



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

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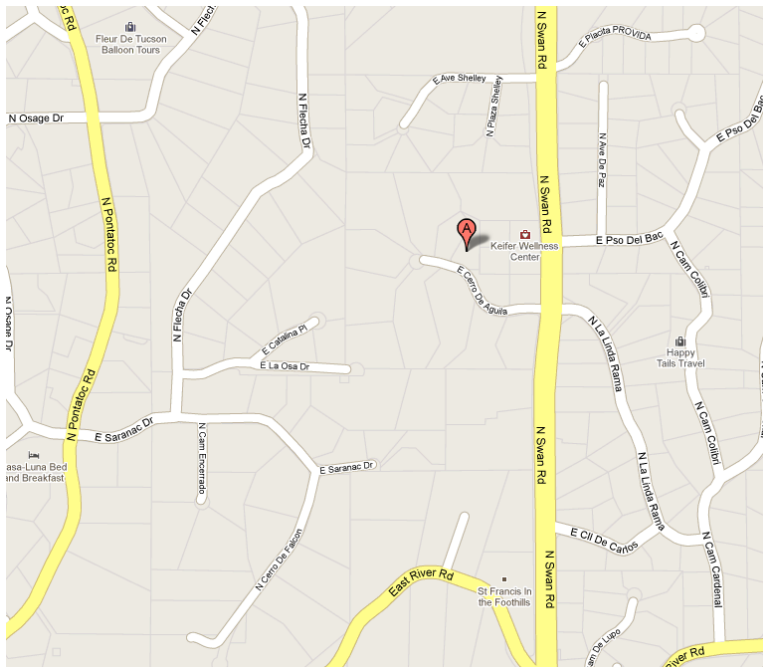
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November 2011

The November meeting is at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November at 3:00 pm. The Open House will begin at 10:00 am and the Food and the food will be served at 4:00 pm, remember to make your reservation.

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.



You are invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> with number who plan to attend.**

520 299-7428 OR

**[pgmartin5@hotmail.com](mailto:pgmartin5@hotmail.com)**

## **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](http://theminitimemachine.org)

For more information contact Gary or Peggy Martin [pgmartin5@hotmail.com](mailto:pgmartin5@hotmail.com) or 299-7428

## **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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto: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.

## **MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

Come join us at the Red Garter Saloon for some chat about the ABTO tour, what new things we will see at the Martins open house, and your upcoming holiday plans. Our next outing will be Wednesday November 16<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **President's Clatter**

We are now well into our Fall season and are getting ready for a busy schedule over the next few months. Beginning with the Toy Train Operator's swap meet on November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will move on to the Christmas luncheon and VA display in December, home show and another swap meet in January, Rails-In-The-Garden tour in March, Pima County fair in April and finish up the season with the June swap meet. In addition there are always a couple of other displays using the children's layout. Of course, we can't forget the ABTO tour in November and the monthly socials, typically held at the Red Garter. Add to that the terrific line-up of Clinics that Jack Forgues is organizing. Finally our participation with the Mini-Time Machine Museum will include the display by Madelyn Cook and the presentation on garden railroading by the Martins on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Don't forget the Martins' open house on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Who says this is a low key, boring club?

Of course many of the above activities need members to step up to our staffing needs. In case you didn't notice, Larry Erb was circulating at the October meeting signing-up volunteers for the November swap meet. He tells me he had no trouble filling the needs. Good job Larry!

Look for Chuck Cook to be gathering volunteers for the VA display. That event is coming up soon, so sign up when you see Chuck, probably at the next meeting (or before).

Our new Vice-President, Pat Somerhalder, is back in town and delighted to hear that Larry has covered her for the next event and Chuck will be working the VA requirements. However, that still leaves staffing for the home show in January that need to be worked on soon. Pat will be asking for help soon. I am certainly glad she is here.

So get prepared for an active season. If I missed anything, all the more challenging.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Martins' in November.

Willis

## **UP RR # 844 COMING TO TUCSON**

UP 844 SCHEDULE.

