



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

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May 2013

**The May Meeting is at the home of
Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker
Saturday May 18th
Trains run at 9:00 am
The meeting is at 10:00 am.**

Directions to the Buchholz/Ker Home

From the South, East and West:

Go to the intersection of Ina and Thornydale Rd. Turn North on Thornydale, drive about .7 miles to Wesleyan Road. (Wesleyan is at the end of the decorative "Sound wall", one block north of the Fire Station on the east side of Thornydale)

Turn right (east) onto Wesleyan. Drive until Wesleyan T.,s into Rasmussen

Turn left onto Rasmussen. Go to the second right. This is Blacksill Dr. Turn right onto Blacksill Dr

From the North:

Go to the Intersection of W. Magee, W. Cortaro Farms and N. Shannon Rds. near Tucson National Golf Course.

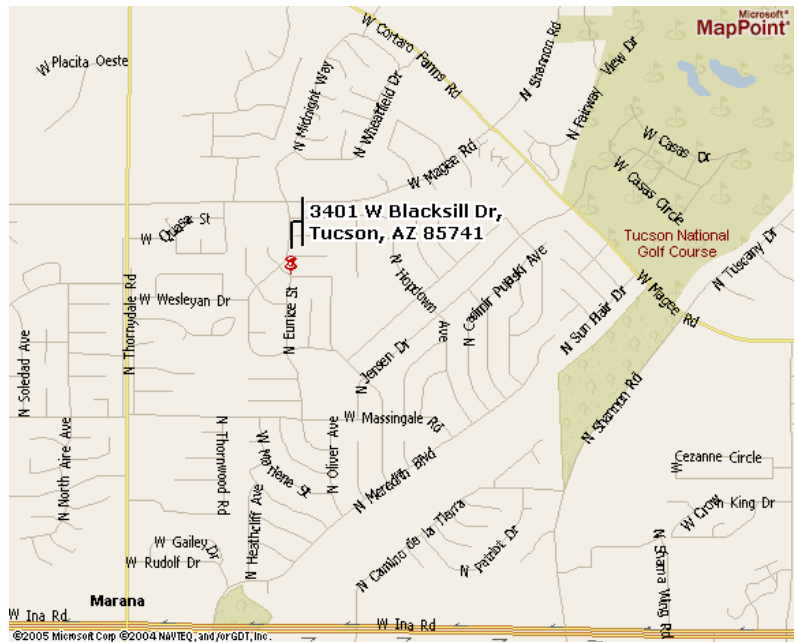
Turn West onto W. Magee Rd go about .4 Miles until you reach Rasmussen Rd.

Turn Left (south) onto Rasmussen.

Go 4 blocks to Blacksill Dr. Turn left (east) onto Blacksill Dr.

Our house is straight ahead of you as you finish the turn onto Blacksill, on the southeast corner of Blacksill and Eunice. Its the orange slump block house with a 30 foot pine tree in front.

The number is 3401 W Blacksill Dr. Our phone is 744-4932



The Tucson, Piedmont and Sonoran Desert RR

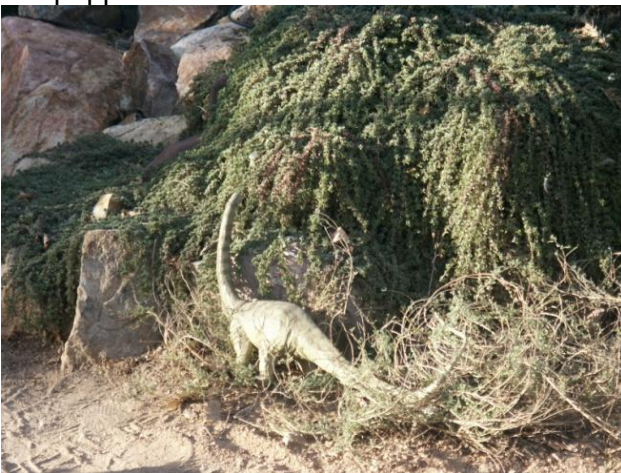
The TP&SD is a narrow gauge railroad set in 1926 in southeastern Arizona. The railroad goes from Douglas on the border to Klondike in the White Mtns., traveling up the Sulfur Springs valley through Paul Spur, Gleeson, Courtland, and Pearce to arrive at Cochise Courthouse, the track continue north and east through Cascabel, Cactus Flats, Wilcox and Bonita to finally arrive in Klondike. The railroads timetable lists many scenic wonders that will help you enjoy your trip. Two water courses the Rainbow Rock River and Stetson Falls provide rafting and fishing for the inhabitants and an active tourist passenger service.

Locomotives are Bachmann and Accucraft 1:20 scale units. The buildings and rolling stock are mostly kits or scratch-built also in 1:20.32 scale in keeping with a three foot gauge railroad. Inspiration for structures comes from buildings

in So AZ. and from the right of way of several three foot gauge Railroads, (EBT, NPC, C&C and PCR).



The railroad is designed with operations in mind. Industries include copper and cala rock mines; pepper jelly, lemon balm and sausage factories; quarries, a lumber camp and saw mill and pepper orchards.



Dinosaurs roam the right of way and are common in the towns on the TP&SW. Lizard Cars transport dinosaurs to market as no cows are harmed on the TP&SD. Photos courtesy Nick Buchholz.

President's Clatter

As of this writing, the Pima County Fair is over. Again it was a successful display with lots of good comments and many happy kids who got to drive Thomas. As usual, the real success is the club members that make it happen. In the case of set-up and tear down we had somewhat small but very good crews. Scheduling two days for the set-up worked well for all involved. I am pleased that we had participation from a couple of our newer members for those activities.

