



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

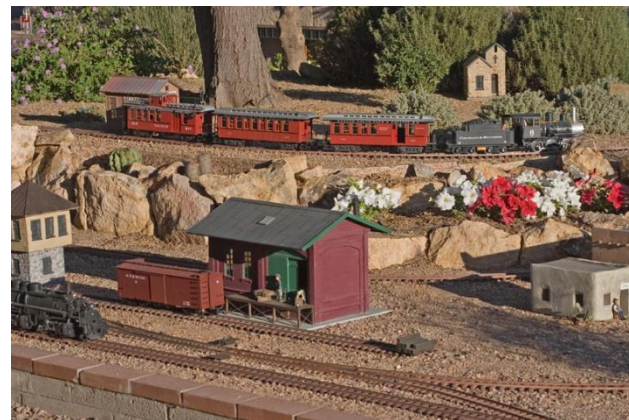
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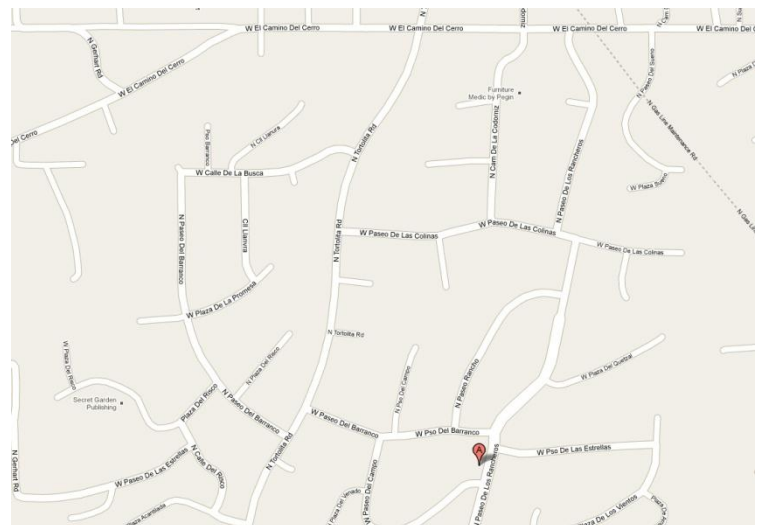
The January meeting is at the home of Glenn and Janet Mitchell on the 19th of January, trains run and socializing at 1:00 pm meeting at 2:00 pm.

The Turtle River Railroad is a western, mostly desert, narrow gauge line set in the 1890's-1900's. The high line of the upper loop crosses from one mountain area to another over a 3-span, 10 feet long steel bridge. The changing elevation of the railroad requires the extensive use of trestles and tunnels. A separate, automated mining branch operates from a mine to an ore tipple. This branch has several trestles and plate girder bridges.



From the Intersection of I-10 & El Camino del Cerro (Ruthrauff):

Proceed WEST on El Camino del Cerro, go 2.3 mi. Turn LEFT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.4 mi. Turn LEFT (E) at Paseo de las Colinas, go <0.1 mi. (Rancheros jogs east several yards at Colinas). Turn RIGHT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.5 mi. Turn RIGHT (W) at Paseo del Campo. 5100 is the first house on right.



5100 W. Paseo del Campo

President's Clatter

It's a new year and I hope everyone had a great holiday season.

This year we have a long list of activities leading us into our summer break, so I would really like to see our newer members be more involved with our projects and activities.

As of this writing, it appears that the Rodeo Parade Museum project may slip out into the early part of the year. The original goal for this project was to have it operational by January 1. I know that Jeff Tobin is still looking for volunteers to provide buildings, including a tent city.

We have our usual commitment to the Gadsden Pacific Division swap meets in January and June as well as our Rails-in-the-Garden (RITG) in March and the Pima County fair in April.

As you well know, we have eleven layouts on display for the RITG this year and Glenn is still hopeful that more members will volunteer for duty to support the host members. If you can't commit for both days, sign up for one.

The big emphasis this year will be our projects. Aside from the buildings for the Rodeo Parade Museum, this project should be operational by early in the year. Our big project is still to get the new town modules ready for the fair. If we could get each of our members to sign up for one building or scene, we would have more than enough to populate the town.

