



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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November 2012

The November meeting is at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin on the 17th of November at 3:00 pm.

The Open House will begin at 10:00 am and the food will be served at 4:00 pm, remember to make your reservation.

The Martin's are located at 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila in North central Tucson. Their phone number is 299-7428. They are located just off of Swan North of River Road. Going North on Swan go across River, take the second left turnout, there is a sign that says Cerro de Aguila. Going South on Swan from Sunrise 1.5 miles, you will go past Avenida Shelly, it is the next right.

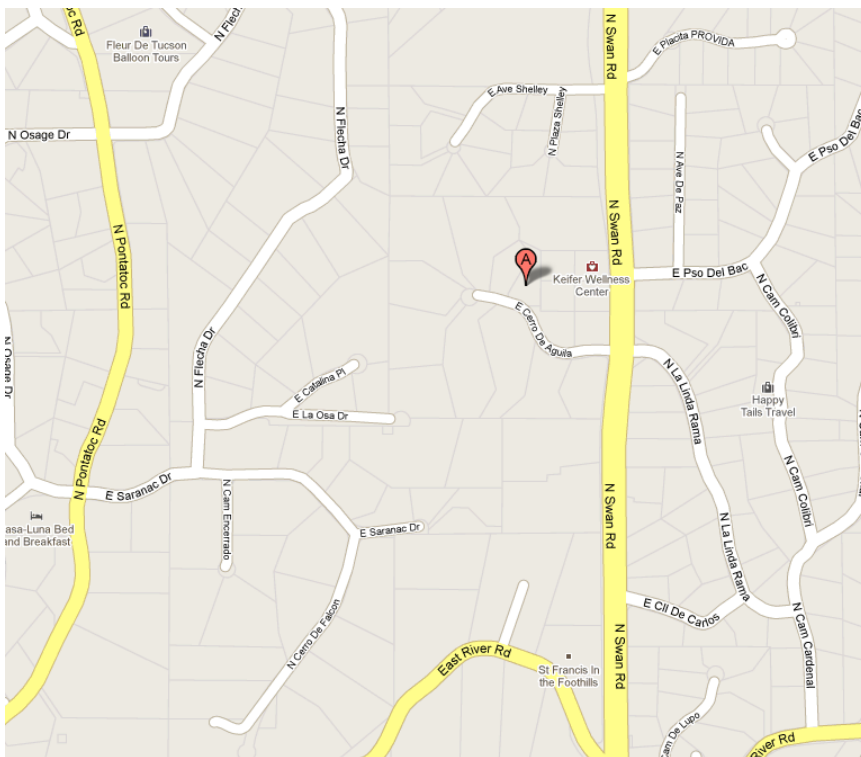


ALL ABOARD

You are invited to the 9th 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 7th WITH NUMBER WHO PLAN TO ATTEND.**
520 299-7428 OR
PGMARTIN5@XOEMAIL.COM



President's Clatter

First I would like to again thank Dr. James White for coming to our rescue and hosting our October meeting on short notice. It seems like every time we meet there, I see something I had not seen before.

At this time, the new town (we really need a name for it) on the modular layout is still moving slowly, but this activity will ramp up quickly in the near future. Be sure to watch for work party announcements. Janet is trying to work out another town hall meeting. Because we are meeting at Martin's after their open house and they will be serving food after the meeting, Janet is thinking of a short town hall prior to the club meeting. Watch for an e-mail announcement of the time.

Finally, we are entering the time to start the Rails-in-the Garden activity. Glenn Mitchell and I have mentioned on a number of occasions in the past few months that we need a replacement RITG manager for the 2014 calendar year. We had also requested that any potential replacement step forward early and "learn the ropes" from Glenn during the 2013 event. To date no one has come forward. Granted this job takes a little work over about a four-month period, but it's over by mid March and could easily be done by any of our members, including winter members. There is no technical expertise required as it's strictly organizational and Glenn has already done the hard part of setting up the routines necessary to have a successful event. Just keep in mind that this is one of the great opportunities for TGRS and individual members to show off our stuff, not to mention that this event is our primary fundraiser. The job could also be divided up; Jerry Tulino has been Glenn's assistant for a number of years. Whether performed by one member or a small committee, this job still needs a leader. So this is one more plea for someone to step up (how about some of our newer members?). Please contact Glenn or I for more information (I can already hear the pin dropping).

See you in November.

Willis

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

We have the ABTO tour, the Martins meeting/open house and then the Christmas party. So, there will be no social luncheon in November and December. We will resume in January when everybody can tell what train related things they got as Christmas presents.

