



# Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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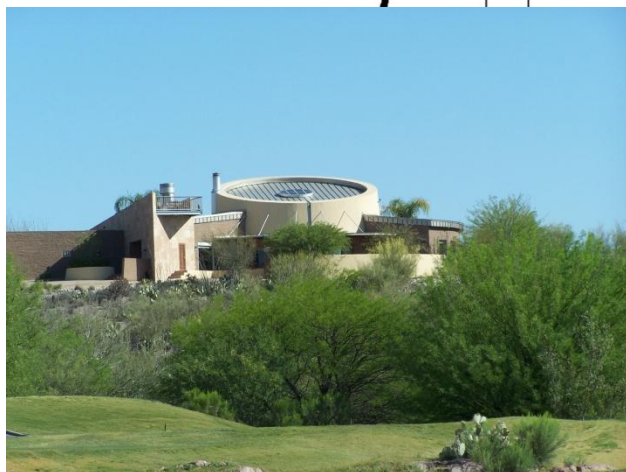
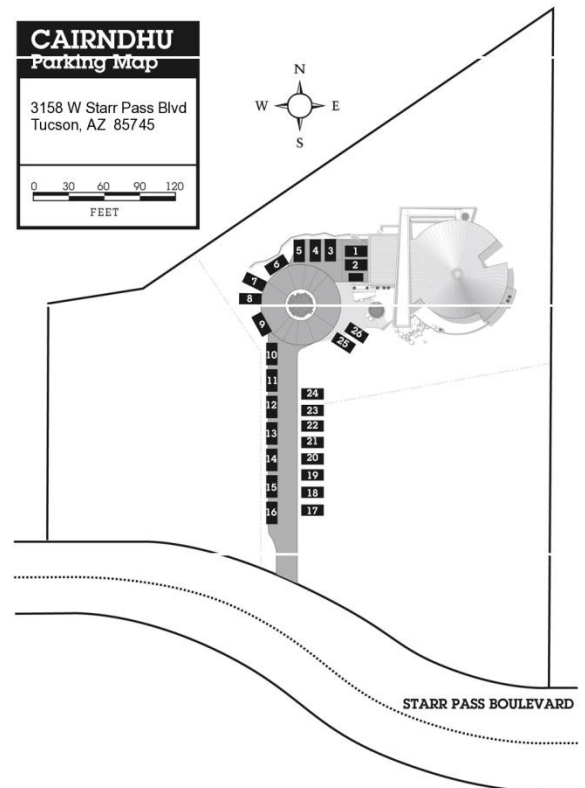
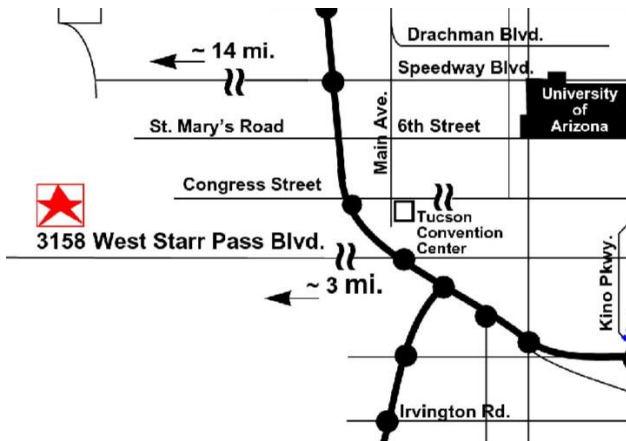
The October meeting is on the 20<sup>th</sup> at the home of Jim White 3158 W. Starr Pass Blvd. phone 770-9278 Socializing starts at 9:00 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m.

Jim is a TGRS Buff but does not have a railway (except for a switcher shuttling model autonomous trucks back and forth in his Great Room. Driving directions, go west on Starr Pass Blvd. about three miles from I-10.

BTW: You can learn more about my computer controlled talking home CAIRNDHU from my website: [www.cairndhu.com](http://www.cairndhu.com)



South Patio Dining



Cairndhu

## Membership Renewal Time is Closing

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:

Ruth Taylor  
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place  
Tucson, AZ 85735

### **SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

This month is another "no host" luncheon as Chuck will be in Show Low working. The luncheon will again be at The Red Garter Saloon located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The date is Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>. Be there at 11 a.m. if you want to take on Bob (Minnesota Skinny) Conrad in some pool, or be there at 11:45 for lunch. Have fun and I will see you in November.

