



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

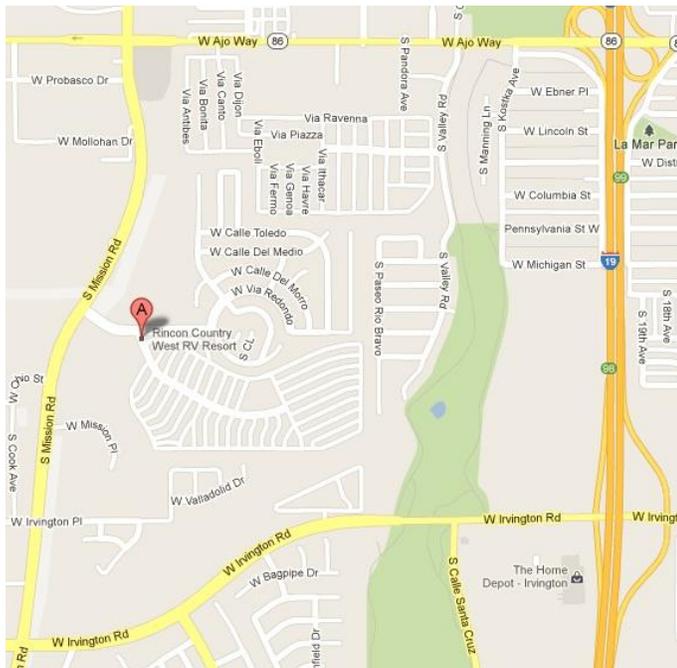
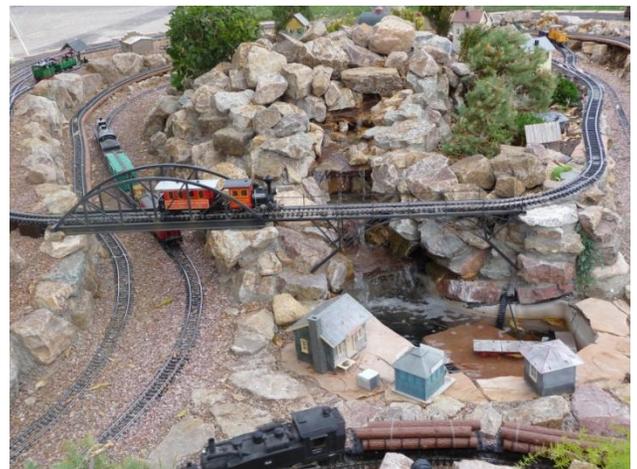
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February 2013

This month's meeting will be on February 9th at 1:00 PM at Rincon Country West RV Resort. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Hall adjoining the Auditorium. This building

spaces located all around the RCW auditorium next to the Garden Railroad layout.



is next to the RCW RR Club train layout. Trains will be running at noon until 1 PM
Rincon Country West RV Resort
4555 S. Mission Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746

Contact person: Ken Zacharias
Telephone: 294-4980

Directions to RCW RV Resort

Take I-19 S, go 1.3 mi to Ajo Way, exit 99. Turn Right (W) onto Ajo Way and go 0.9 mi. Turn left (S) at Mission Rd., go 0.6 mi. Turn left at Via Ingresso (first traffic light). Take immediate first Right at Gate House entrance to Rincon Country West RV Resort. Once through gate proceed down Main Boulevard to club layout located on left at end of Boulevard. There is plenty of parking on the left in parking

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Rincon Country West Railroad

The RCW Railroad is the ongoing project of the RCW Garden Railroad Club located at the Rincon Country West RV resort. The club has been developing its layout over the past seven winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 900 ft. of track with four independent loops and a trolley line running from the town of Rincon to the circus. This season a second "tourist" trolley line has been added that travels over two bridges over the Rincon Waterfalls.



This trolley line has three trolleys that continuously change positions as they run along the trolley line. Also new this season is the addition of more animation at the circus and the 50's diner.



Pictures submitted by Ken Zacharias

Throughout the winter months we run over twenty five different locomotives on a posted schedule for the viewing pleasure of park residents and club members. Our Village of Rincon is composed of lighted, scratch built and kit built structures named for existing clubs in the RCW Park (Shuffles Boarding House, Tennis Court House, etc.). Our extensive vegetation is maintained by club members and has its own irrigation system. Our storage Train Depot (built by club members) contains a work bench, shelf and track storage for trains and all our electronics.

Nominating Committee

At our January meeting, Willis announced that he had asked me to prepare a nominating slate for this Spring's election. If you are interested in running for any TGRS post, please contact me at 490-5987. Robert Dirksen

President's Clatter

Where is everyone?

For an organization with 84 registered families, we should have sufficient resources to support all of our club activities. Of course we have a number of dedicated members who have been major contributors in the past and are now limited in their ability to contribute. We thank them for making the club what it is today. But where are the rest of you? I reviewed the rosters for the past three events, two swap meets and the VA display. By my count we had 26 individuals participating and most, if not all, have been with the club more than five years and the majority at least ten. Granted these events require fewer participants than the upcoming two major events of the year, but it was disappointing that none of our newer members signed up. Participating in our events is part of the learning process required to assure the survival of the club.

