



Tucson Garden Railway Society's

Time Table

Society web site: <http://tucsongrs.org>

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June 2013

The June 15th General Meeting to be held at the home of Jack and Rosalie Forgues.

We will start running trains at 9:00 am, with the general meeting to follow at 10:00 am.

Directions to Jack and Rosalie Forgues home in SaddleBrooke.

Drive north on Oracle Road (RT. 77) through the town of Catalina.

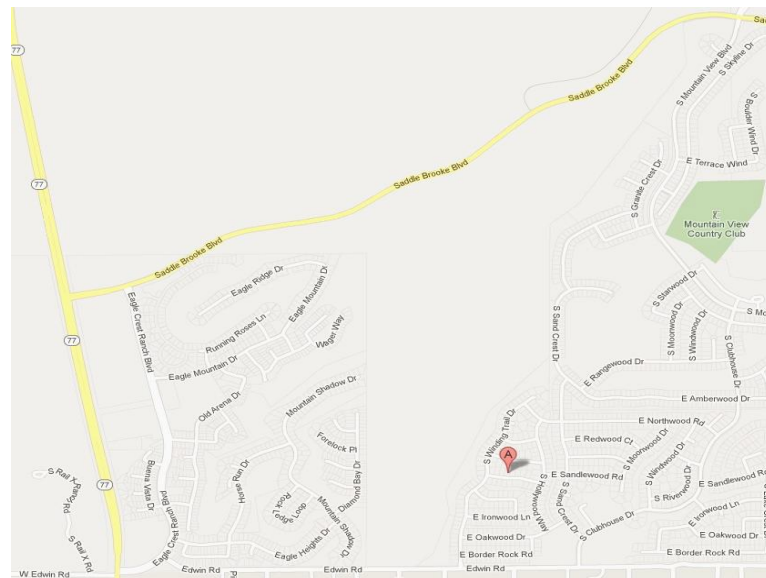
Turn **right** onto SaddleBrooke Blvd. at the signal. As you come over the hill, turn **right** onto Mountainview Blvd.

Just passed the tennis courts turn **right** onto Clubhouse Drive.

Follow Clubhouse Drive to Northwood Road, turn **right** and continue to Winding Trail Drive.

Turn **left** onto Winding Trail Drive, continue to Sandelewood Road.

Turn **left** onto Sandelewood Road and continue down the street to **61786 E. Sandelewood Road**. Our home is on the left side of the street.



QUAIL RIDGE RAILROAD

The QRRR came into existence in April of 2006, when we moved into our new home in SaddleBrooke. Rosalie and I decided that it would be easier to have elevated railroad that would work with our landscaping plan. After two attempts at building the elevated railroad, we decided to add elevated pads and a new rock canyon to our existing landscaping. Our new track plan will consist of two independent loops with a switch yard for each loop. The new layout is coming together nicely, but we still have a lot of work to do. The layout time period will be the early 1950's to the late 1980's. When completed we will have approximately 700 feet of track and 25 switches.



Eaglewings Iron Works made the first structure for the QRRR. The three story high mine will be located at the entrance to the railroad. We have added additional buildings made by Madelyn Cook to the layout. And as time goes by we will add additional buildings to the layout. We run both steam and diesel locomotives on the QRRR. I have my Steam Locomotives and Rosalie has her Diesel Locomotives.



Photos by the Forgues's

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME IS HERE

Current membership expires on June 30th, 2013. Membership renewal for the 2013/2014 fiscal year is \$30

I am now accepting renewal payments for the upcoming year. Payments can be made at the monthly meetings or by mail.

MAIL CHECKS TO:

DO NOT SEND CASH THROUGH THE MAIL

**RUTH TAYLOR
4081 S. TARANTULA HAWK PLACE
TUCSON, AZ 85735-5195**

President's Clatter

As we wrap up another year I would like to thank the membership for all we have accomplished.

Beginning July 1, your board of directors and officers will have a slightly different look. One of my objectives as president was to get some new faces on the board. That has been accomplished to a degree with the election of Jack Forgues and Larry Erb. Unfortunately, we were unable to interest other members to consider key positions in the organization. As a result, we have two of our past presidents returning to fill key positions. Don't get me wrong; while Gary and Nick are some of our greatest resources, they are serving the club in other capacities (and probably will continue to do that as well).

For the final vision of my administration, I would like to see other members come forward and volunteer to assist some of the officer positions with the objective of learning what the jobs entail. I guess you might call it a resource development program. I will say it one last time; the club needs new leadership to grow and flourish in the future. It can't depend on past presidents (and other officer/board members) forever.

For the near future, we have a couple of projects that need to be completed. The Rodeo Parade Museum project still needs buildings and other scenes to finish up and we should be getting back to our plan for the new town on the modular layout.

The final meeting before our summer break will be at the home of Jack and Rosalie Forgues. Be sure to attend the meeting and see what's new.