Nov 10 BENSON 1100-11-30A

VAIL 1215-1230P

TUCSON 1255 P

Nov 11 ON DISPLAY 9-5 Tucson Yard

Nov12 SAT Arr 8:20AM Downtown Depot

LV 9:15 A " "

AR. PICACHO 1015 AM

Ken Karrels

## **TGRS CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:**

It will be at the Golden Corral Buffet at 6865 N. Thornydale Road on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> beginning at noon. The cost is \$12 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:**

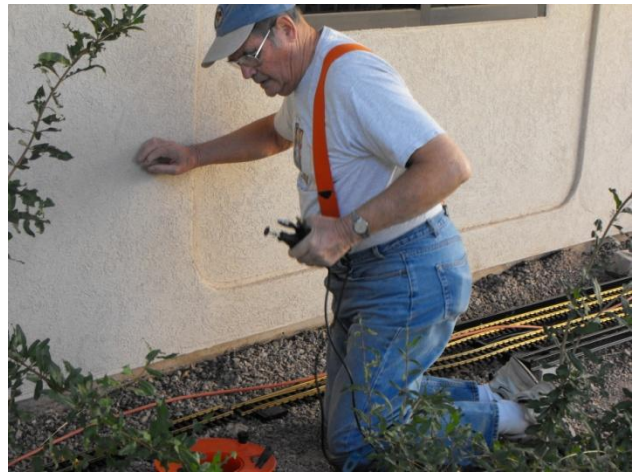
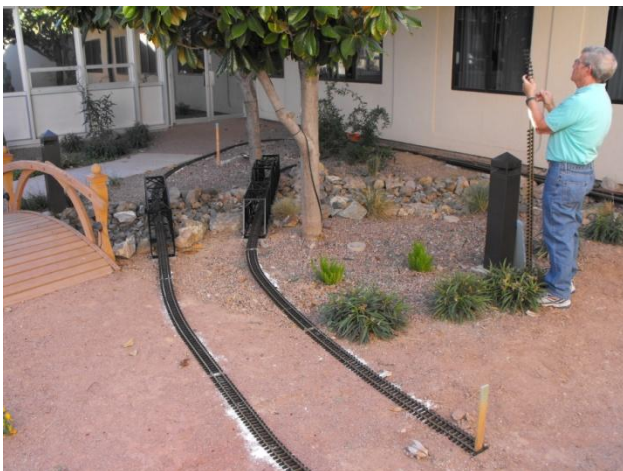
One gift per family with a limit of \$20.

Steals are limited to two and no person can have more than two gifts taken from them.

## **TGRS at TMC Pediatrics Patio**

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

This morning culminated several days of work by myself and my helpers, Bob Conrad, Bill Nevin, CAP Pearson and Thorne Pierce. Last week we set the bridges, and Monday we began laying track for the layout TGRS is building in one of the patios of Tucson Medical Center adjacent to their new Pediatrics wing. Monday, Glenn Mitchell came in and laid the power and control wiring lines, and today we completed the track placement. Here are some photos of the track in place.



Ballasting will begin shortly, when TMC's people bring in some fill dirt to use in transitioning the track from the bridge decks to the ground.

Meanwhile, I've kept busy building the train shed that will house the trains when they are not running. Some pictures of that shed are attached.



Next week I'll be looking for volunteers to help place trim and shingles on walls and roof of the shed. Please let me know if you can help.

Norm Ulmer

**2011 Garden Rail Fans to Sweden, Norway,  
Denmark and Germany  
September 21st to October 6th, 2011**

TGRS members Gary and Peggy Martin, Bob and Sue Averill, Chuck and Ruth Taylor joined Rich Hull's (ABTO-Phoenix) 7th Garden Rail Fans trip to Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Germany. Our group totaled 23.



The majority of the group met at the Phoenix airport, changed planes in Detroit and Amsterdam for a final destination of Stockholm. We traveled by plane, coach (bus), ferry and, most importantly, by train in our two week journey through Scandinavia and Germany.

We arrived in Stockholm on Day 2 at 12:15 pm (3:00 am Arizona time) and were immediately on the go for a half day tour including the Vasa Museum (a Viking warship that sank on it's maiden voyage in 1628), the Royal Palace which is the King's official residence and where the business of the country is conducted and City Hall built in 1907 where the business of the city is conducted and is the site of the Nobel Prize presentations and banquets.

