



## Tucson Garden Railway Society's

# Time Table

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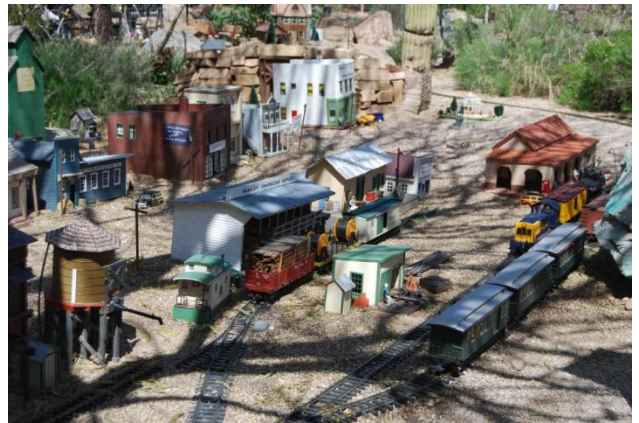
March 2013

### The March Meeting is on the 9<sup>th</sup> at the Tucson Botanical Gardens

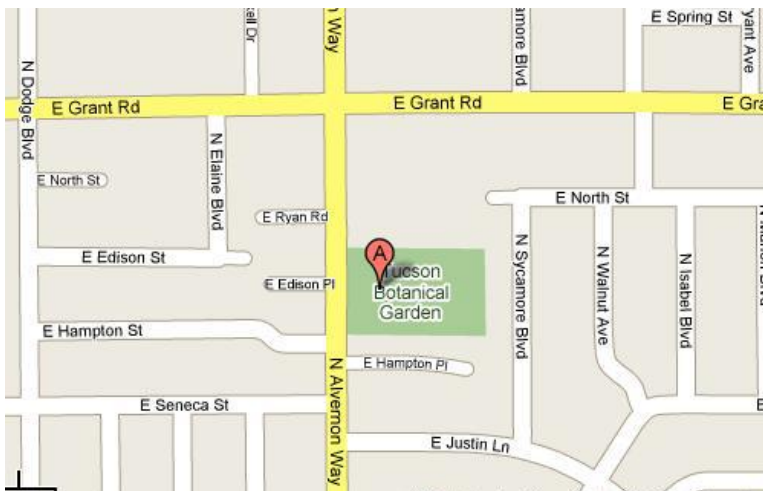
2150 North Alvernon Way, Tucson, AZ 85712  
Phone 326-9686 <http://tucsonbotanical.org/>

The meeting will start at 10 am with trains running at 9 am.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens is on the East side of Alvernon Way about a block South of Grant Road.



Tucson Botanical Gardens Railroad



### SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Wear your green for a late celebration of St. Patrick's Day! Or celebrate the first day of spring. Or celebrate that my Social Security payment showed up the day before!! The luncheon will again be at The Red Garter Saloon located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The date is Thursday March 21. 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.



## **President's Clatter**

The recent weather has certainly been a challenge for our Rails-in-the-Garden hosts. Fortunately the forecast for the tour week is favorable and should make for a successful weekend. By the time the March newsletter is posted on the website our 10<sup>th</sup> annual tour will be history; so I can only hope all our hosts received the support they needed. Glenn assures me that everything is covered. A big thanks to all our members who has made the tour a great experience for the rail fans in our community.

I've devoted several recent columns in the newsletter stressing the need to support the club by volunteering for our various activities. If the fair sign-ups at the last meeting are any indication, we are having our usual slow start to fill the staffing needs. Usually we try to have the staffing mostly completed before the March meeting (which is early this year) in order to distribute tickets to the volunteers. That's not likely to happen this year and certainly increases the burden on the event coordinators to distribute tickets. Pat has requested that if every member would take one shift, she could staff the fair at the required level. For new members, working the fair is a good way to get to know other members of the club. Please call and sign up.