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TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

May 16, 2013 at the Home of Norm and Ibbly Ulmer

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

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

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

Vice-President's Report:

1. The Pima County Fair event went very well with only minimal staffing issues.
2. The Swap Meet is the next event to staff: 05/31 and 06/01. Tables are in the trailer. Pat reported a minor complaint from the management of the Expo Center that we stay off the carpet.
3. The June meeting will take place at the Forgues'

The Editor's Report: No report.

Committee Reports

Clinics: No report.

Education: Nothing new.

Maintenance: Two engines have been repaired. Replaced track at the Diamond Children's Center layout – some issues with engine getting stuck could not be duplicated. Gary reported that LGB will no longer supply service parts. We need to buy up all the spares we can find. He proposed having a repairs session next Fall – perhaps at the new storage unit.

Membership/Website: No report; the chair was absent. Per Ruth Taylor, there is one new member family.

Mentor: Nick is working with Dan Cover on a layout plan. There are two ponds to circumvent.

Social: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that the TMC diesel needs to be removed. There have been problems with the two trains running at the same time and crashing. The speed was set too high as well. Potential solutions were discussed. Gary volunteered to take the diesel to the storage unit.

The Rodeo Parade Museum layout still needs town buildings. Call ahead to the Museum staff if you need entry to work on it. A tent city has been proposed and a workshop session was suggested to get it done quickly.

149 attended the Michael Broggie talks on April 13 and, except for one minor comment/complaint, all of the reviews were very favorable.

There were no new issues regarding Rails in the Garden (RITG).

The New Town module is on hold until Fall unless workspace becomes available. Nick presented the LED lighting plan.

The date for the picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park has been proposed for October 19 in lieu of a general meeting. We will look into chartering a bus.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was brought to the Board's attention that there is a statement in the Bylaws regarding the nominations for new officers at the April meeting. As the club no longer has a regular April meeting due to the County Fair commitment, Norm agreed to look into amending the Bylaws.

Gary requested approval to purchase two engines to loan to the Tucson Botanical Gardens. He would also like to clarify maintenance issues with the Gardens management. The Board approved up to \$800 for two engines.

The next General Meeting is to be at the Buchholz/Ker layout on May 18.

The next Board Meeting is scheduled for June 13 (Gary Martin 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 May 18, 2013

The meeting was called to order by the President, Willis Fagg, at 10 AM at the Nick Buchholz/Mary Ker residence. There were approximately 27 attendees present.

Nick and Mary were thanked for hosting. There were no guests or new members present.

The minutes of the March 2013 General Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

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

1. Total on deposit: \$26,859.
2. Revenues from 03/08/13: \$1,076.
3. Expenses from 03/08/13: \$1,511.

Vice-President's Report:

Pima County Fair went very well. There were only minor issues.

The Swap Meet scheduled for 5/31 and 06/01 still needs volunteers for the children's layout. A signup sheet was passed around. Members were advised to avoid driving on any carpeting when unloading and loading.

Editor's Report:

Jim appreciates the articles and pictures and would like more.

Committee Reports:

Clinics: No report.

Education: Nothing new.

Maintenance: Two engines broke down at the Fair and these have been repaired. Gary Martin reported that some rolling stock has mismatched wheels and these will be fixed. He also advised those present that LGB is no longer supplying service parts.

Membership/Website: Jerry Tulino reported that we now have 92 member families.

Mentor: Nick Buchholz is working with Dan Cover on his new layout design.

Social: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Norm reported that he removed the diesel from the TMC layout because of multiple wrecks between the two trains.

The Rodeo Parade Museum layout needs buildings. A clinic to build a tent city has been proposed.

Track has been repaired at the Diamond Children's Center – was causing derailments.

The Tucson Botanical Gardens layout needs repair and maintenance. New engines are to be purchased for it.

The 2013 RITG has been wrapped up. Glenn Mitchell will continue to maintain the email list; Norm Ulmer will maintain the snail mail list. Bruce Lynn issued a plea for any photos taken of his layout during the RITG.

In lieu of an October meeting, we are planning a picnic excursion to the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale on the 19th of October. We are looking into chartering a bus. Please sign up as soon as possible so that plans can be made well in advance. A signup sheet was made available.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dick Izen proposed sound for the diesels and radio controls. This will be taken up at the next Board meeting.

Gary Martin is proposing to set up rules for maintenance at the Botanical Gardens and will work with the management in getting this accomplished. He has purchased an LGB diesel for the layout. He would also like the Gardens to have a plaque acknowledging the TGRS sponsorship and support.

We were reminded of John Carmichael's open house and night run scheduled for Friday, May 24.

There was a Bylaw clarification presented to the membership in that Article 7, 3rd paragraph regarding the April meeting and nominations for Board positions. As we do not routinely have an April meeting due to the County Fair commitment, the wording has been amended to be inclusive of the May meeting for nominations. This was unanimously approved by the members present.

