



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

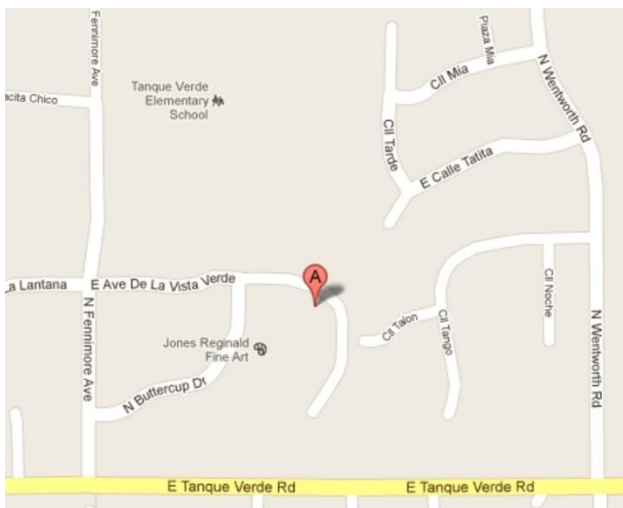
Time Table

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June 2012

The June meeting is on the 16th at Willis and Dottie Fagg's home – trains to run at 9 AM and the meeting to start at 10 AM



Driving instructions:

12440 East Avenida de la Vista Verde
East on Tanque Verde to Fennimore (approximately 2.6 miles east of Houghton), turn left (north on Fennimore). Avenida de la Vista Verde is the second right off Fennimore. Continue until Vista Verde turns south and we are on the inside of the curve. If you continue past the house, there is additional parking on both sides of the street.

The Catalina and Rincon Saddle (CRS) RR is a steam era railroad that is an eclectic mix of scales, rolling stock, buildings (both scratch and kit) and humor (look for it). The railroad name was derived from our location near the entry to Reddington Pass (between the Rincon and Catalina mountains); however, the initials came first!). The CRS RR features more than 360 feet of track that meanders along the wall enclosing the yard. The layout provides multiple loop options as well as two independent dog-bones or one dog-bone that extends the full length of the layout. The trains are battery powered.



The Catalina and Rincon Saddle (CRS) RR



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President's Clatter

The fair is over for another year and I personally consider it to have been a great success. As usual, the layout was a great display of TGRS creativity and something we can all be proud of. Since we were able to leave all the racks on site, tear down went smoothly and the equipment was ready to roll into the trailers the following morning without the hassle of previous years. As reported, the raffle went well due, at least in part, to the Thomas set for our prize. We'll do that again next year.

One encouraging note was the participation of several new members. I certainly hope they had a good experience and will be signing up for our events in the future. Just keep in mind our new members are the future of TGRS. Without their involvement, we can't continue the success we have worked so hard to achieve.

I want to thank Richard Creamer for again arranging to have our trailers repaired while they were empty. Both the large trailers had sustained water damage to the flooring at the back of the trailers. The repair included replacing the damaged flooring and resealing the door. Hopefully that will last for a few years.

So what's next? Madelyn Cook, along with the help of (who else) Gary, Janet, Glenn and Dirk, set up the

display at the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. It's a great display and everyone should try to get by to see it before it ends it's run on June 17.

We also have the Gadsden Pacific swap meet June 1/2 That event is fully staffed, but you might want to go out and take a look at the new venue, the Expo center.

With the summer fast approaching, I want to thank Pat Somerhalder (and her support team, Bruce) for jumping in and taking the vice-president's job. She has worked hard at picking up the responsibilities of the office. Remember that she will be gone from Tucson for the summer, but can always be reached when needed.

That said, at the end of the May meeting, Pat still did not have a volunteer for the September 22nd meeting. This is your chance to show your layout. If you're new and just starting, we always enjoy visiting a work in progress. Please contact Pat and sign up.

Otherwise, I'll see you in June at my place.

