outside. As we were presented with more grandchildren, places and businesses on the RR were named for them.



The RR time frame is the 1860s with wood burning engines with a few excursions for Thomas the Tank and Snoopy engines. Buildings are a combination of kit and scratch built. Denver and Rio Grand, and Florence and Cripple Creek engines and cars travel from Cailyn Crossing to Justin Junction passing Colin's Farm and Morgan Mountain.





The Cailyn Crossing RR

“Final Notice” **Membership Renewal Time is Here**

Current membership expired on June 30th.
Membership renewal for the 2011/12 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the 2011/12 fiscal 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

Presentation at the Mini Time Machine

The Martin's will be presenting a PowerPoint presentation on the introduction of garden railroading, at the Mini Time Machine Museum, on November 3rd. The time will be at 6:30 in the evening and will run approximately one hour. The topic will cover the many aspects of garden railroading including TGRS club information, equipment, layouts and gardens.

Cost: \$6.00 seniors
\$7:00 regular fee

(If you get there early it will enable you to see the whole museum for the above fee.)

Address: 4455 E. Camp Lowell Drive (This is off Swan, behind Basha's)

Look on the website for more info on this amazing museum: theminitimemachine.org

For more information contact Gary or Peggy Martin
pgmartin5@hotmail.com or 299-7428



**You are invited to the 8th annual
Open House AT
GARY and PEGGY MARTIN'S
Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad**
Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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
pgmartin5@hotmail.com**

President's Clatter

It is my pleasure to announce the confirmation of Pat Somerhalder to the office of Vice-President. Pat and Bruce have been active members of TGRS for several years. Even though they are "winter visitors", Pat is enthusiastic about filling the position. I have already recruited Bob Conrad and Larry Erb to assist Pat with some specific tasks, but I know Pat would welcome additional assistance in performing her duties. In particular this would be an opportunity for some of our newer members to get involved without being committed to a formal position.

Jerry Tulino has recently upgraded the information content of our website. If you have not already

visited improved site, I encourage you to do so. Many thanks to Jerry for an outstanding effort.

Don't forget to sign up for the eight-layout tour hosted by the Arizona Big Train Operators (ABTO) in Phoenix on November 12th. Please contact Chuck Cook to sign up.

We have established a plan to work with the Mini-Time Machine Museum on several different projects. This is an exciting departure from our normal displays. Gary and Peggy Martin will be making a garden railway presentation open to the general public on November 3rd. Madelyn Cook is planning a static display for the museum featuring G scale equipment as well as a comparison display of the different gauges found in model railroading. This display will run from late April through mid June. We are still working on a plan to bring Michael Broggie to Tucson to present his program on Walt Disney hosted by the Museum and sponsored by TGRS. Finally we are considering a temporary outdoor garden railroad display, however there are no details on this as of yet.

I look forward to seeing you at the October general meeting.

Willis

Building with Precision Board Products Saturday, October 15, 2011 in the SAHBA Pavilion

Sue and Ross Piper of Rainbow Ridge will present a Tucson Garden Railway Society hands-on workshop to acquaint members with Precision Board and its advantages for use in the Arizona garden railway. Sample material, tools, paints, etc. will be provided for experimenting with this versatile product. You are requested to bring a Dremel if you have one. Several Dremel tools will be available for participants to use. Ross will do a demonstration of his method for building assembly. Sue will guide us in actual texturing and finishing of the various pattern materials available. Unfortunately both clinics are already filled with the maximum number of people. We can only have 12 people per clinic.

First Clinic starts at 8:00 am and ends at 11:00 am.

Second Clinic starts at 11:30 am and ends at 2:30 pm.

Contact Jack Forgues/ TGRS Clinic Coordinator at (520) 818-9598 or jr4gus@wbhsi.net, if you have any questions.

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

We had another fun outing at the Red Garter. After Bob C. was banished to the end of the table, we had all guys down there; and some pretty tall stories were told. Good to see Thorne Pierce there; he gave a high rating for the burger at Red Garter. We will return to the same location on Wednesday October 12th. Please come join us for the early pool session. We don't play the traditional rules-actually we don't play any rules; and rarely keep score. So pick up a cue stick and have some fun. 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.

