



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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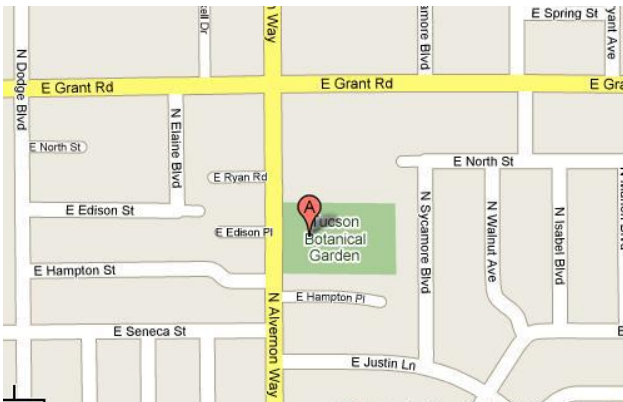
March 2012

### The March Meeting is on the 17th at the Tucson Botanical Gardens

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

The meeting will start at 1 pm with trains running at Noon.

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



Tucson Botanical Gardens Railroad

### MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON WEEKEND EDITION

It is time we let the club members that are still working in on all the fun. And, it is time to return to Maynard's where we can watch trains while we eat lunch. The date is Saturday March 24, 2012 and the time is 11:15. Maynard's is located in the Amtrak station building at 400 N. Toole Ave. This is also the site of the Southern Arizona Transportation museum so you can tour the museum and walk around the old steam engine after lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions. On Saturday the parking is free on the street and in the small lot (not the parking garage) right next to Maynard's.

### President's Clatter

The Old Tucson display is now history for us. It represented a new and different opportunity. That said I have to agree with Pat's assessment in that we had a presence, but we're not sure what benefit it was to either Old Tucson or us. Maybe we will discuss it at the March meeting. I certainly want to add my thanks to all volunteers who participated in the event.

Our next event, Pima County Fair, is perhaps the most important event of the year. As of this writing,

we were still very short of help for several shifts. By the time you read this, we will hopefully have the staff necessary to operate our display. As always, our goal is to reach at least 90% of our staffing before the end of February so that we can have tickets and badges for the volunteers at the March meeting.

At the February meeting, I mentioned I would discuss a little about communication. Certainly it's important for our leadership and other key members to maintain close communication, especially in this busy time of the year. But, just as important is communication among all members of the organization. I ask all members to please check the roster & update any contact information that's not current.

Furthermore, if you list an e-mail address, I expect that you check it frequently. If you have an e-mail address that you don't check frequently it does little good for the rest of the organization to depend on that form of communication to contact you. I have a friend who, for years, resisted joining electronic communications. When he finally got his e-mail account and proudly advised me he was now part of the electronic age, I was happy to hear it. I started sending him an occasional e-mail only to be frustrated by few or no replies. Finally I asked him if he had a mailbox in front of his house and how often it was checked. He replied every day, except Sunday of course. I then asked him why he would pass out an electronic address and check it infrequently. I never again had a problem with e-mail response from him.

Let's all have fun at the fair and then coast in to our summer break.

Willis

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

February 9, 2012 at the home of Norm & Ibbly Ulmer

Present were: Willis Fagg, Ruth Taylor, Norm Ulmer, Jim Miller, Bob Conrad, Glenn Mitchell and Gina Blackwell. The Ulmers were thanked for hosting the meeting.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read and will be published in the minutes of the General Meeting.

In the absence of the Vice-President, Willis reported that we still need more volunteers for Rails in the Garden (RITG). The Old Tucson layout

staffing is nearly complete. There are new instructions for those staffing the layout. The Children's Festival at the U of A, the inaugural event for the linear layout, was a success. We still need County Fair volunteers.

The Editor, Jim Miller, reported that Warner Croebig is now assisting him with the Newsletter and is proving to be a great asset.

### Committee Reports

Clinics: The chairman was absent; no report.

Education: The chairman was absent; no report.

Maintenance: The chairman was absent; no report.

Membership/Website: The chairman was absent; no report. There is one new member family, per Ruth Taylor: Roger Crooks & Tina Sisley of Mesa.

Mentor: The chairman was absent; no report. Glenn Mitchell reported that a Montessori school on the northeast side of town contacted Ken Karrels and has requested help in setting up solar power for their layout. Willis will follow up on this.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. The next events are February 22 and March 14 at the Red Garter.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that the TMC Project experienced a delay due to an electrical short caused by a bad valve in the irrigation system. The access gate is now padlocked to minimize unauthorized personnel after an incident with the diesel. We need volunteers for ballasting and are just about ready for buildings.

UMC/Diamond Children's Center: Glenn reported that except for one car the rolling stock is now outfitted with ball-bearing wheels and continues to run fine.

Willis read a thank-you note from the Children's Museum for the Whistle Stop sign Dick Izen presented. This will be re-read at the General Meeting.

It was noted that the trucks are wearing out on the Convention car and will need repair.

RITG is in 4 weeks! Glenn feels we are in good shape but still need some help for the host families. He has public relations articles ready to go. The Star has agreed to do an article. The Model A car club may make the tour a club event and another antique car club has expressed interest as well.

The proposed Transportation Museum Project was discussed as worthwhile and it will be brought up at the General Meeting for a vote.

There is water damage to the floors in both trailers (the smaller one being the worst) that needs repair. They will have to be unloaded first and this may incur a storage locker rental.

2008 Convention registration documents are scheduled for shredding beginning 02/10/12.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Mini Time Machine Museum may want an overhead layout for the lobby. This has been tabled for future consideration.

