



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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February 2012

### The February meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February at 1:00 PM at Rincon Country West RV Resort.

The meeting will be held in the Recreation Hall adjoining the Auditorium. This building is next to the club train layout. Trains will be running from noon until 1 PM

Rincon Country West RV Resort  
4555 S. Mission Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85746

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Telephone: 294-4980

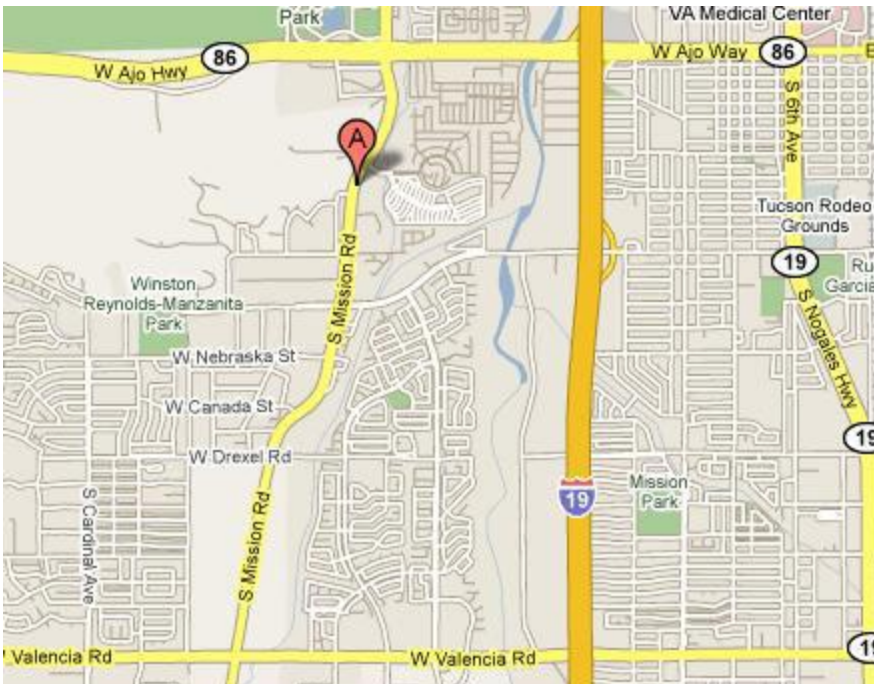
Once through gate proceed down main boulevard to club layout located on left at end of Boulevard. There is plenty of parking on the left in parking spaces located all around the RCW auditorium next to the train layout.

### Rincon Country West Railroad

The RCW Railroad is the ongoing project of the RCW Garden Railroad Club located at the Rincon Country West RV resort. The club has been developing its layout over the past six winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 900 ft. of track with four independent loops and a trolley line running from the town of Rincon to the circus. Each loop has track power. Throughout the winter months we run over twenty five different

locomotives on a posted schedule for the viewing pleasure of park residents and club members. Our Village of Rincon is composed of lighted, scratch built and kit built structures named for existing clubs in the RCW Park (Shuffles Boarding House, Tennis Court House, etc.). Our extensive vegetation is maintained by club members and has its own irrigation system. Our storage Train Depot (built by club members) contains a work bench, shelf and track storage for trains and all our electronics.

This winter club members added a second water feature (running stream), several new buildings and push button activated farm and circus sounds. A new 1940's era rural village continues to be developed in the upper area of the layout



### Directions to RCW RV Resort

Take I-19 S, go 1.3 mi to Ajo Way, exit 99. Turn Right (W) onto Ajo Way and go 0.9 mi. Turn left (S) at Mission Rd., go 0.6 mi. Turn left at Via Ingresso (first traffic light). Take immediate first Right at Gate House entrance to Rincon Country West RV Resort.



New 40's era rural village



Saw mill in background



Circus surrounded by vegetation



Intersection of 4 loops



RR yard and village of Rincon



Overview of lower area of layout with village of Rincon

## President's Clatter

The VA and home show are now behind us. We had great support from our members for both events. The VA display did not draw our usual crowds as in the past, but all who did attend appreciated the experience. The home show was reported as having a good turnout.

Our plan to support the swap meet on January 21 was derailed when the Gadsden Pacific Division of the Toy Train Operators was notified that their space at the event center had been cancelled. Apparently the center had inadvertently double booked for that date.

The 2012 Children's Festival is on January 29 and, at the time of this writing, is staffed for the inaugural presentation of our linear layout.