TGRS CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

The annual holiday luncheon will be at the Golden Corral Buffet, on Saturday, December 1st, 2012 at noon. The cost per person will be \$11.00 The Golden Corral is located at 6865 N. Thornydale Road, Tucson, 520-544-0350. Ruth Taylor will take advance payments by mail (check only) or at the November meeting. She will also take payments at the door but requests that you **call or email her in advance** to make your reservation.

(520) 908-1312 or taylor1985@comcast.net

In addition to the gift exchange the first Membership Recognition awards will be distributed.

The rules of the gift exchange:

- One "railroad inspired" gift per family with a limit of \$20.
- Steals are limited to two and no person can have more than two gifts taken from them.

LUMINARIA NIGHTS

Tucson Botanical Gardens
December 7,8, 9 from 5:30 pm to 8 PM

As in previous years, a few volunteers from TGRS will be needed to help set up the luminaries and monitor the train layout during the event. A sign-up sheet will be available at the November meeting.

CLUB REGALIA

We have the following club logo items for purchase as shown below.

If interested please phone or e-mail our Treasurer, Ruth Taylor (520) 908-1312 or taylor1985@comcast.net

HATS - \$12.00 each
PATCHES - \$2.00 EACH
DECALS - \$1.50 EACH
DENIUM SHIRTS (long or short sleeve) \$26/\$29 each
SILK TOUCH SHIRTS (CREAM COLOR) - \$22/\$25 EACH
(shirts are in men's and ladies sizes small thru 2x) - (3X can be ordered)

2013 Rails In The Garden Layout Tour

I guess time flies when you're having fun. It's already time to start planning for next year's RITG which will be our 10th annual tour. For 2013 we have moved the tour ahead to the first weekend in March. The RITG dates are March 2nd and March 3rd. The tour is back on the (mostly) west side of town for 2013, and we a full slate of eight layouts signed-up. Hosts that have agreed to have their layouts open for 2013's tour include:

Buchholz / Ker
Carmicheal
Eberbach's
Lynn's
Martin's
Mitchell's
Rincon Country West RV Resort Club
Toy Train Operators Museum

As part of next year's tour we will again support the Community Food Bank. However, we will collect cash/check donations only and not collect food donations. This simplifies post-tour logistics and the Food Bank prefers cash donations as it allows them to purchase food items that they most need. Hopefully, our guests and neighbors can be as generous as in 2012 when we collected over \$450 in monetary contributions.

We are again using last year's ticket pricing scheme – individual adult tickets will be \$5 and children/teens 18 and under will be admitted at no charge, when accompanied by an adult. Tickets/maps will be available to TGRS members at the TGRS Christmas party on December 1st. If you have questions or comments, please call or email.

Thanks and keep smiling!
Glenn Mitchell

PRESS RELEASE

EL PASO & SOUTHWESTERN RAILROAD CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

**Sponsored by: SOUTHERN ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

October 25, 2012

Over 3000 Tucsonans greeted the arrival of the first El Paso and Southwestern Railroad (EP&SW) passenger train 100 years ago on November 20, 1912. The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum (SATM) invites the public to recall that celebration on Sunday, November 18 at the former

EP&SW depot, 411 West Congress Street, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. Parking is available adjacent to the depot building. There is no charge for the event, but a donation of \$5.00 per person to aid the museum is suggested.

The depot, which is not normally open to the public, will be thanks to the generosity of its owner Alan Norville and his company, Financial Associates, Inc. Mr. Norville is making the depot available to the museum at no cost. The depot, a beautiful example of Classic Revival architecture, was completed in December of 1913. It is a copy of the EP&SW depot in Douglas. It served passengers on the EP&SW until November 1924 when the EP&SW was merged with the Southern Pacific Railroad. SP then used it for storage for many decades. After its purchase by Mr. Norville in 1976, it was the home of two Mexican restaurants, Carlos Murphy's, and Garcia's.

The program for the celebration will include entertainment and a history of the EP&SW Railroad and depot presented by local railroad historian, Richard Dick. Following the program, escorted tours of the building will be provided to those in attendance. Artifacts from the EP&SW will be on display along with early photos of the depot and the EP&SW roundhouse a mile to the south. The latter will be provided courtesy of the City of Tucson Historic Preservation Office.

When the first scheduled passenger train arrived in 1912, the Chamber of Commerce asked businesses to close at 10:30 a.m. to allow everyone to join a parade led by the Old Pueblo Band, which marched to the depot grounds for the festivities. Flags were hung from the trolley wires on Congress Street and Stone Avenue, giving the city "a holiday appearance". "Whistles blew, people cheered, the band played, and it was a time of celebration and congratulation", summarized the *Arizona Daily Star*.