Finally, I generally request comments at our monthly meetings. For the most part, I get no response. I have assumed that this lack of response means that everyone is satisfied with the direction of the club, but we still get very little volunteer support from our newer membership. With this in mind, I would like to hear from our newer members. Give me a call and let's discuss what you would like to see for the future of TGRS.

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### **Remember Volunteers Needed.**

March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Rails in the Garden  
Before March 16<sup>th</sup> Truck Drivers to take Trailers from Madeline's Home to Bob Murphy's  
April 11 County Fair Set Up  
April 18-29 County Fair Daily Shift Workers.

### **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.

## **THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM PRESENTS THE SILVER SPIKE FESTIVAL 133rd ANNIVERSARY OF THE RAILROAD TO TUCSON**

**On Sunday March 17th 2013 at 9:00 AM, the celebration and reenactment of the**

**Arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to Tucson will begin down at the Historic**

**Railroad Depot, 414 N Toole Ave. This Annual event will take place in front of Locomotive #1673, (featured in the movie Oklahoma).**

**The Honorees are:**

**Bruce Beach, CEO BeachFleischman  
Benefactor of the Year**

**Robbie Carpenter, First Female Yardmaster  
Railroader of the Year**

**Anthony Haswell, Advocate Rail Passenger  
Volunteer of the Year**

**This free family event will include  
Display of the original 1880 Silver Spike  
4<sup>th</sup> U.S. Cavalry Regiment Band  
Proclamation by Mayor Jonathan Rothschild  
Display of historic modes of transportation**

**Free Admission and Parking**

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION  
MUSEUM**

**[www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org](http://www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org)**

**520-623-2223**

**414 N TOOLE AVE 85701**

**TUCSON**

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

February 7, 2013  
at the Home of Norm and Ibbly Ulmer

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

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

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

**Vice-President's Report:**

1. The March meeting scheduled for the Tucson Botanical Gardens has been rescheduled to the 9<sup>th</sup> at 10AM (the Gardens open at 9).
2. Setup for the Pima County Fair is set for 04/11 at 9 AM, trailers out of the building by 1PM. We will need to reload the empty racks into the trailers to store them. We will be located in the same space as last year. Bob Conrad is scheduling volunteers.
3. There was a very nice article in the SaddleBrooke Progress about the upcoming Rails in the Garden.

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

**Committee Reports**

Clinics: Al Lathrem's clinic is still pending. Gary Martin has offered to sponsor one.

Education: Nothing new.

Maintenance: Gary still needs to get the mogul from Ryan MacCabe to repair.

Membership/Website: No report; the chair was absent. Per Ruth Taylor we now have 89 families.

Mentor: No report.

Social: No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Norm reported that the TMC employee is oriented and trained. There is a control board problem; trolley is not working either. The grand opening should happen soon.

The display at the Rodeo Parade Museum is progressing. The dirt is down and the track is partially ballasted. Some buildings are in place as well as cars and cattle. Jeff Tobin will orient volunteers to run the trains.

The club has rented a storage unit at A Family Discount Storage at 8300 East Valencia and purchased shelving units from Richard Creamer.

The press release for the Michael Broggie talks on April 13 is ready to go. Ken Karrels is spearheading the event with the Mini Time Machine Museum.

There is a need for more Rails in the Garden volunteers. Glenn is trying to get articles about the event in the Northwest Explorer and the Arizona Daily Star. Flyers have been placed at various RV parks. Mail order ticket sales have reach \$200 so far. Host supplies are ready to be delivered.

The New Town module is on hold until after the Pima County Fair.

The date for the picnic at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park is still pending, but will most likely occur later in the year (October?). Bob Conrad agreed to bring a signup sheet to the General Meeting on Saturday.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Madelyn Cook has sold her home and will be moving on or about March 16. We will need to move the trailers to Bob Murphy's. We will need to get a combination lock for the gate. We will need three trucks to move the trailers some Sunday afternoon.

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

The next scheduled Board Meeting is March 7 (Somerholders 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  
February 9, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 1 PM at Rincon Country West. There were approximately 47 attendees present.