Days 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 were spent touring by coach, ferry and train (with frequent scenic stops along the way) through Sweden and into Norway with overnight stays in Hamar, Geiranger, Laerdal, Bergen and Oslo, Norway

Along the way we toured the Maihaugen Museum, which is an open-air museum with 200 old and new buildings, exhibitions, cafes and activities. The museum was founded by the dentist, Anders Sandvig, in 1887 and moved to Maihaugen in 1904. It is an amazing example of 18th century life in Norway complete with original furnishings (some dating back to the Middle Ages), tools and even fireplaces.

We boarded our first train on the only rainy day of the trip in Flaam, changed trains in Myrdal and met our coach in Voss to continue on to Bergen. Bergen is a charming waterfront city with a very busy harbor. Along the waterfront are cobbled streets and extremely old buildings dating back to the Viking era which are leaning to the side and seem to be holding

each other upright. From Bergen we traveled by coach to and ferry to Oslo where we stayed overnight in the very elegant Thon Bristol Hotel.

In Oslo we toured the Akershus Castle built in 1299 and today serves many functions of the country's government, the Vikingship Museum which is the only museum in the world housing as many artifacts of the Viking era, and Frogner Park, a public park containing the world famous Vigeland Sculpture Park featuring 212 bronze and granite sculptures (the most popular being the "angry boy") all designed by Gustav Vigeland. The day concluded at the pier where we boarded a ferry for an overnight trip to Copenhagen.

The beauty off Sweden and Norway is indescribable in words and though we all took many pictures of villages, farms, fjords, waterfalls and harbors we will always remember our tour of this picturesque countryside.

Our first stop in Copenhagen was to view the statue of The Little Mermaid based on a tale by Hans Christian Andersen. It is a small and unimposing statue which sits on a rock in the harbour. It is a Copenhagen icon and a major tourist attraction. Copenhagen is the bicycle capital of the world and pedestrians need to be wary. They have total right-of-way in their bicycle lanes and they really move along. Stepping in their path could cause an accident for which the pedestrian is held liable for all damages. Copenhagen has more bridges than Venice, Italy. We toured the Rosenborg Castle which was a Royal residence until 1710 and today is mainly a museum of Danish artifacts, the Amalienborg Museum which is the winter home of Denmark's Royal family and houses many artifacts of the monarchy, and the Christianborg Palace which houses Denmark's House of Parliament, the Supreme Court and the Ministry of State. More than a thousand years ago, King Harald founded the kingdom of Denmark. The Danish monarchy is a unique institution. An unbroken royal line of fifty kings and two queens is actually a world record. We were disappointed that Tivoli Gardens, one of the oldest amusement parks in the world, was closed for the season.

Sweden, Norway and Denmark are all parliamentary democracies. While their monarchs have little real political or legislative power they fill an important symbolic function as representatives of their countries society and industry.

Day 10 we boarded a flight to Hamburg, boarded a bus and arrived at Miniatur-Wunderland which is the world's largest model railway layout and the highlight of our trip.

As of January 2011, the railway consists of 12,000 meters (39,370 ft) of track in HO scale, divided into seven sections: Harz, the fictitious city of Knuffingen,

the Alps and Austria, Hamburg, America, Scandinavia, and Switzerland. The section covering an airport opened in May 2011. The airport is named Knuffingen International Airport (featuring planes that take-off and land) and is modeled after Hamburg International Airport.

The exhibit includes 890 trains made up of over 11,000 carriages, 300,000 lights, 215,000 trees, and 200,000 human figurines. The exhibit is expected to have reached its final construction phase by 2020. Many of you have probably received e-mail videos of this incredible layout. If not, check is out on the internet (**Miniatur-Wunderland**) for many pictures and videos of this magnificent layout. Our admission included a behind the scenes tour of the entire exhibit which gave us real insight on the mechanics and construction of the display.

