



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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July 2012

TGRS will not have meetings for July and August. The next meeting is the 22nd of September at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expires on June 30. Membership renewal for the 2012/13 fiscal year is \$30.

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the monthly meetings or by mail (please do not send cash through the mail) to:

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SOCIAL LUNCHEON JOIN THE SCOUTING PARTY

We are trying to spread our wings and seek some new places for our monthly luncheon. Several folks, (one a very early member of the club and one that is an expert in electronics to open doors and make walls disappear) who shall remain nameless, suggested The Depot Sports Bar. It is said the original club meetings were held here. So how about us few trepid souls left here in Tucson in July give it a try? The address is 3501 E. Ft Lowell. That is the north side of the street between Country Club and Alvernon. Meet there at 11:30 on July 18th for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with questions.

President's Clatter

Another year is in the books and a good year it was. In looking back, we've accomplished a lot this year. In addition to the normal schedule of modular layout displays; VA, home show, county fair, Children's Festival, swap meets and a couple of venues with the children's layout; we supported Old Tucson

during the Arizona Centennial celebration. There was definitely some creativity involved in tailoring the children's layout to better fit the space allotted to us. Also we can't forget the outstanding effort by Madelyn Cook in putting together a display for the Mini Time Machine Museum of Miniatures. Last, but not least, was the continued success of our Rails-in-the-Garden tour. After nine years it's still going strong.

Our outside projects are still growing as we increase our visibility in the Tucson community. After a huge effort by Norm and his crew, the Tucson Medical Center project was finished, only to find security wasn't what we expected. As of this writing, it appears that final resolution of the issues may be behind us and the layout will be fully functional for the enjoyment of all. We also approved the long sought after Transportation Museum project. That installation is well underway and should be completed by the end of the summer. Finally, we are looking into a request from the Tucson Rodeo Museum for a small layout for their facility. They would like to create a display depicting the arrival of the railroad in Tucson.

Perhaps the most exciting news, for those who missed the June meeting, was the approval of a budget to start the largest modification of the modular layout in many years. For some time, we have been discussing the problems of maintaining the town modules, especially the trolley track. The board began serious discussion of this topic a couple of months ago resulting in a preliminary design package from Nick. The proposal was presented to and approved by the general membership. This project will provide many benefits, not the least of which will be the participation of most, if not all, our club membership. The town will be larger and has been divided into a large number of buildable lots for club members to populate. Janet Mitchell has taken on the task of forming a "town council" to establish building and zoning codes as well as create a list of the buildings necessary to fill the town. This subject will be discussed further at the September meeting and I

plan to have a "town meeting" after the regular club meeting.
Finally, if you haven't sent in your dues for next year, it's time and Ruth is looking forward to hearing from you.

See you in September.

Willis

NEW TOWN BUILDINGS **By Janet Mitchell**

If you were at the June meeting, or have read the minutes, you know that Nick Buchholz has developed plans for new town modules for the big layout. They were approved at the June meeting, and I have the, maybe unenviable, job of Zoning Coordinator for new buildings to go on it.

Nick, Gary Martin, and I have met and come up with guidelines for the buildings. After the September meeting, there will be a meeting for those members who are interested in building a structure for this project.

The town will be set in the 1910 to 1940 era. There will be lot size requirements for buildings so that set up is standardized for anyone who is working at an event setup. We have designated certain blocks for a historic district, a barrio, a courthouse square, and an industrial section. Other lots will be more general within the era of 1910-1940.

We plan to do the barrio block as a clinic/work day with Gary teaching his styrofoam building technique. Those of you who would like to participate will have a chance to sign up in Sept.

At the September meeting, we will have pictures and information on historic Tucson buildings for people to choose. Gary Martin plans to build the Fox Theater and Wayne W. would like to do the old Tucson Citizen building. If you have a particular building from Tucson's early days that you would like to build, talk to us at the September meeting. If you have pictures of early Tucson, I would like to hear from you.