A.B.T.O. TOUR Time to Sign Up

We have been invited to tour 8 home layouts of the Arizona Big Train Operators club (G scale) in the Phoenix area. The date for the tour is November 12th. For our newer members; this is a chance to take a road trip to meet new people and get new ideas for your own layout. They also will be providing us with breakfast and lunch. If you haven't already signed up; please call our house (797-1066) or e-mail me (chuckcooktucson@gmail.com) and let me know if you can join us. Even if you are not sure; let me know so I can keep you in the loop as the date grows nearer. Also, tell me your preference of whether you would like to drive, ride along with somebody and chip in for gas, or rent some 15-passenger vans. Call Chuck Cook with questions.

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

September 15, 2011 at the home of Norm & Ibbey Ulmer

Present were: Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Gary Martin, Glenn Mitchell, Jerry Tulino, Barry Blackwell, Norm Ulmer, Jack Forgeus and Ibbey Ulmer, acting as Secretary.

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

The Treasurer's report was approved as read:

Total on Deposit	\$34,208
Revenues from 8/21/11:	
Expenses from 8/21/11:	\$222
	\$765
Net Revenues from 8/21/11	-\$543

Total dues paid for 2011/2012 \$1,815

The Budget for 2011/2012 was presented and approved with changes in the amounts for maintenance of special projects.

The Editor was absent: No report.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: The next clinic on BUILDING WITH PRECISION BOARD PRODUCTS presented by Rainbow Ridge is scheduled for October 15 at Tucson Botanical Garden. The two sessions are full. Tentatively there will be 7 clinics next year.

Education: Gary reported that he and Peggy are doing a presentation on November 3 at the Mini Time Museum.

Maintenance: Work is being done on the motor for the CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

Membership: We have 60 paid members for this fiscal year. Jerry presented proposed additions to the website. One is links to publicity regarding TGRS and families and the other is a link to past activities. In a trial run he has already had about 25 visits a day. He is planning on going live on Saturday.

Mentor: No report.

Social: No report.

Old Business:

- A. Willis nominated Pat Somerhalder for the position of Vice President. She has consented to serve. The nomination was seconded and passed.
- B. Off site projects: 1. TMC: Norm reported that the hospital has not yet removed the plants as we requested. They are currently doing repair work in the hallway and access to the patio is not available. We should be able to deliver the bridges that we have had made for the project next week. 2. Diamond Children's Center: Glenn reported that he will swap out engines soon. A car fell off in the gift shop recently but the staff was able to fix it and no one was hurt.
- C. RITG - Glenn reported that he has six confirmed and 2 provisional layouts for the tour. Advertising has begun in Garden Railroad magazine, etc. Mailing list is complete.
- D. Madelyn Cook is working on a display at the Mini Time Museum showing the different scales of model railroading. It will be set up the weekend of April 23 & 24 and will be on display through June 16 & 17. The only expense we would have is in signs. Ken Karrels is working on bringing in Michael Broegge to do a presentation. Putting a layout in the gravel outside the museum temporarily was discussed as a possibility.

New Business:

- A. We need additional storage and work space. Madelyn Cook has offered her RV Garage for short time use for modular repairs. There was discussion of the possibility of selling some of the donated items on E-bay. It was suggested that we talk to Richard Creamer about helping us with that.
- B. We have arranged to have our Christmas party at the Golden Corral Buffet on Thornydale. We have had to make this change because the Home Town Buffet where we had it before has gone out of business.
- C. There was a discussion about eliminating the initiation fee for new members. It was decided not to pursue the matter.
- D. The Board discussed a list of suggestions that Dick Izen had presented to the Board ranging from acquisition of new members; modular additions, repairs and storage; mentoring and working with new members, etc. The Board will discuss these items at the next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ibby Ulmer
Acting Secretary

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING September 17, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10:00 AM. Jack and Rosalie Forgues were thanked for hosting the meeting. There were approximately 48 members present.

The minutes of the August 2011 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$33,992.
2. Revenues from 08/21/11: \$296.
3. Expenses from 08/21/11: \$1,053.
4. Net revenues from 08/21/11: -\$757.
5. Total dues paid for 2011-12: \$1,815.

The members present were reminded to remit their 2011-12 dues to Ruth.

The next club event will be the November swap meet. Larry Erb will coordinate volunteers.