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum is located at Tucson's other historic train station, the former Southern Pacific Railroad depot at 414 N. Toole Avenue. Museum hours are: Sunday and Tuesday-Thursday, 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays. The museum displays focus on the history of railroads in Southern Arizona and their impact on the economy and development of Tucson. The displays include Southern Pacific locomotive 1673 built in 1900. On December 15 the museum will hold its annual Holiday Event where children can have their pictures taken with Santa. More details are available by calling the museum at 623-2223, or going to the website at www.historicdepot.org.

Albuquerque Balloon Fest and Trains

During the second week of October Bob and I attended the Balloon Fiesta in Albuquerque. Due to inclement weather some of the events were cancelled so we took the opportunity to drive to Santa Fe.



Since our last visit to the city we found there is now a commuter train that runs between Belen, south of Albuquerque and Santa Fe. As the Railrunner Express is a "modern, sleek looking train" it looks a little out of place sitting in the old Santa Fe Depot.



There is also a tourist "dinner" train that runs between Santa Fe and Lamy where there is a train museum.



The old depot is surrounded by orange plastic fencing so we are assuming that the plans are to refurbish it. Jackie Conrad

Santa Fe and Burlington Northern Depot in Clovis, NM

By Jim Miller

Elaine and I took Angela and Mahalie to Clovis, NM to check out the area before Michael, Angela and Mahalie Long move there in November. We drove past the old SF&BN Depot several times and the sign said Train Museum. We finally had time to stop and it was a Model Railroad museum and mostly O-gauge with other gages from Standard to Z. The Depot was purchased by a Husband and Wife who restored it.



0-6-0 Switcher with lots of rust in front of the Clovis Depot



Clovis Depot Model Train Museum



One of the many layouts on display, Clovis Depot

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
2011/2012 Financial Recap**

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
2012/2013 APPROVED BUDGET!**

	APPROVED	ACTUAL
REVENUE 2011/2012	2011/2012	
Club Equipment Sold	\$350	
Donations	\$200	\$348
Dues	\$2,800	\$2,500
Hats/Shirts/Decals	\$500	\$375
Holiday Party	\$700	\$852
Interest Earned		\$8
Miscellaneous		\$100
Raffles/Auctions	\$500	\$830
Rails in the Garden	\$7,500	\$5,762
Total Revenue	\$12,300	\$11,025

EXPENSES

Club Regalia		\$808
@linic Expense		\$577
Holiday Party	\$700	\$752
Insurance	\$500	\$575
Legal/Accounting/Office Supplies	\$300	\$226
Meeting Expenses	\$200	\$0
Membership	\$100	\$138
Membership Award Program		\$412 (*)
Miscellaneous		\$100
Modules	\$3,000	\$806 (**)
Newsletter	\$600	\$500
Raffle Expense	\$200	\$200
Rails in the Garden	\$2,200	\$1,575
Rolling Stock/Engines/repairs	\$500	\$404
Trailer	\$100	\$890
Tools	\$250	\$0

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Botanical Gardens	\$200	\$148
Children's Museum	\$0	\$61
Diamond Children's Hospital	\$1,000	\$463
Ronald McDonald House	\$200	\$0
TMC Children's Hospital	\$5,000	\$4,804
Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum		
So AZ Transportation Museum		\$3,384 (***)

Total Expenses \$15,150 \$16,721

Recap of 2011/2012 Budget: Budgeted Actual

Revenue	\$12,300	\$11,025
Expenses	\$15,150	\$16,721
DRAW ON CASH	(\$2,850)	(\$5,696)
(*) Approved 4/5/12	- \$1,000	
(**) Approved 6/16/12	- \$2,500	
(***) Approved 2/11/12	- \$5,600	

REVENUE

Donations!!!!!!!!!	\$	200
Dues!!!!!!!!!		2,700!
Hats/Shirts/Decals!!!!!!!!		400
Holiday Party!!!!!!!!!		700!
Miscellaneous!		100
Raffles/Auctions!		500
Rails in the Garden!!		6,000!
TOTAL REVENUE !		\$10,600
!!!!!!!!!		

EXPENSES! !

Holiday Party!		\$ 750
Insurance!		600
Legal/Accounting/Office Supplies!		250!
Meeting Expenses!!		150
Membership!!		100
Miscellaneous!		100
Modules!		5,000!
Newsletter!		500
Raffle Expense!		200
Rails in the Garden!		2,000
Rolling Stock/Engines/repairs!		500
Trailer!!		100
Tools!!		250

SPECIAL PROJECTS!