The plan is to light the buildings, and standardized instructions and parts for that will be available along with technical help for those builders who aren't tech experts.

Between now and September, those of you who are builders, be thinking about what you might like to contribute to this project. We will have the plans with lot sizes and designations for those lots that will be for specific buildings (stations, water tower, etc), lot applications and guidelines, and building ideas available after the business meeting.

Pictures from The Mini Time Machine

A very nice display on Model Railroading showing gages from Z to G, and structures used with the model railroads. Courtesy of several members of TGRS.



Pictures by Mike and Jane Dorgan

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

June 14, 2012 at the Home of Norm and Ibbey Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as amended. (See June General Meeting minutes for report.) Ruth also read a letter to the Board from Jim Rowland, to be read to the general membership at the June meeting.

Vice-President's Report:

In the Vice-President's absence, Willis reported that the VA display setup will be 12/26 and teardown on 12/28.

The June swap was well-staffed. The new location was nice. The next shows are in November and January and may also be 2 days each.

It is to be determined whether we will be participating in the January Home Show.

The Editor's Report:

The July newsletter will be delayed due to the Editor's travel plans. Jim stated that he had omitted a reminder about club dues in the June newsletter and that he will be sending out a reminder email to the membership

Committee Reports

Clinics: Gary Martin reported that the next clinic (July) is on cladding metal buildings.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: One engine to repair. The Thomas the Tank Engine set needs to be measured for a custom storage container.

Membership/Website: The chairman was absent; no report. Ruth Taylor, there were no new members during the past month and that the website fee has been paid.

Mentor: Nothing new to report.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. There are no social events planned in June or July.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that instead of a security camera for the TMC layout, the fence is to be extended to 6 feet in height. The gate will be changed to swing out instead of in and a time clock will turn power off and on. The landscape irrigation system is under warranty with a private contractor for the next two-three months. It has been a problem to get it fixed and/or adjusted. Hopefully, this will resolve when the TMC staff takes over.

The Transportation Museum project equipment is nearly complete. We're waiting for two short pieces to be made by Eaglewings Iron Craft. Gary Martin is repainting an LGB mogul for the project.

The Rodeo Parade Museum request is still under consideration. A site inspection still needs to be performed.

The Diamond Children's Center camera seems to be working well at present. Glenn is working on the second engine.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens layout reportedly has some maintenance issues. Gary and Glenn will follow-up.

Byron Skinner has offered temporary material storage/work space. The linear layout is currently housed there.

The volunteer recognition and incentive program is moving forward. Vests are on order and a November delivery is expected. Norm is working on a spreadsheet for tracking volunteer points.

Willis is working with the Montessori school as an advisor. Anything new is on hold until the school year begins. He has asked them to send pictures and updates to Jim Miller for the newsletter.

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

Regarding reproducing the photo information cards provided by Marty Hart, the Board decided to wait for a cost estimate before approving them.

Willis is in contact with members of SASME regarding exploring building and storage options for the clubs.

Nick Buchholz presented a detailed proposal for the new town modules. Club members will be encouraged to name the streets and alleys and donate buildings. He estimates \$2500 for the materials needed for the modules and to revise the storage racks. The project will be presented at the General Meeting with the Board recommending approval.

TGRS received a thank-you letter from Peggy at the Pima County Fair.

There is no new information regarding the ABTO tour here in November.

NEW BUSINESS:

The November Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 8.

Ruth Taylor brought in information regarding a 16' trailer for sale, but the Board decided it was too small and will not be pursued.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be September 20, 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
June 16, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10 AM; Willis and Dottie Fagg hosting. There were approximately 30 attendees present.

There were no new members or guests present.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$30,179.
2. Revenues from 05/18/12: \$341.
3. Expenses from 05/18/12: \$739.
4. Net revenues from 05/18/12: -\$398.

Ruth also read a letter from Jim Rowland relating his regret at not being physically able to volunteer at present. Jackie Conrad contributed a very nice hand-crafted get well card for him and this was circulated for signatures.