The new officers elected by acclamation include:

President: Gary Martin

Vice-President: Willis Fagg

Secretary: Pat Somerhalder

Treasurer: Ruth Taylor

Editor: Nick Buchholz

Members at Large: Bob Conrad, Larry Erb, Jack Forgues, and Norm Ulmer

The next general meeting will be at Jack and Rosalie Forgues' on June 15. The Board will meet on June 13 at the Ulmer residence.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell

Pima County Fair Wrap-up

Members,

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

**Tucson Garden Railway Society
By Laws dated 28 July, 2007
Proposed Revision**

Under Article VII, third paragraph, second sentence, which reads in part "Nominations from the floor will be accepted during April - " add immediately following April the following: and May inclusive of the May general meeting . Thus, the revised sentence shall read as follows:

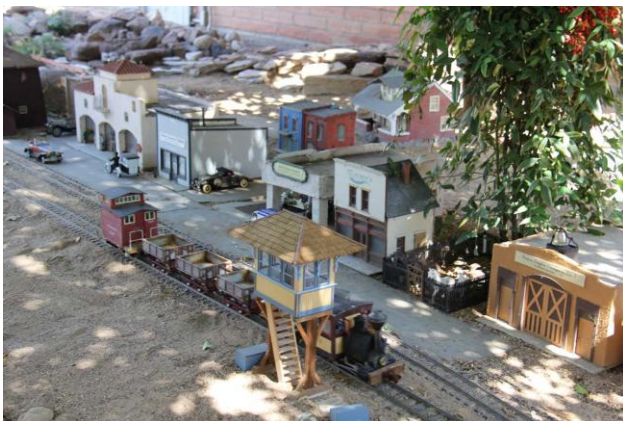
Nominations from the floor will be accepted during April and May inclusive of the May general meeting, and thereafter the nominations shall be closed.

Submitted to the general membership for approval and incorporation, 18 May, 2013.

Respectfully,

Norman Ulmer
Member of the Board of Directors,
Tucson Garden Railway Society

**Photos from the May Meeting at
Nick Buchholz and Mary Ker's**



Photos by the Miller Family

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

Thank You Letter from the Food Bank



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March 12, 2013

Ruth Taylor
Tucson Garden Railway Society
4061 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

Dear Ruth,

"The food helps out our family of five in so many ways. Even though we receive food stamps, the monthly allowance doesn't cover the whole month, and coming to the Food Bank helps us make ends meet. Without it we'd starve."

~ Richard, father

You have helped change lives.

Because of your generous gift of \$434.00, people like Richard are able to make ends meet. **Because of you, his children won't go to bed hungry tonight.** They will enjoy a healthy dinner prepared by their loving father. Maybe they will even offer to help with the dishes.

We are here to provide emergency food assistance to anyone experiencing a food crisis. It is our goal to make sure seniors get enough food in their golden years and new mothers have the right nutrition for their infants. Your generosity makes all of this possible.

We can see a difference in the faces of people we serve every day. Their faces light up when they see fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, cans of beans, peanut butter, frozen meats and healthy snacks in their bag. Thank **you** for bringing joy to your neighbors who are struggling with hunger.

P.S. Don't forget, all of your gifts of cash or food during March 1 until April 30 will qualify for a match from the Feinstein Foundation. You can stretch your gift—please give before the match ends on April 30!

Sincerely,

Liz Westrick
Donor Relations Manager

Date Received: 3/11/2013 If Check, Check Date: 3/6/2013 Check #: 1985
Reference #857551330 Gift Amount: \$434.00 Gift is: Unrestricted Gift

No goods or services were exchanged for this gift.

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Thank You Letter from Ronald McDonald House



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Keeping Children and
Families Together



March 25, 2013

Ms. Ruth Taylor
Tucson Garden Railway Society
4081 S Tarantula Hawk Pl
Tucson, AZ 85735

Dear Ruth,


Thank you for your generous gift of \$250.00 dated March 6, 2013. For 32 years, we have depended upon the people of Southern Arizona to support our efforts and we take great care with that responsibility.

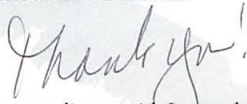
As the non-profit sector continues to grow, savvy donors are demanding more accountability, transparency and quantifiable results. Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator, provides essential information to donors and highlights the work of efficient, ethical, and open charities. Each year, they award up to four stars to each charity for adhering to good governance, best practices and executing the mission in a fiscally responsible way.

Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona was awarded its third consecutive 4-star rating from Charity Navigator. Only 9% of charities have received at least three consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona outperforms most other charities in America. We are proud to receive this exceptional designation, and we look toward the next year to continuing the tradition.

Keeping families together is what Ronald McDonald House is all about. Without our House - without YOU - many sick kids and their families would have nowhere else to turn.

Sincerely,


Diana Sheldon
Executive Director




Anne Rounds
Chief Development Officer

In compliance with Internal Revenue Service requirements, we declare that no goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. Your gift is tax deductible to the full extent permitted by law. The Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southern Arizona is a qualified charitable organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID# 95-3526934

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Welcome to New Members

A belated welcome to Edward and Sonora Buck and Shannon Buck. The Buck's joined TGRS at the Fair but their application was lost in the shuffle and didn't show up until after the May newsletter was published.

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 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

V-President: Pat Sommerhalder..vicepresident@tucsongrs.org

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