I wish to thank a few dedicated members who supported two work events this month. The first was held to repair a broken support in the children's layout trailer and assess the feasibility of expanding the children's layout for the Old Tucson display coming up in February. The second work party was held to pull additional equipment out of the big trailers for the children's layout expansion. Gary led up the effort and the expanded layout is temporarily set up in Madelyn's garage.

Additionally, Pat Somerhalder is still looking for a few more volunteers for the Old Tucson display to be held February 11-19.

Finally, Pat and I met with Peggy at the Pima County fairgrounds to begin our planning for the Pima County Fair in April. Not much has changed from last year and we expect to get the same space. Bob Conrad and Pat will be getting volunteers signed up real soon as we need to turn in our ticket requests early enough to be able to distribute tickets at the March meeting. Check your calendars and be prepared to sign up.

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## **MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

Due to our display time at Old Tucson, our monthly gathering will be slightly later this month. Our next outing will be Wednesday February 22nd. 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.

## **Polyurethane Casting Clinic Presented by Wayne Wesolowski**

Directions:

From Ina and Oracle go one stoplight west and turn north on Paseo del Norte. St. Odilia's is on the East side about 0.75 mile. The Learning Center is at the far north end of the property. There is a huge parking lot. You can also enter off Paseo del Norte and W. Chapala Dr. Look for signs.

Why: Save all sorts of time and build really unique models.

See photos for the newsletter attached.

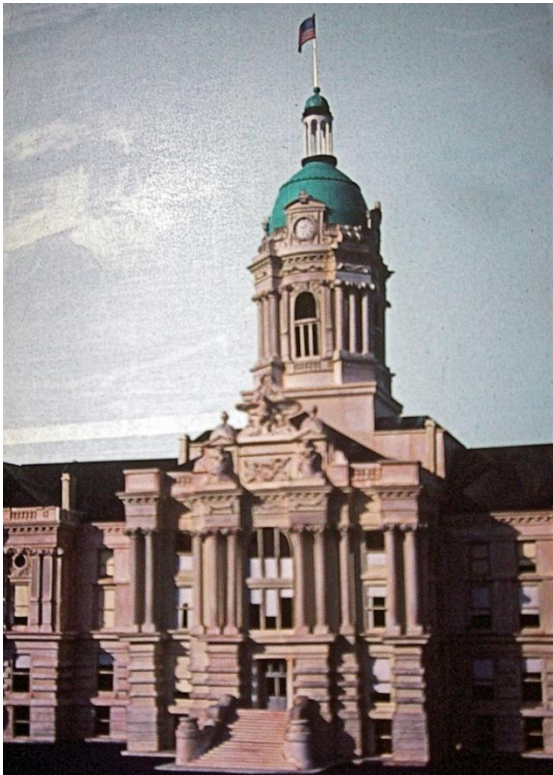
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### **Urethane Casting... a Modeling Addiction**

Ever feel you need more time? Would you like to duplicate yourself? Need twenty windows for that new depot? Can't find some unique G scale truck frames? This is the clinic for you. Casting duplicate parts in polyurethanes is easy, fast and almost addicting. It does take a little practice and some experience. The clinic will cover picking the prototype, designing the master patterns, creating RTV rubber molds and then casting, casting, casting, casting...help...I can't stop. It's addicting. The clinic will be inspirational for the beginner and very useful for the advanced modeler. Safety will be emphasized. Come and join the fun.



Photos of Tucson Depot. All the windows and doors of The G Scale Tucson Depot built for Ken Karrels by Wayne Wesolowski are custom urethane copies of the prototype. Once you make the master you can make as many copies as you want with each one only taking minutes to mold.



Two photos of court house. This HO model of the Vanderburgh County Court House in Evansville, IN was built by Wayne Wesolowski for a local museum. Notice the curved railings, domes and multiple repeating patterns. It is almost all urethane castings



## TGRS Clinic Schedule for 2012

### St. Odilia's Parish Learning Center, Classroom

#### #8 on Saturday, February 18, 2012

Location: 7570 N. Paseo del Norte, Oro Valley

Time: 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Subject: Urethane Casting and Mold Making

Clinic Size: **15 participants maximum.**

Presented by: **Wayne Wesolowski & Norm Ulmer**

#### At the Koehler residence, Saturday, May 12,

**2012.**

Location: 39794 S. Riverwood Drive, SaddleBrooke

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Subject: Live Steam presentation.

Presented by: **Ron Koehler**

#### At the Martin residence, Saturday, June 09, 2012

Location: 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Subject: Building artificial mountains with rebar, burlap and stucco mix.