Finally, it's election year. We will be looking for members interested in board positions. As I have stated in the past, the future of TGRS is not in the members that have made it what it is today, but in those who are truly interested in the hobby and are willing to make the commitment to carry it forward. I will be looking for board candidates from our newer members in order for them to gain experience in the operation of the club. If you have an interest in participation on the board, please contact me.

Lets make this year a productive one.

Willis

2013 Rails In The Garden

It's late December already and our Rails in the Garden tour is only two months away. For 2013 the RITG dates are March 2 and March 3. The tour is back on the west side of town, including Saddle Brooke, for 2013, and we have a great group of 11 hosts this our tenth anniversary year! The following

members/entities have agreed to have their layouts open for this year's RITG:

1. Averill
2. Buchholz/Ker
3. Carmichael
4. Eberbach
5. Forgues
6. Kohler
7. Lynn
8. Martin
9. Mitchell
10. Rincon Country West
11. Toy Train Operators Museum

Our ticket prices will remain the same – individual adult tickets will be \$5 and children/teens 18 and under will be admitted at no charge, when accompanied by an adult. We will again be collecting for the Community Food Bank at each venue, except that this year we are only collecting monetary (cash & checks) donations. A donation of money allows the Food Bank flexibility, and with each \$1 donation they can purchase \$9 in food!

As another community support effort, during the RITG weekend we will be raffling a railroad themed quilt that the club acquired earlier this year. All proceeds from the quilt raffle will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The quilt will be on display, and raffle tickets will be sold, at the Martins on the tour days.

Again I'll repeat that all of our RITG tours are successful in large part due to the wonderful support from our non-host members to help the hosts prepare their layouts and help at layouts on tour days with operation and "meet and greet" duties. To have another successful RITG in 2013, we need to continue to support the layout hosts. While some hosts will require no additional help for layout prep, others may appreciate a helping hand with final clean-up and setup. Keep this in mind and look for the opportunity to help a host.

Thanks and Happy New Year!
Glenn Mitchell

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

It is time to kick off the New Year by gathering and comparing Christmas presents. The luncheon will again be at The Red Garter Saloon located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The date is January 17th. Instead of pool, Bob Conrad and myself will be challenging all comers in hard fought games of cribbage. If you are not familiar with it; cribbage is a card game played during the long, cold winters in the Midwest. Cribbage at 11 a.m., or be there at 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

There was no Board Meeting in December, 2012.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING December 1, 2012

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at the Golden Corral. There were approximately 54 attendees present.

New member Doug Law was present.

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

There was no Treasurer's Report.

Vice-President's Report:

The VA project still needs a driver and additional setup volunteers – a signup sheet was set out.

We will not be participating in the January 4-6 Home Show due to lack of space.

Volunteers are needed for the January Swap Meet – a signup sheet was available.

Gary Martin thanked those who volunteered at his Open House in November and reminded us that the Tucson Botanical Gardens Luminaria Nights were scheduled for 12/7-9 and volunteers needed. He also encouraged us to attend the ABTO Christmas open house tours 12/8, 12/9, 12/15, and 12/16.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported there is no new information on the TMC layout.

The track and power system are ready for the Rodeo Parade Museum layout.

Glenn Mitchell took care of a maintenance issue at the Diamond Children's Center.

The 2013 RITG (the tenth annual) will be March 2 and 3 and will have eleven stops. We need helpers for hosts so please contact the hosts as soon as possible to sign up. Ticket packets and flyers were available at this meeting for pickup.

The Mini Time Machine Museum event featuring a talk by Michael Broggie on the Disney Train is now scheduled for April 13 – reservations are required.

NEW BUSINESS:

None presented.

The next general meeting will be at Glenn and Janet Mitchell's on January 19 at 2 PM (trains will run at 1 PM) and there will be a New Town Meeting as well.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

Layout at the VA Hospital



Photos by the Miller family

A Big Welcome to New Members

No new members joined in the month of December.

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

Jan 11&12	Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
Jan 17	Board Meeting
Jan 19	Monthly Meeting, Glenn and Janet Mitchells
Feb 7	Board Meeting
Feb 9	Monthly Meeting, Rincon Country West RV Park
Mar 2-3	Rails in the Garden Tour
Mar 14	Board Meeting
Mar 16	Monthly Meeting (TBD)

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