So for our newer members, there is plenty of opportunity to join in as a volunteer for our Rails-in-the-Garden Tour (RITG) hosts (sign up for one or two days) and work at least one, hopefully more, shifts at the Pima County fair. The fair offers great opportunity in that we have two shifts per day for eleven days in addition to set-up and tear down (early or late; weekends or weekdays).

What do our event volunteers do?

For RITG: you may run trains, check/sell tickets, answer questions of our visitors (or help them get answers) or help with auto traffic control where the venues may have limited parking.

For the fair: you may run (or learn to run) trains, staff the information table and sell raffle tickets, help the kids run the children's trains (or provide traffic control for the kids that are waiting to run the trains), provide information to visitors, or monitor the layout for little hands wanting to touch. If you participate in the set-up or tear down you will learn the inner workings of the modular layout.

Finally, we have the Rodeo Parade Museum project underway. In the next few weeks/months, we will need members to contribute to the addition of buildings. Contact Jeff Tobin if you can help.

In the past year and a half, I have addressed the above subjects on more than one occasion. This year surprise me and sign up. The future of TGRS is dependent on you our newer members.

In that regard, this is election year and we are needing some newer members to run for the board. Interested members can contact Bob Dirksen or give me a call.

Willis

2013 Rails In The Garden

Our Rails in the Garden tour is only one month 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 10 hosts and 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. Forgues
5. Kohler
6. Lynn
7. Martin
8. Mitchell
9. Rincon Country West
10. 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,
Glenn Mitchell

SOCIAL LUNCHEON WEEKEND EDITION

Here is the chance for you folks that work during the week to see why we always return to our favorite spot. The luncheon will again be at The Red Garter Saloon located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The date is Saturday February 23rd. Instead of pool, Bob Conrad and myself will again 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

January 17, 2013 at the Home of Norm and Ibbey Ulmer

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

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read. (See January General Meeting minutes for report.)

Vice-President's Report:

1. The VA display went very well.
2. The Toy Train Swap Meet was good – the children's layout was appreciated.
3. The February meeting at Rincon Country West has been rescheduled to 02/09.
4. Rails in the Garden volunteers are still needed.
5. The March meeting scheduled for the Tucson Botanical Gardens will have to be rescheduled due to a conflict at the Gardens. Pat will check for availability on either the 23rd or the 9th.
6. Setup for the Pima County Fair is tentatively set for 04/11 – more information to follow. Bob Conrad is scheduling volunteers.

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

Committee Reports

Clinics: No report.

Education: No report.

Maintenance: Ryan MacCabe has equipment (a mogul) to get to Gary Martin for repair.

Membership/Website: No report; the chair was absent. Per Ruth Taylor we now have a Facebook page for the TGRS.

Mentor: No report.

Social: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that there is a burned circuit in the main board; otherwise, the TMC project is ready to go. Glenn Mitchell is repairing it. There is a monitored TV camera and ID card-access only gate to the layout. The Board approved the expense of adding sound to the steam engine (approximately \$200).

The foam board and track are done at the Rodeo Parade Museum. We need landscaping and buildings and possibly a caboose. The club will be buying some rolling stock from Joe Duda.

There are some issues with engines at the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout. Gary Martin is investigating the problems. New engines may be needed.

The club needs to find storage space very soon. Willis Fagg has researched some storage facility options and found one at Valencia and Old Vail Road that offers a discount to non-profit groups. A 10'x10' unit would run about \$60/month. We would also need shelving for those club items that are used very little or only at the County Fair.

We need to move the trailers from Madelyn Cook's property because she is listing her house later this month. Bob Murphy is willing to store them.

Advertisements for the Michael Broggie lecture in April are pending. The Mini Time Machine Museum will publicize the event. It will be free to the public, but reservations will be required.

The Eberbachs have dropped out of the Rails in the Garden 2013 event due to health issues. Members have been asked to bring their unsold tickets to the General Meeting to exchange for corrected packets.

The club has purchased sixteen items from Richard Creamer for potential use on the new town modules and the Rodeo Parade Museum project. The majority of the items bought were originally crafted by Madelyn Cook.

The date for the picnic at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Dirksen has agreed to compile the slate of officers for the election in May.

Norm Ulmer suggested an addition to the Volunteer Services Recognition Program rules: "Should any member choose to forego the award of a vest and instead opt to use their own Convention vest, they will be awarded a silver Conductor pin in lieu of a vest." This was approved by the Board.

The next general meeting is to be at Rincon Country West on February 9.

The next scheduled Board Meeting is February 7 (Martins to bring the cookies).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

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TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING January 19, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 2 PM at the home of Glenn and Janet Mitchell. There were approximately 48 attendees present.