Clinic Size: **20 participants maximum.**

Presented by: **Gary Martin**

#### At the Forgues residence, Saturday, July 14,

**2012.**

Location: 61786 E. Sandlewood Road, SaddleBrooke

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Subject: Cladding metal buildings by Eaglewings Iron Craft with plastic material.

Cost per person: **\$20.00.**

Clinic Size: **4 participants maximum.**

Presented by: **Jack Forgues**

#### At the Martin residence, Saturday, September 8,

**2012.**

Location: 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson

Time: 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

Subject: Building an Ozark Miniatures kit. The participants will be able to keep their project.

Cost: **\$25.00 to \$30.00** per person.

Clinic Size: **Must have 20 paid participants to hold clinic.**

Presented by: **Gary Martin**

Contact Jack Forgues at 818-9598 or

[jr4gus@wbhsi.net](mailto:jr4gus@wbhsi.net), If you have any questions or if you would like to sign-up for a particular clinic.

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

January 12, 2012 at the home of Norm & Ibby Ulmer

Present were: Willis Fagg, Pat and Bruce Somerhalder, Ruth Taylor, Norm Ulmer, Gary Martin, Glenn Mitchell and Gina Blackwell. The Ulmers were thanked for hosting the meeting.

The minutes of the November Board of Director's meeting were approved as published in the newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$31,179.
2. Revenues from 11/18/11: \$773.
3. Expenses from 11/18/11: \$2,038.
4. Net revenues from 11/18/11: -\$1,265.
5. Total dues paid for 2011/12: \$2,488.

**Vice-President's Report:**

There were at least 26 volunteers for the VA display which went very well. Willis noted that in years past Pepe Mendoza has provided the club with a DVD of media coverage. Due to budget cuts, he will be unable to do so this year. The Board elected to decline purchasing the DVD from the supplier.

The Home Show was a success as well.

The Swap Meet for January has been cancelled due to overbooking by the host facility.

The Children's Festival at the U of A will require 3-4 persons. Norm will bring the linear display, an engine and rolling stock. He will require an 18 x 5' level area, one small table and 3 or 4 chairs. Rails in the Garden flyers and club information will be available to hand out at the event.

There was a request made by the Pima County Council on Aging for the club to provide a layout the first weekend in March at their "Ages and Stages Show." This has been declined due to the proximity to the Rails in the Garden event and the lack of available volunteers.

Bob Conrad is coordinating the Pima County Fair volunteer schedule for 4/19 through 4/29. Willis and Pat are to meet with Peggy at the Fairgrounds to coordinate badges and parking vouchers for the volunteers.

The Editor was absent; no report.

**Committee Reports**

Clinics: The chairman was absent. Willis noted the urethane casting clinic is scheduled for February 18, a live steam demonstration May 12, making mountains June 9, cladding metal buildings July 14, and Ozark Miniatures kit building on September 8.

Education: No new events planned. Wayne Wesolowski has asked to borrow the projector for his clinic presentation.

Maintenance: Everything is fixed except for one sound system. One Aristocraft transmitter needs to be sent in for repair.

Membership/Website: The chairman was absent; no report. There is one new member, per Ruth Taylor.

Mentor: The chairman was absent; no report.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. The next event is January 18 at the Red Garter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

TMC Project is temporarily on hold. Norm reports that we need to finish ballasting, buildings are ready to set, and we need to purchase an engine for the second train – Aristocraft preferred because of repair parts already on hand.

UMC/Diamond Children's Center: Glenn reported that the camera is working better since he made some minor repairs.

Some Rails in the Garden tickets were sold at the Home Show. The website is almost ready to update with the tour information. Ticket sites are the Rillito Nursery, Tucson Botanical Gardens, ACE Hardware on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, and the Transportation Museum. He is also ready to mail out information from the updated mailing list.

Madelyn Cook will be asking for volunteers for help for the static display at the Mini Time Machine Museum.

Ken Karrels will coordinate the Michael Broggie presentation later this year.

Member Bob Murphy has offered trailer storage space. The medium-sized trailer floor needs to be repaired or replaced. There was much discussion on whether to purchase a larger trailer and then use the medium trailer for storage. There is an issue with club members having vehicles large enough to haul the larger trailers and the possible need for the club to purchase brake controllers for those who may need them to haul the trailers safely.

There was some discussion on the feasibility of volunteer recognition awards. This is still in the planning stages.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

There are estimates for the proposed project at the Transportation Museum from Eaglewings Iron Craft. While the Board would very much value a partnership with a train-related entity, visitor attendance figures from the Museum are needed prior to making a final decision.