### President's Clatter

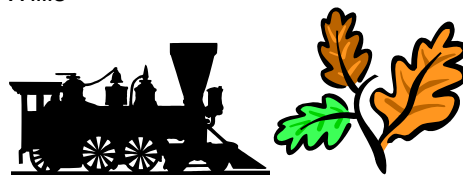
It was good to see all the members attending the September meeting. After taking a couple of months off from club activities we are off to a great start of the fall season. Ken Karrels, along with Tom and Steve, were great hosts and the venue was certainly appropriate for the meeting content. We had only a couple of interruptions from passing trains and always when Janet Mitchell had the floor.

One of the meeting highlights was the membership approval of the Rodeo Parade Museum project. Museum representative Bob Stewart made a great presentation to reinforce the importance of the project to the museum. Jeff Tobin has agreed to serve as the project manager, so he will be looking for volunteers for various aspects of the project. The plan is to have the initial layout up and running for the museum opening on January 1. Nick Buchholz has done the preliminary design and will be providing the details to the museum staff in the near future. One of the important aspects of this project is that the museum staff will be building the platform for the layout. Glenn Mitchell will again be responsible for the power control system and TGRS members will be responsible for laying track and providing period buildings and scenes.

Our first official "town hall" meeting was held after our regular business meeting. The planning session was well attended by interested members. Janet Mitchell, designated chairperson of the town council, conducted the meeting. Nick Buchholz has spent a

significant amount of time in design of the new town for our modular layout and has provided a set of plans detailing the town layout, mechanical design and even includes design of the racks needed to store the new modules and town buildings. The new design also includes larger radius turnouts for the rail yard in front of the new town. This is an exciting project for our members in that it is the first major update of the modular layout in a long time. In addition, this new design solves a longstanding problem with our town trolley. If you were unable attend the meeting, contact Janet so you don't get left out. We expect to have a major portion of this project finished for our Pima County fair display in April. I anticipate that town hall meetings will become a regular part of our monthly meetings.

See you in October.  
Willis



# ALL ABOARD

**You are invited to the 9<sup>th</sup> annual  
Open House AT  
GARY and PEGGY MARTIN'S  
Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad**  
Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2012  
Place: 4625 E. CERRO DE AGUILA, TUCSON AZ.

- 1. TGRS November Meeting will  
begin at 3:00PM**
- 2. General Open House 10:00AM to  
3:00PM  
Open to GENERAL PUBLIC**
- 3. Food and Beverages will be  
served after 4:00PM for club  
members, their families, and  
other special guests.**

**IF YOU PLAN TO STAY FOR THE FOOD  
AND BEVERAGES, PLEASE RSYP BY  
NOVEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> WITH NUMBER WHO  
PLAN TO ATTEND.**  
**520 299-7428 OR  
PGMARTIN5@XOEMAIL.COM**

## Ronald McDonald House

We are scheduled to be the "Chef-for-a-Day" at Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. TGRS and the Ronald McDonald House

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona, a non-profit, 501(c)(3), provides comfort and support to families and children facing serious illness or injury. The Ronald McDonald House provides a "Home Away from Home" for families who must travel to Tucson for medical care. Our 24,000 square foot house has all the comforts of home with 28 bedrooms and private bathrooms, 4 kitchens, a reading room, great room, playroom and outdoor play area. The House serves over 600 families per year from communities throughout Southern Arizona, as well as the surrounding region. Our families are from all walks of life, seeking treatment for illnesses such as cancer, birth defects, prematurity, organ transplants and life-threatening trauma.

TGRS is proud to be a participant in the Ronald McDonald House Chef-for-a-Day program which provides a wholesome meal for the families staying there. We have volunteered to prepare the meal on Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> which will be the fourth time that TGRS has prepared dinner. Additionally, the children's layout will be setup and displayed all day. The plan is to arrive at 8am to setup the layout and then make it available for any of the guests to enjoy throughout the day. Dinner will be served at 5pm with cleanup and teardown expected to be finished by 8pm.