Day 11 we boarded an ICE train (Inter-City Express) which operate all over Germany connecting all the major cities. These trains travel at speeds of up to 200 mph. Our destination was Nuremberg founded around the 11th century and is famous among other things as the site of huge Nazi Party conventions (the [Nuremberg rallies](#).) The rallies were held annually from 1927 to 1938 in Nuremberg. During World War II, Nuremberg was a Nazi military headquarters and an important site for military production including aircraft, submarines and tank engines. The Nuremberg trials were held here between 1945 and 1946. The walled city was beautifully restored after the War and today is architecturally an amazing town.

Several of the group opted to visit the Deutch Bahn Railroad Museum, and view the Hitler Parade Grounds. Unfortunately, the hall where the Nuremberg trials were held was not open to tourists because it was Sunday. Peggy Martin, Sue Averill, Sharon Hull and I took two other ladies and traveled by subway to the village of Fürth to experience a traditional German Oktoberfest faire. Many faire goers were dressed in traditional dirndls and lederhosen. We shopped and ate our way through the day.

Day 13 we boarded another ICE train to Munich and transferred to a regional train on to Garmisch-Partenkirchen, site of the 1936 Winter Olympics the first to feature Alpine skiing. Our two-day stay here gave us plenty of time for sightseeing, shopping and relaxing in this picturesque setting at the base of the Bavarian Alps.

On day 14 most of our group boarded the cogwheel train (Zugspitzbahn) to Zugspitzplatt which is the tallest mountain in Germany. They continued to the summit (9,718 feet above seal level) by cable car. From this vantage point, a 360-degree panorama view of more than 400 peaks in Austria, Italy,

Switzerland and Germany is spread before your eyes. The highest beer garden in Germany is also on the summit.

I was torn between the cogwheel train tour and the opportunity to visit a castle with Peggy Martin and three other adventurers. I chose the castle and with Peggy's lead we found our way to "Schloss Neuschwanstein" the castle of King Ludwig II of Bavaria near Füssen. The two-hour bus ride and 30 minute hike up to the castle was well worth the effort.

Day 15 we traveled by regional train back to Nuremberg and transferred to an ICE train for our final destination of Frankfurt where we would board our plane for the return trip home the next day.

Our last night was spent together as a group for dinner and some final instructions regarding the procedures through immigration and customs for getting back into the United States.

Altogether our journey leaves us with fond memories of people and places, there is so much more. As I look at my pictures, they do not do justice to the countries we have seen. They only remind us of the cool breeze off the fjords or the sound of waterfalls as we traveled down rivers surrounded by mountains. We are thankful to Rich Hull for organizing an amazing trip. We are also thankful for the fellowship among the 23 of us. Travel really does broaden your horizons.



**MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER  
TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
(TGRS)**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

October 6, 2011 at the home of Norm & Ibby Ulmer

Present were: Willis Fagg, Norm Ulmer, Glenn Mitchell, Bob Conrad, Jerry Tulino, Barry Blackwell, and Gina Blackwell

The Ulmers were thanked for hosting the meeting.

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

The Treasurer was absent; no report.

The Vice-President was absent; no report.

The Editor was absent; no report.

**Committee Reports:**

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

Willis reminded us that the next clinic is Rainbow Ridge, scheduled for 10/15/11 (2 sessions), at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. We were also reminded of the upcoming slide presentation at the Mini Time Machine Museum scheduled for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>. The next social gathering is at the Red Garter on 10/12. There are 26 signed up for the ABTO tour on 11/12 so far.

*Membership/Website:* 30 member families had not yet renewed and Jerry Tulino sent email or letter reminders. Of these, 6 sent in renewals. We have 66 families now paid. The new member welcome visitation is to start soon. Jerry reported new updates to the website as well as gave a few statistics on who is looking at it. We have a worldwide reach from Russia to Indonesia (among many others).

**Old Business:**

- A. The bridges are set at TMC; will begin setting track on 10/7. Norm asked for help in constructing the control house. There was some discussion regarding getting the TMC kids involved in making simple kit buildings for the layout. Glenn is working on the controls.
- B. UMC: Glenn swapped out the engine. The camera is still working only intermittently and he is unsure why. We also need to replace worn trucks and Glenn was authorized to purchase them as needed.

There were no new updates on Rails in the Garden, 2012. Glenn stated that he is concerned that we won't have enough volunteers to help hosts at the layouts.

