



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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August 2012

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

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON WEEKEND EDITION

For the brave, hard working members that are not yet retired-this lunch is for you! We had a great time and terrific food at Cody's Beef 'n Beans, so let's return there for a Saturday in August. Yes, I know you few lucky folks will be at the national convention. Cody's is located at 2708 E. Ft. Lowell; which is on the south side of the street, between Country Club and Tucson Blvd. It is a fun place with all meals under \$10 and nice portions. Parking is a little limited, but you can park in a few spaces near the flooring store, and there are a few spaces in the rear. Let's meet there at 11:30 on August 11th. Come Join Us! Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Membership Renewal Time is Here

Current membership expired 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:

Ruth Taylor
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President's Clatter

We are now well into the Tucson summer season. Having survived the most difficult part (June-dry and hot), the monsoon has come on strong. I certainly hope none of our members have had any serious damage from the storms. However, the monsoon also brings out some of the best from our plants. The cactus flowers have been spectacular this year, at least at my place.

I was searching for a good subject of this month's clatter and decided that it's time for another discussion on club volunteering.

As an organization TGRS offers some of the best overall resources for garden railroading that can be found anywhere. I'm certain that many, if not all, new members join for that reason. Most members join because they have an interest in model railroading and a desire to have a layout of their own.

Like any organization, TGRS has needs too. Of course we continually twist arms, beg or whatever it takes to staff our various displays throughout the year. I think we do quite well at it. We also have special projects that need support. At our September meeting I will be requesting approval of our proposed Rodeo Museum project. While several of our members have been working the technical planning of the project, I still need someone to serve as a project manager (no technical expertise required). I would really like to get one of our new members to serve in this capacity. Please call me and I will explain what this job entails.

But beyond the displays and special projects, our organizational structure must continue as well. For the new members or those who for whatever reason have not bothered to think beyond the routine activities, our Board of Directors consists of nine members, five officer and four "at large" positions. Continued success of our organization depends on the strength of the Board and a need for newer members to step up to leadership positions. It is my belief that participating as an "at large" member of

the board is the best way for newer members to consider the next step in leadership.

Next spring we will hold our regular election of Board members and officers. This election cycle, I will request that the nominating committee include candidates who have not previously participated on the board and may want to consider future leadership positions. I would also like to have all members consider the future of the Board, and not just who has been around a long time, when making their election choices. Don't get me wrong; our long-time members have contributed greatly to the organization and will continue to do so. There are always jobs for our experienced members and we will keep them busy.

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A Few Hours in Silverton Colorado By Jim & Elaine Miller

We returned from our annual Utah vacation via Colorado so Michael and Angela could see Ouray, Silverton, Durango, and Four Corners. We didn't plan on going through there so there wasn't time to get tickets to ride the Train. Maybe next year we can make reservations.



While in Silverton we watched Locomotive 481 arrive



The Silverton Depot, The train doesn't stop there but stops closer to downtown



The Silverton Depot is now a museum



481 Backing into its track to park



Don't know what this car is but it looks interesting.



Mahalie standing in four states at the same time, she thinks that the Sun is too bright

**CELEBRATE TUCSON'S BIRTHDAY
AT THE
SOUTHERN AZ. TRANSPORTATION
MUSEUM**

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**414 N. TOOLE AVE.**

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**SATURDAY AUGUST 18TH 2012
9:00 AM TO 2:00 PM**

**Come enjoy a piece of
birthday cake
celebrating Tucson's
birthday, with Mayor
Rothschild's
proclamation at 11:00.**

**See and hear our new
model train exhibit
inside the museum,
sponsored by the Tucson
Garden Railroad
Society.**

**Watch and listen to the
whistle, the rattle, and
the roar of mile long
Union Pacific trains
passing by the depot.**

**Visit the cab of
Locomotive 1673 and
ring the bell as the
trains pass by. A docent
will explain the
functions and operation
of the engine.**

**There will be additional
operating model train
layouts on display inside
the historic depot and on
the plaza, with operating
Sothern Pacific
semaphore and crossing
lights on the plaza.**

Parking Nearby

SAVE THE DATES for 2013

Just a reminder: The TGRS 2013 Rails in the Garden Tour will be held on March 2nd and 3rd. For 2013 the dates have been moved to the first full weekend of March to try to avoid conflicts with all the other community activities that are now happening on the second weekend (including the UA book fair). More news later.

Enjoy your summer!
Glenn Mitchell

A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined in July.

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:

Jerry Tulino
6911 E. Baker St.
Tucson, AZ 85710

Calendar of Events

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| 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 |
| Oct 27 | Ronald McDonald House |
| Nov 2&3 | Gadsdon Pacific Swap Meet |

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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