Willis

Vandalism of the layout at the Tucson Medical Center From Norm Ulmer

I took these photos this morning after placing the items on the layout. We suffered some extensive damage from vandalism last week - broken animal wagons, couplers and the 10 wheeler's smoke stack was taken. I had a spare stack, and was able to repair the animal wagons, but the couplers won't be here till next week. I've had a long talk with the TMC Foundation President about the theft and vandalism problem, and he will have Security place a camera in the patio, and Maintenance promised to monitor the patio 3 times a day.



TMC Layout Damage



The layout was closed for repairs



More TMC Layout Damage

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

May 17, 2012 at the Home of Norm and Ibbly Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See May General Meeting minutes for report.)

Vice-President's Report:

The County Fair went very well. We will need to stagger dinner shifts next year to equalize staffing. We will need more volunteers!

The June swap meet needs volunteers. Will need a table to sell club excess inventory. The tables cost \$35 each.

Need to find hosts for Sept. 22 and Oct. 20 meetings.

The Editor's Report:

The Editor was absent; no report.

Committee Reports

Clinics: Gary Martin reported that the mountain-building clinic start time for June 9 has been moved up to 8 AM. The Ozark Miniatures clinic is set for Sept. 8.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: Nothing new to repair. There was discussion about purchasing replacement engines from a private party. Gary will check prices.

Membership/Website: The chairman was absent; no report. According to Ruth Taylor, there are 93 member families and the roster is up to date.

Mentor: The chairman was absent; no report.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that a security camera for TMC has been promised. Theft and vandalism has been a problem. If it continues, the project may be dismantled.

The Transportation Museum project equipment is ready for pick up at Eaglewings Iron Craft. Ken Karrels will coordinate the pick up and installation.

At the Diamond Children's Center the new batteries worked well for about 2 weeks. Glenn repaired a bad relay and it is currently working again. The second engine needs repair. New wheels are needed too.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens track configuration is undergoing some changes. One engine needs repair.

Rails in the Garden – After a presentation from Glenn outlining the Pros and Cons of changing the date for the event, it was decided to schedule it one week earlier (March 2-3, 2013). It was also decided to ask for cash donations only to the Community Food Bank at the event. There was also discussion about including Rincon Country West's nighttime display as a special event during the Rails in the Garden weekend.

Material storage/work space – Willis will check into renting a storage unit for equipment. The club would need to purchase shelving. The SASME club has been in contact with us about possibly sharing space for storage, repairs, Board meetings, clinics, etc.

The volunteer recognition and incentive program is moving forward. Patches have been purchased; vests and year pins are to be ordered soon.

Gary repainted an engine for the Montessori school. We are working with them in a mainly advisory capacity.

There has been no new information regarding the Fountain of Life school request for the Children's layout.

NEW BUSINESS:

We need to reconfigure the large trailer for storage. We will ask Nick Buchholz to help with the design.

The club is signed up to host a meal at The Ronald McDonald House on October 27. Jerry Tulino will coordinate the event.

The Board voted to offer mileage reimbursement at the current IRS rate for the trailer drivers.

We have been contacted by the Rodeo Parade Museum director to consider installing a layout there. They are open January to mid-April. Willis will follow-up.

The modular layout trolley needs repair. Gary will look to see if he has a motor block on hand and Norm will also purchase a new one.

The General Meeting is scheduled for May 19 at the Somerholders.

The next Board Meeting will be June 14, 7 PM at the Ulmers.

The June General Meeting is scheduled for the 16th at Willis and Dottie Fagg's.

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
May 19, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10 AM. Pat and Bruce Somerhalder were thanked for hosting. There were approximately 35 attendees present.

The Burgheimers were welcomed as new members and Deborah Simon was a guest.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$34,435.
2. Revenues from 04/05/12: \$1,631.
3. Expenses from 04/05/12: \$3,339.
4. Net revenues from 04/05/12: -\$1,457.

Vice-President's Report:

Pima County Fair: there were 44 volunteers, many working multiple shifts. The raffle was one of the best we've had.