The Editor's Report:

Jim Miller reported that newsletter articles are always welcome. There is now a deadline of the 25th of the month for Newsletter articles and notices.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: The next one will be the two Rainbow Ridge clinics on October 15. This event will take place at the Tucson Botanical Gardens in the pavilion. Jack Forgues is working on clinics for 2012 – information to follow.

Education: Gary Martin reported that there will be a TGRS presentation at the Mini Time Museum on November 3rd at 6:30. Admission to the museum is \$7; \$6 for 65 and older. There will also be an expert on painting small vehicles giving a demonstration.

Maintenance: Working on the engine for the Children's Museum; Aristocraft slow to send needed parts. The Sumpter Valley sound system needs repair.

Membership: We now have 60 member families that have paid their 2011-12 dues. Jerry Tulino has also updated the website: "Community Projects" and "TGRS in the News." He would like any copies of articles, photos, etc. of past projects and events in the news.

Mentoring: No new requests for assistance have been received.

Social: In Chuck Cook's absence, Willis noted that the next social event will be at the Red Garter on 10/12.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Board vacancy for Vice-President has been filled by Pat Sommerhalder. She is looking for event volunteers.

TMC Project: Norm reported that the bridges are expected to arrive Monday. It will be 3-4 weeks before the plants are moved and we can begin construction. We have enough cars for two trains. He reported that there has been good response to the call for volunteers.

The Diamond Children's Center locomotive needs new trucks.

Rails in the Garden 2012: looking for new layouts to add to the tour. Publicity for the event has already started.

Willis is working with the Mini Time Museum (MTM) on a temporary garden layout project (1-2 months duration). The members present approved an educational static display project for the Museum to be spearheaded by Madelyn Cook. This would include trains of all gauges, buildings (scratch built, kit-bashed, etc.), people (handcrafted as well as store-bought), etc. She asked for help in finding an S-gauge setup. The MTM is also being proposed as a venue for the proposed Michael Broggie presentation.

Dick Izen is looking for maintenance crews for the various community projects. This would involve site visits every 1-2 months for preventive maintenance and any necessary repairs.

There was a signup sheet for the November 12 ABTO tour and attendees were asked to specify whether they would like to drive, carpool or take a bus.

NEW BUSINESS:

The HomeTown Buffet where the club previously held the December Meeting/Holiday Party has now closed. The new site will be the Golden Corral on Thorneydale, December 3rd at Noon. The cost is \$13 (\$12 for seniors), with an additional cost if you purchase a beverage.

The membership voted to eliminate the \$15 initiation fee for new members effective immediately. There was some discussion about pro-rating the annual dues beginning January 1 of each year, but requiring new members to pay the next year's dues at the same time. Action on this was deferred.

New member welcome visits are to begin soon.

Ken Karrels reported that No. 844 Engine will be making Tucson area stops November 10-12. There is also a Holiday/Santa event planned at the Transportation Museum for December 17. There will be more information on these events at the next meeting.

Gary Martin reminded the members of his annual open house 11/19 that will include the November club meeting. He is looking for the owner of a hat that someone had left at his home after the clinic event there and also asks that the owner of a shay that was left with him for repair please contact him.

The next general meeting will be October 8 at the Coburns.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

TGRS Club members:

Sometime back, one of our club members gave me a Bachmann Shay to see if I could repair the engine. Unfortunately, I can no longer remember who gave me the Shay, please contact me so we can discuss the necessary repairs. Sorry, I forgot the person who gave me the unit however, no one has contacted me in the many months I have had it to ask about the condition of the unit. Please contact me as soon as possible. (I will be out of town from Sept 20-Oct 7th)

Thanks, Gary Martin

A Big Welcome to New Members

We have no new members for September.

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, the first year. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 for each badge after the first.

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".

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:

Jerry Tulino
6911 E. Baker St.
Tucson, AZ 85710

Calendar of Events

Oct 8	Meeting: Bob & Winnie Coburn
Oct 15	Clinic: Rainbow Ridge
Nov 5	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Nov 12	Tour of ABTO Layouts
Nov 19	Open House & Meeting: Gary & Peggy Martin
Dec 3	Christmas Luncheon/Meeting 12:00 pm, Golden Corral, Thornydale by Ina
Dec 27-30	Layout at the VA Hospital
Jan 14	Monthly meeting
Jan 21	TTOM Swap Meet

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President:.....Willis Fagg.....520-760-0147	At Large Board Members
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