The Rincon Country West club members were thanked for hosting. The guests introduced were Rob Dorgan and Chuck Taylor.

The minutes of the January 2013 meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

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| 1. Total on deposit:       | \$22,338. |
| 2. Revenues from 01/18/13: | \$ 110.   |
| 3. Expenses from 01/18/13: | \$ 1,816. |
| 4. Dues for 2012/2013:     | \$ 2,488. |

**Vice-President's Report:**

The Vice-President was absent. A signup sheet for the County Fair was set out.

**Editor's Report:**

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

Committee Reports:

Clinics: There is nothing currently scheduled.

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 we now have 89 member families. The website was recently updated.

Mentor: No new requests.

Social: The next social will be 02/23 (Saturday) at the Red Garter Saloon. Arrive at 11 AM for pool and/or cribbage, Noon for lunch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that the TMC employee is oriented and trained. There is currently a control board problem. The grand opening should happen soon.

The display at the Rodeo Parade Museum is well underway. The dirt is down and the track is partially ballasted. Some buildings are in place as well as cars and cattle. Jeff Tobin is teaching docents to run the trains. We're looking for more buildings. A tent city has been proposed.

There are maintenance issues reported for the engines and controllers at the Tucson Botanical Gardens – they may require new engines. We need to train volunteers for the Children's Museum to be on call for maintenance and repair issues. Please see Dick Izen if you can help.

The 2013 RITG will be March 2 and 3 and we still need volunteers for three hosts, especially on Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Newspaper articles are in the works. The Tucson Citizen.com wants a photo op 1 week prior for an online article.

The club has rented storage space at A Family Discount Storage on Valencia for items that don't fit in the trailers.

Michael Broggie will give two lectures at the Mini Time Machine Museum on April 13 at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. The event is free, but reservations are required. Call or go online to register.

The New Town Module is on hold for now. Next year's County Fair is the new target date.

Bob Dirksen is chairing the nominations for the spring elections. Please see him if you would like to be on the slate for an office.

We are tentatively planning a picnic excursion to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale in October. We may look into chartering a bus, if enough are interested. A sign-up sheet was made available.

NEW BUSINESS:

We will need three drivers on a Sunday afternoon to help move the trailers from Madelyn Cook's to Bob Murphy's on Lambert Lane. This will need to occur before March 16.

Ken Zacharias invited everyone to attend a night run of trains at Rincon Country West. This will occur on 02/25, 03/11, and 3/25 at dusk until about 30 minutes after dark.

The next general meeting will be at the Tucson Botanical Gardens on March 9 at 10 AM. The next Board meeting will be March 7.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

**Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park  
Spring RR Meet  
March 16 & 17**

At the Adobe Mountain Desert RR Park  
March 14 - 17: Maricopa Live Steamers  
March 16: AMRS Swap Meet

Located in north Phoenix at 22822 N. 43rd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ (43rd Ave and Pinnacle Peak road) in the [Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park](#) which is located in the Maricopa County **Adobe Dam Regional Park**.

<http://www.azmodelrr.com>

Directions:

Go north on I17 and take the Pinnacle Peak Road exit. Turn left (East) and go till you come to 43rd Ave (traffic light). You will see a rather large water slide park. Turn left. The Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park will be on your right when you see the steam engine. Enter here to see the museum. Travel a little further and enter the next gate on the right for Maricopa Live Steamers (MLS) and Arizona Model Railroading Society (AMRS).

Photos from the February 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Rincon Country West RV Resort



## Welcome to New Members

There were no new members for February.

## 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

Mar 2-3	Rails in the Garden Tour
Mar 7	Board Meeting
Mar 9	Monthly Meeting, Tucson Botanical Gardens
Apr 18-28	Pima County Fair
May 16	Board Meeting
May 18	Monthly Meeting
Jun 13	Board Meeting
Jun 15	Monthly Meeting

### TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President: Willis Fagg..president@tucsongrs.org	At Large Board Members
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