There is no way to know how many people will be staying at RMH on that day or how much time they have to stop by to see the layout or to have dinner. We just make everything available and welcome anyone who can spend a few minutes with us.

Dinner is served buffet-style with everything arranged on the counter. This year we have decided to serve a meal with an Italian theme. All of the volunteers are welcome to enjoy dinner with the residents. Anything "leftover" when we are ready to clean up and leave is left in the refrigerators for anyone to eat when they can. Containers will be provided to store the leftovers in so everyone can take their equipment home with them.

To learn more about the Ronald McDonald House Charities you can go to their web page at <http://rmhctucson.org/>.  
Jerry Tulino

## TMC Project

Today, September 25, Cap Pearson helped me put the Circus area into shape, and that pretty much wraps up the layout at the Peds patio in Tucson Medical Center. There are still some minor things to be done, and an orientation for the Auxillians who will be running the layout (which we hope to accomplish this coming week). Speaking with the President of the TMC Foundation, we expect to have a grand opening ceremony in mid October. So, for now, Thanks to all of our members who worked with me on this Project - in no particular order, Nick Buchholz, Bob Conrad, Chuck Taylor, Bill Nevin, CAP Pearson, Thorne Pierce, Willis Fagg, Gary Martin, Glenn & Janet Mitchell, and any one I inadvertently overlooked. In addition, many thanks to those members who donated buildings and especially the Dorgans for the Circus animals and figures. When the date for the Grand Opening is available, I'll post a notice to our e-mail list of members. Thanks, again,

Norm Ulmer

### **RITG: SAVE THE DATES for 2013**

Just a reminder: The TGRS 2013 Rails in the Garden Tour will be held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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

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

September 20, 2012 at the Home of Norm and Ibbby Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See September General Meeting minutes for report.) There was also discussion about the next fiscal year's budget. The membership will be asked to approve up to \$5,000.00 for the proposed Rodeo Parade Museum project.

Vice-President's Report:

We have general meeting sites and dates scheduled with the exception of June, 2013.

The next club event will be the swap meet on 11/2-3. We will need only a few volunteers.

The VA display setup will be 12/26 and teardown on 12/28; we need to arrange to pick up some of Gary Martin's buildings ahead of his family vacation during that same time, if we need them for the display.

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

Setup for the Pima County Fair will be April 11 with load-out on April 29.

The holiday party is set for Dec. 1, Noon, at the Golden Corral on Thorneydale.

The Editor's Report: No report; the Editor was absent.

Committee Reports

Clinics: Alan and Jan Lathrem have expressed interest in hosting a clinic. More details to follow.

Education: No report; the chair was absent.

Maintenance: No report; the chair was absent.

Membership/Website: No report; the chair was absent.

Mentor: No report; the chair was absent.

Social: No report; the chair was absent. According to Norm Ulmer, there were five present at the last social event.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that track is to be ballasted, buildings are being repaired; electrical repaired (a new key-operated on/off switch is installed), new pole sanders are ready and TMC volunteers are being trained to take over. He is also repairing some rolling stock.

The Rodeo Parade Museum will be presented to the membership for approval at the general meeting. LGB track has already been purchased in anticipation of the project going ahead.

The Diamond Children's Center camera seems to be working well at present. In responding to a recent call for help, Glenn discovered that a maintenance worker had accidentally turned off the power supply.

Byron Skinner is currently storing some club items and these will need to be moved soon. As there will soon be a need to remove the trailers from Madelyn Cook's property as well, the Board will seek out a storage facility.

The volunteer recognition and incentive program is moving forward; 50 packets are ready to go.

The Fountain of Life School request for the Children's layout in November has been cancelled.

Chuck Cook is spearheading the ABTO tour here in November. He has a few layouts signed up and is looking for more.

Rails in the Garden 2013 will be on March 2 and 3. Six hosts are confirmed but he needs more. There is a new ticket design for 2013.

There was some discussion about a possible outdoor layout at the Transportation Museum.

NEW BUSINESS:

The November Board Meeting has been rescheduled to November 15. The February General Meeting will be on the 9<sup>th</sup> with the Board Meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be October 18, 7 PM at the Ulmers (Blackwells to bring the cookies).

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  
September 22, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10 AM at the Transportation Museum. There were approximately 41 attendees present.