Marty Hart has requested the children's layout for Fountain of Life School in November. Pat Somerhalder will oversee this event with the Education Committee (Gary and Peggy Martin).

The next General Meeting will be at Rincon Country West on February 11. The next Board Meeting will be March 15, 7 PM at the Blackwells.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

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**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
February 11, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 2:00 PM. The Rincon Country West club members, especially Ken Zacharias, were thanked for hosting. There were approximately 50 attendees present.

Mike Richardson was welcomed as a guest.

The minutes of the January 2012 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$29,955.
2. Revenues from 01/13/12: \$87.
3. Expenses from 01/13/12: \$1,226.
4. Net revenues from 01/13/12: -\$1,139.
5. Total dues paid for 2011/12: \$2,502.

Vice-President's Report:

There is a signup sheet for Old Tucson and an instruction sheet for shutdown procedures. Two more volunteers are needed for 02/14.

Sign up for the Pima County Fair as soon as possible with Bob Conrad. Tickets, badges and parking passes need to be procured by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Please see Glenn Mitchell to volunteer to help host families at Rails in the Garden (RITG).

Editor's Report:

The Newsletter is going very well and club articles and input are appreciated.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: The Chairman was absent; no report.

Education: There have been no new requests.

Maintenance: Nothing new to report.

Membership/Website: There are currently 87 member families. RITG layout pictures are requested for the website.

Mentor: A Montessori school on the northeast side of town contacted Ken Karrels and has requested help in setting up solar-power for their layout.

Social: No report. The next scheduled events are 2/22 and 3/14 at the Red Garter Saloon.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The linear display's inaugural event at the Children's Festival went well. The setup and take down proved to be very easy.

Norm Ulmer reported that an electrical short caused by a faulty irrigation valve has been corrected and he will soon need volunteers at TMC ballasting and setting buildings.

Willis read a thank-you note from the Children's Museum to the club and especially to Dick Izen for the Whistle Stop sign.

Glenn Mitchell reminded us that the RITG is in 4 weeks! There will be an article in the Star on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, as well as several calendar entries in small publications. He feels the RITG website is particularly good this year with the feedback he has been getting.

Madelyn Cook updated us on the status of the Mini Time Machine Museum display. She is still in need of HO-size engines, cars, track, etc as well as some z track. She needs kit buildings in G as well as a scratch-built engine with before, during and after pictures. Call Madelyn to arrange drop off.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Board presented the proposed Transportation Museum layout project to those assembled for a vote which passed.

Gary Martin reminded those signed up for the Ozark Miniatures Clinic in September that the cost is \$46/person for the kit.

The next general meeting will be at the Tucson Botanical Gardens on March 17 (time to be determined).

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

## Layout at Old Tucson Studios



Photos by Peggy Martin

If you will look at the rodeo scene below you will see "Flat Stanley" has come to Tucson, traveling with the Grandparents of Logan (age 7) from Kennewick, Washington. The grandparents asked permission to place "Flat Stanley" on our layout for this "photo op."



Photo by Ruth Taylor

## CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

On Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup> Willis and Dottie Fagg and Norm and I took the linear display to the University for the Children's Festival. I believe that this was the third year for such an event and it was bigger and better. Because of the slope of the entryway to Centennial Hall we moved inside to the Lobby of the Hall and were the only display in there. Because people had to come into the lobby to use the bathroom we did manage to attract a lot of viewers. Ibbby Ulmer



## Rincon Country West Meeting photos by Peggy Martin



## TGRS Clinic Schedule for 2012

**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, 21012.**

Location: 61786 E. Sandlwood 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.



**SILVER SPIKE  
FESTIVAL**

**132nd Anniversary  
Arrival of the Train**

**Down at the Depot  
414 N. Toole Ave  
9:00 AM March 17, 2012**

Original 1880 Silver Spike  
4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment Band  
Proclamation: Mayor Jonathan Rothschild

**FREE!**  **FREE!**

623-2223 [www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org](http://www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org)

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM



### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual History Talks - 2012

TIMES/DAYS: 3pm, Sundays

#### TOPICS:

**Mar. 4: Historic Transportation Corridors in Arizona – Ken Scoville**

**Mar. 11: “What Time Is It?” - Standard Time Zones and RR Watches– David Quakenbush, Owner, A-1 Watch Company**

**Mar. 18: Tucson Extension of the El Paso and Southwestern Railroad – Richard Dick**

WHERE: Held at the ParkWise Conference Room, 110 E. Pennington St., Suite 150, Room 112 (Pennington St. Parking Garage, SW corner of 6th Ave. and Pennington). Free parking on the streets on Sunday.

PRICE: Admission is Free; donations are happily accepted. All proceeds go to the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, (a Division of Old Pueblo Trolley, Inc. - a 501(c) (3) corporation).

Call the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 623-2223, for information

**Southern Arizona Transportation Museum** Is having a fundraising raffle with a Nissan LEAF for the Grand Prize.

Tickets are available at the Museum or see Ken Karrels or Steve Andersen.

Price \$25.00 each or Five for \$100.00 with the drawing to be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined TGRS in February.

## 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

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|-----------|---|
| Mar 10-11 | Rails in the Garden                               |
| Mar 17    | Monthly Meeting                                   |
| Apr 12-30 | Pima County Fair with Set Up and Take Down        |
| May 12    | Clinic: Ron Koehler Live Steam Presentation       |
| May 19    | Monthly Meeting: to be determined                 |
| Jun 2     | Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet                         |
| Jun 9     | Clinic: Gary Martin Building Artificial Mountains |
| Jun 16    | Monthly Meeting: to be determined                 |
| Jul 14    | Clinic: Cladding Metal Buildings                  |

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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