Vice-President's Report:

In the Vice-President's absence, Willis reported that attendance at the June 1-2 swap meet in the Expo Center was up.

The VA display setup will be 12/26 and teardown on 12/28 at 2 PM. Staffing sign-up sheets will be available in September or October.

Editor's Report:

Jim Miller apologized for omitting a "dues are due" reminder in the newsletter. He plans to send an email reminder soon. He stated that the July newsletter will be delayed a few days due to his travel plans.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: Gary Martin reported that the mountain-making clinic went well.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: One engine is being repaired.

Membership/Website: In Jerry Tulino's absence, Ruth reported there are no new member.

Mentor: No new requests.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. No social event planned for June.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that in lieu of a security camera a taller fence (6 feet) has been promised. The landscape irrigation issue will probably continue to be a problem until the warranty with the outside contractor expires in 2-3 months.

The Transportation Museum project is nearly complete. The final two sections are on order from Eaglewings Iron Craft. Glenn Mitchell is working on the power and controls.

A site inspection for a potential layout at the Tucson Rodeo Museum is pending.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens layout is undergoing some renovations.

Madelyn Cook reported that there has been very positive feedback from the Mini Time Machine Museum educational display. Tear down will be on Monday, June 18. Please make arrangements with the Museum to pick up your items if you are not at tear down.

Gary Martin modified an engine to look like 1673 for the Montessori school on the east side. The layout is meant to be a revolving 6th grade project. Willis reported that they seem to be grateful for and heeding the advice of club members.

Although discussions with the SASME club are continuing, obtaining a building to share for work and storage is not a good or viable prospect at this time.

Contact with The Fountain of Life School is currently lacking. Finding a date in November to take the Children's layout there may be a problem. It is unknown at this time what they need and/or expect.

Byron Skinner is providing some much-needed storage space temporarily (3-6 months) while the club works on finding a more permanent solution.

TGRS will be hosting a dinner at Ronald McDonald house on October 27. More information and details will precede the event.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nick Buchholz presented his proposal for the new, larger town modules. A zoning ordinance would be put in place, (e.g. 1/2" scale buildings) and the lots will vary in size and shape according to the scale drawing handed out. Sidewalks would be on the streets, but not alleys. The era is from 1910 to 1940. Maybe include a barrio? Lighting is planned for all buildings and interior scapes would be encouraged, where appropriate. Janet Mitchell volunteered to serve as City Manager/Zoning Commissioner. Norm Ulmer has offered his workshop for the project. The membership approved the estimated \$2500 expenditure. It was also noted that we need to purchase another 18' trailer. It has been suggested that we discontinue/sell the small trailer and move the children's layout to the 16' trailer in an effort to consolidate the materials and make them more accessible at the same time.

The December 1 meeting will take place at the Golden Corral on Oracle. Ways to better manage the space allotted to us there are being explored.

Publicity for events and club projects is needed. Ken Karrels has agreed to explore some possibilities: press releases, Caliente calendar notices, volunteering for PBS pledge drives, Arizona Illustrated, videos for YouTube?

There are no meetings scheduled for July or August. The next general meeting will be September 22 at the Transportation Museum.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

We received the following thank-you letter from
Peggy Bauernfeing, the Manager of the Old
Pueblo Hall at the Pima county Fair



May 25, 2012

Tucson Garden Railway Society
Willis Fagg
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Tucson, AZ 85749

Dear Willis:

Thank you for being part of the Pima County Fair and I hope to see you next year. I felt your group did a great job and was very enjoyable to work with. I hope that your staff enjoyed the fair. It was fun to draw the winning ticket for the train set. I was able to make the phone call to the lady and she was so excited.

Thank you for making our 2012 Pima County Fair a success!

Sincerely,



Peggy Bauernfeind
Manager Old Pueblo Hall

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A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined in June.

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

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**
Sep 20 **Board Meeting**
Sep 22 **Meeting, Transportation Museum**
Oct 18 **Board Meeting**
Oct 20 **Meeting TBD**

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