The Museum staff and volunteers were thanked for hosting, especially Ken, Tom and Steve. Ted Hartenstein was introduced as a guest and potential new member.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$28,083.
2. Revenues from 07/01/12: \$1,061.
3. Expenses from 07/01/12: \$3,105.
4. Net revenues from 07/01/12: -\$2,044.

Vice-President's Report:

We need a volunteer to host the June, 2013 meeting.

The October meeting will be hosted by Jim White at his home on Starr Pass Blvd. (Cairndhu).

Jerry Tulino is signing up volunteers for the Ronald McDonald House event on October 27.

The November 2-3 swap meet needs volunteers – a signup sheet was set out.

The VA display setup will be 12/26 and teardown on 12/28 – a signup sheet was set out.

There is a possibility that we will do the January 4-6 Home Show; more info to follow.

Reminder: the Holiday Party will be 12/01, Noon, again at the Golden Corral on Thorneydale.

Glenn and Janet Mitchell would like volunteers to take over the Rails in the Garden Tour chair for

2014. It would be best if whoever takes over works with them during the 2013 event to "learn the ropes."

The Pima County Fair will be April 18-29, 2013.

#### Editor's Report:

Jim Miller requests articles and pictures.

#### Committee Reports:

Clinics: This committee is currently without a chairperson. No clinics are currently scheduled but Alan Lathrem proposed to host a clinic on building roofs. A date is to be determined.

Education: No report.

Maintenance: No report.

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino reported that we currently have 66 members paid and 4 lifetime members.

Mentor: No new requests.

Social: The chairman was absent; no report. Please see the Newsletter for the next social event.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Norm Ulmer reported that the electrical issues are being worked out at the TMC display. Ballasting needs to be done. Glenn and Norm will work to train the TMC volunteers on layout maintenance. The Grand Opening may take place sometime next month.

Willis bought LGB track while he was in California in anticipation of using it for the Rodeo Parade Museum layout. The Museum is looking for a period display and train (1880's). Jeff Tobin has agreed to manage the project. Bob Stewart (General Chair of the Museum) spoke about the fire safety upgrades (sprinklers) that were recently completed, and about the building set to house the layout. The Museum is open all year and is frequented by many groups of school children. A Plexiglas barrier around the display is planned. They would like the layout to recreate the railroad's early influence on the growth of Tucson. He stated that the Museum would be willing to host future club meetings in appreciation. They are hoping for a January grand opening.

In responding to a call for assistance at the Diamond Children's Center layout, it was discovered that a maintenance worker had inadvertently turned off the power supply. It is now working fine.

Chuck Cook is looking for more layouts for the ABTO tour in November. Please contact him if you would like to volunteer your layout.

The Rails in the Garden 2013 will take place on March 2-3. There are six layouts on the West side, so far. Please contact Glenn or Janet Mitchell if you can open your layout or wish to help a host family.

Byron Skinner is continuing to temporarily provide some much-needed storage space while the club works on finding a more permanent solution.

TGRS will be hosting a dinner at Ronald McDonald house on October 27. There will be an Italian theme this time. A signup sheet was set out at the meeting for "chefs" and for children's layout

volunteers. Contact Jerry Tulino if you would like more information or to sign up.

Janet Mitchell requested buildings and other items for the VA Christmas week display. Gary and Peggy Martin will be out of town and Janet would like other members to step up and donate scenes and buildings to fill the spaces Gary usually covers. She suggested possibly extending the Christmas theme to fit the season.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Ken Karrels recognized by name each of the many TGRS volunteers that helped with the Transportation Museum display and other repairs made to Engine 1673. The Museum is planning a Santa and Polar Express event on December 15. He encouraged the members present to consider the Museum facilities when planning events.

There was a "town" meeting scheduled immediately following the General Meeting. All members interested in participating in the new modular layout project were encouraged to attend.

The next general meeting will be October 20 at Jim White's.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

## A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined in September.

## 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

Oct 18	Board Meeting
Oct 20	Meeting at Jim Whites home Cairndhu
Oct 27	Ronald McDonald House
Nov 2&3	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Nov 8	Board Meeting
Nov 2&3	Toy Train Show
Nov 10	ABTO tour of Tucson Layouts
Nov 17	Open House Gary and Peggy Martin
Dec 1	TGRS Christmas/Holiday Social

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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