The Swap Meet is scheduled for June 1 and 2. We will need at least three tables: two to sell club inventory and one for Gary Martin representing a private seller. There is a volunteer signup sheet for the event.

There is no new information on whether or not we will be taking the children's layout to Fountain of Life School in November.

We are in need of a September host for the general meeting.

Editor's Report:

The Editor was absent; no report.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: Gary Martin reported that the mountain-building clinic time for June 9 has been moved up to 8 AM. Attendees are encouraged to wear old clothes.

The Ozark Miniatures clinic is set for Sept. 8. Those not signed up but want to observe are welcome.

We were reminded that we are in need of a chairperson for future clinics.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: Nothing new to repair. The towers on the power modules are now working properly.

Membership/Website: There are 93 member families. The website has been updated with a new color scheme. Jerry Tulino presented an update on "hits" to the site from 34 countries in the past month.

Mentor: Nothing new to report.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. Willis noted that the next social event is scheduled for June 20, locale to be determined. He also said that Chuck Cook is looking for 6-8 layout hosts for the November ABTO tour and hopes to get layouts that were not on the previous tour. Interested members are to contact Chuck.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that there is a significant problem with theft and vandalism at the TMC layout. A security camera has been promised and other measures (locking the patio) are being evaluated.

The Transportation Museum project equipment is ready for pick up at Eaglewings Iron Craft. Ken Karrels is coordinating the pick up and installation. Please contact him if you are able to help with the installation.

Thorne Pierce reported that there is some new automation and reconfiguration in the works at the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout. He is asking for volunteer help, possibly early morning on a Saturday. Please contact Thorne if you can help.

The next Rails in the Garden tour will be on March 2 and 3, 2013. It is hoped the new date will increase attendance by not competing with other local events.

Madelyn Cook thanked the many volunteers for their time and contributed items for the Mini Time Machine Museum educational display. Tear down will be on June 18. Please make arrangements with the Museum to pick up your items if you are not at tear down.

The Volunteer Recognition Program is in process. Points in the recognition program are accrued on a fiscal year basis with the awards taking place at the December meeting.

Club members are working with a Montessorri school on the Eastside in an advisory capacity for their solar power layout. Gary Martin did repaint a mogul to look like the engine at the Transportation Museum/depot. The sixth grade students are modeling Tucson and Vail. They are also getting a little help from the local LGB distributor. Our club has offered the railbender, if needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

There is the potential for a layout at the Rodeo Parade Museum. It would feature railroad development in Tucson history as the theme.

Jerry Tulino reported that we have a Ronald McDonald House event scheduled for October 27. He is looking for entrée suggestions. Possibly a Halloween theme?

There are ongoing discussions about possibly sharing storage and meeting space with the SASME club.

We need to offload items in the trailers not often used. Willis is looking into public storage space for storage and to re-organize equipment.

We will be reimbursing drivers who haul the trailers for mileage at the IRS rate, currently 51.5 cents per mile.

Gary Martin has a list of G gauge items to sell for a stroke victim. He will take the items to the June swap meet. He notes that there are also O and HO items, but he is not handling these.

Gary also reminded the membership that his annual open house is scheduled for November 17. It is open to the public. He also wanted to announce and encourage members to attend the San Diego regional tour in July – about 50 layouts and no vendors.

Bruce Lynn has offered his garage for a few days for module repairs.

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

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A Big Welcome to New Members

Simon and Millie Burgheimer, joined at the Pima County Fair he has a "G" gauge layout.

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, 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:

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Calendar of Events

Jun 2	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Jun 9	Clinic: Gary Martin Building Artificial Mountains
Jun 16	Monthly Meeting: Willis and Dottie Fagg's
Jul 14	Clinic: Cladding Metal Buildings
July	No Meeting
August	No Meeting
Aug 14-19	National Garden Railway Convention
Sep 8	Clinic: Ozark Minatures G-Scale Kit

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