! Botanical Gardens!!!!		200
! Children's Museum!!!!		200
! Diamond Children's Hospital!!!!		200
! Ronald McDonald House!		200
! TMC Children's Hospital!		200
! Tucson Rodeo Museum!		5,000
! So. AZ Transportation Museum!		1,766

TOTAL EXPENSES!!!!

(*) Drawn on cash \$19,591 (*)

\$8,991.00

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

October 18, 2012 at the Home of Norm and Ibbly
Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See October General Meeting minutes for report.) The new fiscal year budget was approved.

Vice-President's Report:

In the Vice-President's absence, Willis reported on the following:

1. Ronald McDonald "Chef for a Day" is under control and scheduled for 10/27.
2. Nothing new to report on the November Swap Meet – finalize details at General Meeting.
3. VA display signup going well.
4. January Home Show commitment still pending.
5. Reservation is confirmed at Golden Corral for December 1.

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

Committee Reports

Clinics: No report.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: All engines are running. We were given four LGB passenger cars that are presently stored in the trailer.

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

Mentor: No report; the chair was absent.

Social: No report; the chair was absent.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported two TMC volunteers are scheduled to meet with him for training on 10/23.

Nick Buchholz and Jeff Tobin are to meet with Rodeo Parade Museum personnel to finalize plans in a couple of weeks.

Gary Martin and Dick Izen performed some much-needed maintenance and minor repairs at the Children's Museum.

Bob Murphy has property available for trailer storage in the Lambert Lane area. There was some discussion about this location and trailer driver accessibility. We also need storage for the Madelyn Cook buildings currently stored in the trailers.

The ABTO tour layout roster and route on November 10 is being finalized.

NEW BUSINESS:

The next scheduled Board Meeting will be November 15, 7 PM at the Ulmers (Taylors 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 October 20, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10 AM at Cairndhu, the home of Jim White. There were approximately 37 attendees present.

Jim was thanked for hosting. There were no new members or guests present.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

1. Total on deposit: \$28,041.
2. Revenues from 09/20/12: \$150.
3. Expenses from 09/20/12: \$193.
4. Net revenues from 07/01/12: (\$43.)

The new fiscal year budget and recap of the last fiscal year will be published in the Newsletter.

Vice-President's Report:

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

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

The January 4-6 Home Show commitment is still pending.

The Holiday Party will be 12/01, Noon, at the Golden Corral on Thornydale.

Be sure to RSVP to the Martins by Nov. 10 if you will be attending the dinner after the General Meeting on Nov. 17.

Editor's Report:

Jim Miller requests articles and pictures. He has had some minor email distribution problems, but is working on it.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: This committee is currently without a chairperson. No report.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: Nothing new to report.

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino reported that we currently have 73 members paid and a new roster

will be set up this weekend. The Rodeo Parade Museum Committee is the newest TGRS member.

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 he is to meet with TMC volunteers to train them on operations and maintenance. The layout itself is complete. He has developed a 3-page "how-to" manual for the volunteers that may be appropriate for our other projects as well.

A meeting regarding the Rodeo Parade Museum layout is scheduled for 10/23. The track has been purchased. The club will need to set track and provide buildings.

After much-needed cleaning and re-gluing of track at the Children's museum, Gary Martin and Dick Izen reported that things are working fine now.

Chuck Cook has seven layouts for the ABTO tour (5 are new).

There will be another Town Hall meeting regarding the new town modules at the November meeting. Details about work and assembly sessions are pending.

The Ronald McDonald House "Chef for a Day" event on 10/27 needs volunteers to run the children's layout. Food must be commercially prepared or prepared on site. Dinner will be served at 5 PM.

NEW BUSINESS:

Luminaria Nights at the TBG will be 12/7 to 12/9. This has been a good venue in the past for Rails in the Garden flyers.

The next general meeting will be at 3 PM, November 17, at Gary and Peggy Martin's home.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

A Big Welcome to New Members

Tucson Rodeo Parade Committee with Bob Taylor & George DeLong. TGRS will be installing a layout at their Museum.

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

Nov 2&3	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Nov 10	ABTO tour of Tucson Layouts
Nov 15	Board Meeting
Nov 17	Open House and meeting, Gary and Peggy Martin
Dec 1	TGRS Christmas/Holiday Social
Dec 3-5	St. Marks
Dec 26-28	VA Display
Jan 2-7	American Home Show Display
Jan 11&12	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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