The Mitchells were thanked for hosting. The guests introduced included Paunee and Phil Uberuaga (now new members) and Jay Catlow.

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

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read by Willis Fagg.

1. Total on deposit: \$24,134.
2. Revenues from 11/16/12: \$660.
3. Expenses from 11/16/12: \$4,389.
4. Dues for 2012/2013: \$2,445.

Vice-President's Report:

The VA display was good. The loaned buildings and other items from club members gave it a fresh look.

We did not participate in the January 4-6 Home Show.

The February meeting will be on the 9th at Rincon Country West.

The March meeting will be on the 9th at 10:00 AM at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Plan to arrive early due to parking issues. They have other events scheduled that day as well.

Setup for the Pima County Fair is tentatively scheduled for 4/11. The Fair itself runs from 4/18 through 4/28. Please see Bob Conrad to volunteer for shifts as soon as possible.

Editor's Report:

Jim Miller appreciates the articles and pictures and would like more.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: This committee is currently without a chairperson. No report. There has been no follow-up from Alan Lathrem about a possible clinic.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Maintenance: Gary Martin is waiting to get a mogul from Ryan MacCabe that needs repair.

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino reported that a new family had joined, John and Maria Cook. He

has updated the website to include a reference to our new Facebook page. Janet Mitchell is the Administrator for the Facebook page. This is currently a “view only” site. Only Janet can make entries and updates.

Mentor: No new requests.

Social: There were six attendees at the last Red Garter Saloon gathering. The next social event will be planned for a Saturday to try and include members who are not yet retired.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm Ulmer reported that there is now a monitored TV camera for the layout and an ID card access only gate. The patio will be locked down from 5pm to 7am. There is a short in the controller circuit board that needs repair.

The Rodeo Parade Museum staff completed the platform. The track has been laid and we are ready to landscape and decorate the layout. Gary Martin detailed a locomotive to replicate No. 1673. Members were invited to help with the landscaping on January 26 and 27 at 09:30 at the museum (S. 6th and Irvington).

There are maintenance issues reported for the engines and controllers at the Tucson Botanical Gardens – they may require new engines. The other club projects are doing fine.

The 2013 RITG will be March 2 and 3 and will now have ten stops as the Eberbachs have had to withdraw. There are new, corrected ticket packets to pick up and/or exchange. We need helpers for hosts so please contact the hosts as soon as possible to sign up. Notices have gone out to more than 200 on the mailing list and about 500 emails will be going out next week. Flyers and posters are being put up at RV parks, resorts, etc. It is hoped that there will also be TV coverage.

The club needs to find storage space for items that don't fit in the trailers. Willis Fagg has researched some storage facility options and found one at Valencia and Old Vail Road that offers a discount to non-profit groups. A 10'x10' unit would run about \$60/month. Members were asked if they had any shelving they could donate, otherwise the club will purchase storage racks.

Michael Broggie will give two lectures at the Mini Time Machine Museum on April 13 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. He will speak about the history of the Disneyland Park and the train that started it all. Please watch the Newsletter for updates. We are hoping for an article in the Star. The event is free, but reservations are required.

The club has purchased some of Madelyn Cook's buildings for the new town. We still need buildings and a name for the town.

Norm Ulmer handed out some Volunteer Recognition awards to those who were not present at the December meeting. The members present were also told about the option to use their Convention vest in lieu of the volunteer vest. Please

see Norm if you need to exchange your vest for a different size.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Dirksen has agreed to be the nominations chairperson for the upcoming elections in May. Please see Bob or Willis to put your hat in the ring.

Gary Martin had items for sale. Members were asked to see him after the meeting.

There was a “stapling-tickets-to-directions party” announced for immediately following the meeting. All were invited to help.

The next general meeting will be at Rincon Country West on February 9.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

Presents its Annual Sunday Lecture Series

3PM

414 N Toole Ave (near the AMTRAK STATION)

FEB 24 Historic Arizona Bridges and Their
Engineers—
by Jerry Cannon, Cannon Consultants, LLC

MAR 3 The Copper Basin Railroad and the Gila River
Flood of 1993-
by L.S. “Jake” Jacobson, President of the Copper Basin
RR.

MAR 10 Railroads of the Sulphur Springs Valley -by
Richard Dick-
Railroad Historian

MUSEUM PHONE: 623-2223
www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

Admission and nearby parking is free

For Sale

Jim Miller is helping a club member sell several boxes of new track, switches, and related items he purchased a few years ago when he was preparing to put in a garden railroad in his back yard. Priced at 60% of the current new price. Contact Jim Miller for a copy of the list.

Gary Martin is selling a very ill club members garden railroad. Contact Gary Martin for availability and pricing.

Welcome to New Members

Phil and Paunee Uberuaga joined this month. John Cook from Oracle joined in December, he wants to know how to build a layout.

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

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 9	Monthly Meeting, Tucson Botanical Gardens
Apr 18-28	Pima County Fair
May 16	Board Meeting
May 18	Monthly Meeting

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