I know Pat will be publishing a complete list of our volunteers, but I would like to make special notice of our newer members who participated this year. Freeman Tabor, Dan and Martha Cover, Si and Millie Burgheimer and Dean and Donna Mead all made first time contribution to the event. In fact, the Meads not only worked three operating shifts, they drove all the way from San Manuel to do it; so I don't want to hear any more complaints about the long drive to the fairgrounds from the rest of you.

Finally, I want to offer a special thanks to Steve Anderson. Not only is he usually the member who works the most shifts; but this year he filled in a few additional shifts to help us where we were a bit short handed.

The fair was the last big event of the year for us. As we close out our fiscal year at the end of June, we have only the election of new officers in May and the Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Operators swap meet in early June.

See you all at our May meeting.

Willis

And the Winner is



Melissa Dee VanDongen and Uriah Maddox
Thomas the Tank Engine train set is for Uriah Maddox age 2. He loves Thomas, we have been buying tickets each year. Uriah was very excited to take Thomas home with him.



Load Out Crew

photo from Ruth Taylor

Slate of Candidates for Club Officers Election is at the May 18th General Meeting

President Gary Martin
Vice President Willis Fagg
Secretary Pat Somerhalder
Treasurer Ruth Taylor
Editor of the newsletter Nick Buchholz
Board Members Norm Ulmer, Bob Conrad,
Larry Erb. Jack Forgues.



Photo by Jim & Elaine Miller



Photo from Ruth Taylor



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**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S
MEETING**

APRIL 15, 2013 at the Pima County
Fairgrounds, Old Pueblo Hall

Present were:

Willis Fagg, Pat Somerhalder, Ruth Taylor,
Glenn Mitchell, Bob Conrad and Barry
Blackwell

Pat Somerhalder advised that because she had to travel out of town unexpectedly she mailed the Fair Admission tickets, to be distributed to TGRS volunteers, to Bob Conrad via Priority Mail on April 5th, 2013. To date Bob Conrad has not received this mailing. Pat will contact the Post Office to see if they can track this mailing.

The Board discussed how to handle the volunteer's admission to the fair in the event the mailed package is not recovered. Pat Somerhalder will work with our contact at the Fair to determine their willingness to work with the club by possibly issuing another batch of tickets.

In order not to cause any undue problems to our volunteer members working the fair, upon motion duly seconded, it was unanimously approved, that all volunteers would be notified of the issue at hand and advised that any member who is working the fair that is required to pay park admission and parking will be reimbursed by TGRS when they turn in their ticket stubs to the club treasurer.

Pima County Fair Wrap-up

I want to thank everyone who participated in the fair these last few weeks starting with the set up and ending with the load out. Special thanks to Bob and Jackie Conrad who were with me through the whole adventure. A future e-mail will let everyone know who put in an effort to make this such a success. A family emergency almost derailed me early on, but with everyone's help and understanding I was able to get on track again and have a successful experience.

Thanks again,

Pat

MAY 11, 2013 SATURDAY

NATIONAL TRAIN DAY

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA
TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM**

STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN

Look at operating model trains
Climb into the cab of steam engine #1673
Check out Union Pacific's diesel simulator
for Operation Lifesaver
Listen for the U P diesels pulling mile long
freight trains
Check out the "goodies" from Amtrak.
Stop in the Museum and view the bilingual
railroad exhibits
Shop at the gift store
Check out the exhibits in the
AMTRAK Lobby

TIME: 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

PLACE: Down at the Historic
Tucson Train Depot
414 N Toole, Tucson AZ

FREE ADMISSION
FREE PARKING

(520) 623-2223

WWW.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

FOR SALE

George Fitzner has the following LGB Track and Building Kits for Sale

Contact Jim Miller or George if interested

- 10154 Activation Track for Side Dump, \$50.00
- 1000K Reverse Loop Track Section set,\$14.00
Same as(10152 Insulated Track double)
- 10320 2 Bent Rail Track Bumpers, 8.00 each
- 5061/3 Bridge & Triple Bridge Stone \$25.00
- 5093 3 European Block Signal, \$27/00
- 5094 European Block Signal, \$27/00
- 5091 European Block Signal, \$27/00
- 50960 European Block Signal, \$27/00

Track,

- 10610 length 4 foot, Straight, 36 sections
\$14.00 each section
- 1600 r3 Curve, 10 sections, \$7.00 each
- 1060 Straight 2 foot, 74 sections, \$7.00 each
- 1500 r2 Curve, 100 + sections, \$7.00 each
- 1100 r1 Curve, 140 sections, \$4.00 each
- 1000 short straight, 100 + sections, \$3.50
- Filler sections aprox 2", 5 each, \$3.00 each

Building Kits

PIKO

- 330924 Gardeners Premises \$78.00
- 62009 Gravel Work Main Building \$164.00
- 62209 Grisly Flats \$128.00
- 62223 Saloon Hill \$86/00
- 62010 Gravel Work Building \$72.00
- 62204 Jennys Clothing \$64.00
- 62257 Farmer State Bank \$65.00

POLA

- 1806 Idaho Springs Station \$71.00
- 1801 Sheriff Office \$43.00
- 50610 LGB 48" Bridge \$85.00



Photo from Ruth Taylor

Welcome to New Members

Brian and Clarissa Garcia, their son loves trains. We also had a family join at the Fair but their application was lost in the shuffle so we can't announce their name yet.

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

May 16 Board Meeting
May 18 Monthly Meeting at Nick Buchholz & Mary Ker's
May 31 TTOM Swap Meet
Jun 1 TTOM Swap Meet
Jun 13 Board Meeting
Jun 15 Monthly Meeting at Jack and Rosalie Forgues

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President: Willis Fagg..president@tucsongrs.org

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