A 25 x 12' layout is proposed for Old Tucson incorporating the Children's layout and a short version of the town, old west style. We could run moguls and other small engines. Two to three persons per day working from 10am to 5pm would

be required. A volunteer signup sheet will be available at the general meeting. The dates are 2/11 through 2/19 with setup on 2/09 in the early morning. Six to eight volunteers will be needed for setup.

Pat Somerhalder requested that we consider purchasing chain or cable and a lock to secure the club's chairs at events like the Home Show.

The next General Meeting will be at the Averills' home on January 14. The next Board Meeting will be February 9<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM at the Ulmers.

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 January 14, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 2:00 PM. Bob and Sue Averill were thanked for hosting. There were approximately 42 members present.

Karen and Bill Keperer were welcomed as new members as was guest Jim Walsh.

The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

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Vice-President's Report:

The visitor turnout at the VA event was down, but the display was well-staffed by volunteers.

The Home Show went very well.

The January Swap Meet for 1/21 has been cancelled.

The linear display will be going to the Children's Festival on 1/29, the Faggs and Ulmers to staff.

The Pima County Council on Aging request for a layout display on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> has been declined.

The Pima County Fair signup has begun. See Bob Conrad to volunteer for half-day shifts.

Staffing (4 per day) for a display at Old Tucson from 02/11 through 02/19 is needed. The hours are 10am to 5pm.

Editor's Report:

The Newsletter is going very well – Jim now has some volunteer help.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: There were clinic signup sheets at the meeting – some had minimum or maximum limits. The club is looking for a volunteer to take over as chairman.

Education: There have been no new requests.

Maintenance: One sound system needs repair.

Membership/Website: There are currently 86 member families. We were reminded of the username and password to access the roster (not for publication here). Jerry Tulino will be adding Rails in the Garden information to the website in the

next few days. He has requested a photo of each tour layout for the website.

Mentor: No report. We were reminded to contact Nick Buchholz if help is needed.

Social: No report. The next scheduled event is 01/18 at the Red Garter Saloon.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Please see Norm Ulmer to volunteer at TMC for ballasting on Tuesday, 1/17. Glenn Mitchell is setting up the electrical. The layout will be ready for buildings in a couple of weeks. We need a diesel engine for the second train, preferably a Warbonnet.

UMC Diamond Children's Center maintenance and repair is ongoing. The camera is currently working and we have had reports that the visitors really like the setup.

For the benefit of the new members, each of the offsite projects (past and current construction) was described for the club newcomers.

Glenn Mitchell reminded us that the Rails in the Garden tour will be on the eastside and will include the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Please volunteer to help the host families – signup sheets were available. The tour tickets are also raffle tickets, as in previous years, and we will again be accepting donations of food and cash for the Community Food Bank. Tickets may be purchased from club members, ACE Hardware on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Rillito Nursery, Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, and Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Madelyn Cook updated us on the status of the Mini Time Machine Museum display. Setup will be 04/23 with 4/25 as the opening day. It will be there until 06/15. She is in need of Z-gauge track as well as HO, N and O rolling stock and track. Please sign up with her if you can contribute kit and/or scratch-built buildings, people, etc.

Bob Murphy has offered space for storing the trailers when needed in the future. He lives on the northwest side of town.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

We will be setting up the children's layout with an expansion (a short version of the town) at Old Tucson as part of their Arizona centennial celebration. Volunteers are needed to work at Madelyn Cook's to prepare the modules for the event.

For "Show and Tell," Gary Martin brought in a garage that he had built from Styrofoam. He reminded us of the clinic he is hosting in September on Ozark Miniatures. He listed eight kits and asked those signing up to pick the one they wanted to make. The one with the most votes will be used at the clinic.

The next general meeting will be at Rincon Country West on February 11, 1 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

## A Big Welcome to New Members

William & Karen Kapferer Joined TGRS after visiting with members by phone and at the VA display. He is in the process of building an elevated layout and has track power and live steam locomotives. He lives next to the club house on Green Hills Golf Course.

Roger Crooks & Tina Sisley of Mesa, their layout is the Dry Wash and Tumbleweed and they run modern big Diesels with track power and battery.

## 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

Feb 11      **Monthly Meeting Rincon West RV Park**  
Feb 18      **Clinic**  
Feb 11-19   **Possible layout at Old Tucson Studios**  
Mar 10-11   **Rails in the Garden**  
Mar 17      **Monthly Meeting**  
Apr 19-29   **Pima County Fair**

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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