Madelyn Cook is moving ahead on the static display at the Mini Time Machine Museum.

We need to explore storage and workspace options with a definite timeline in mind. There are many items being stored by the Ulmers and Martins that need to be consolidated with the other club materials.

Bob Conrad reported on the Tucson Botanical Gardens monthly cleanup – the equipment is in good shape.

**New Business:**

The issue of visitors to Tucson wanting to see layouts was discussed and it was decided that Jerry would send an email out to the membership and let them respond to the visitors directly.

Telephone numbers of the officers and Board members will be deleted from the club newsletter. An email link for each of them will be on the website.

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  
October 8, 2011**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 2:00 PM. Bob and Winnie Coburn were thanked for hosting the meeting. There were approximately 43 members present.

Guest, Jim Rowland was introduced. Bob Murphy was welcomed as a new member and Bruce Lynn was welcomed back.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

- 1. Total on deposit: \$34,108.
- 2. Revenues from 09/18/11: \$111.
- 3. Expenses from 09/18/11: \$25.
- 4. Net revenues from 09/18/11: \$86.
- 5. Total dues paid for 2011-12: \$2,055.

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

The new Vice-President, Pat Somerhalder, is en route to Tucson from her summer home and will be here soon. In her absence, Willis reported that Larry Erb needs volunteers for the November 5 swap meet. Please contact Larry directly if you are able to help.

**The Editor's Report:**

Jim Miller reported that newsletter articles and pictures are always welcome. He reminded us that there is now a deadline of the 25<sup>th</sup> 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. There are no more spaces available.

Education: There will be a TGRS Power Point presentation on garden railroading at the Mini Time Machine Museum on November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30. There is also an expert on painting small vehicles scheduled to give a demonstration.

Maintenance: There is nothing in for repair right now. The Children's Museum repairs are completed – new parts in the engine.

Membership/Website: We now have 75 member families that have paid their 2011-12 dues. Jerry Tulino would like more information for our website on club items in the news and projects (both ongoing and completed). He also presented the website hit statistics and our worldwide reach.

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. We were asked to sign up for the 11/12 ABTO tour as soon as possible in order to coordinate transportation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

TMC Project: Norm reported that the bridges are set and they are laying track and wiring. Donations of buildings are requested. There is no definite time era for the layout. If you can help, be there Monday at 07:30 via the pediatrics unit entrance.

The Diamond Children's Center locomotive needs new tracks and there are still issues with the camera.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens layout is looking very good. No maintenance issues.

The Children's Museum repairs are done. The layout itself and the train room are holding up very well.

Rails in the Garden 2012: looking for new layouts to add to the tour. We need volunteers to assist the host families.

The Mini Time Machine Museum static display project spearheaded by Madelyn Cook is on target for a mid to late April opening date.

The Christmas holiday party will take place at the Golden Corral on Thornydale. The cost is \$12/person (includes drink, tax and gratuity).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There were not enough volunteers to allow us to participate in this year's Buddy Walk benefiting Down Syndrome children. We hope to be able to

staff a display or the children's layout at the 2012 event.

The next general meeting will be at Gary and Peggy Martin's home. They will be open to the public from 11 to 3 PM. Dinner will be at 4 PM. Please remember to RSVP if you're staying for dinner.

Wayne Wesolowski announced that he would be giving a talk at the NMRA meeting on 11/12.

We were reminded that Engine No. 844 will be in Tucson 11/10-12.

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.

Thanks, Gary Martin

**FOR SALE**

Approximately 200 lf of used AML 325, American ties, brass track - \$2.50/lf.  
Misc. short track - make offer  
4 tight radius switches - make offer  
2 large radius switches - make offer  
2 wood trestle bridges - make offer  
Contact Kirk Lander (club member) at 520-665-982

## A Big Welcome to New Members

- James Rowland is a new member.
- Bob Murphy is a new member.
- Welcome back to Bruce Lynn.
- Michael, Angela, and Mahalie Long. Angela (Miller) is one of our charter members, she and Mahalie will be staying with Jim & Elaine Miller while Michael serves a one year tour in Korea.

## 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>, 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 e-mails 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

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

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