



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

## TIMETABLE

October 1, 2013

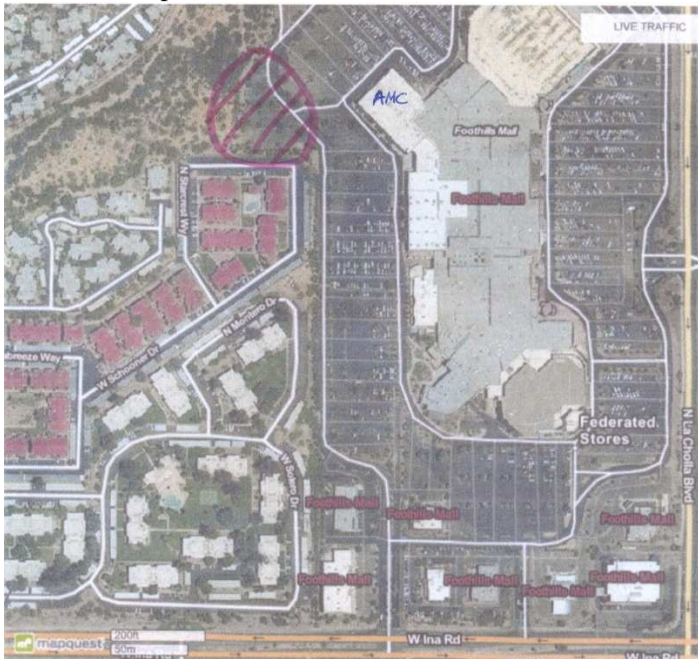
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### October meeting superseded by the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Trip

The trip to the park will be **Saturday October 19th**. This trip will replace our regular general meeting for October. We have chartered a bus for the event. The initial cost is set at \$20/person. This cost does not include a gratuity for the driver. If we get a sufficient number of passengers, the \$20/person cost could be adequate for the gratuity; otherwise we will collect additional monies during the trip to make up any shortfall.

The tentative plan is to depart from the Foothills Mall parking lot at 8:00 AM and arrive at the park approximately 10:00 AM. We will spend 4-5 hours at the park, including time for lunch. I understand there will be some food options at the park and I will be looking into other possible options for lunch. If all goes as planned, we will also have a tour of the backshop for any interested members. Our planned return time to the Foothills mall is 4:00-5:00 PM.

Admission to the park is free, but there is a small charge to ride the trains. See <http://www.therailroadpark.com> for more details on the park.



### Social Luncheon Wednesday October 16th

Come celebrate two momentous occasions. One, somebody will reach that age where the government takes over your health care AND somebody's wife will be able to attend for a change. The luncheon will again be at The Red Garter Saloon located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food and service there is always excellent, that is why we keep going back. The date is **Wednesday October 16th**. This time the early crew will be playing cards as Nick has a RR themed card game to show us. Cards at 11:00 a.m., or be there at 11:45 (note times are a little different from last month) for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

### TGRS Minutes of the Board of Directors

September 12, 2013 at the home of Gary and Peggy Martin  
President Gary Martin presiding

Present were: Gary Martin, Willis Fagg, Pat Somerhalder, Jerry Tulino, Glenn Mitchell, Janet Mitchell, Nick Buchholz, Bob Conrad, Norm Ulmer, Bruce Somerhalder, Chuck Cook, Debbie Cook, Barry Blackwell, Larry Erb, Jeff Tobin, Ken Karrels, Jack Forgues

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

The treasurer's report was read by Gary Martin and approved. The budget was discussed as presented by a report from Ruth Taylor, treasurer. Some recommended revisions were made and will be presented at the September membership meeting.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported that the McCormick-Stillman trip is October 19<sup>th</sup>. Thirty eight members have signed up. More are needed. ABTO is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chuck Cook is the contact. Gadsden Toy Show and Swap Meet is November 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. VA Hospital set-up is Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. Trains will run on Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup> all day and Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup> until 1:00 PM. Tear down on Monday between 1:00 and 4:00 PM. General meeting at Carmichael's, September 19<sup>th</sup>. Next board meeting - Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Pima County Fair starts April 10, 2014. Holiday Luncheon is December 7<sup>th</sup>. Committee Reports

Clinics - Gary plans on holding 30 minute clinics after each meeting

UMC - continued engine problems  
Membership - Jerry Tulino reported 93 members  
Rails in the Garden - Jerry announced it is on the website  
Social - Chuck Cook reported the luncheon is on  
September 18<sup>th</sup> at the Red Garter - Pool and cards at 11:00  
AM, Lunch at noon.

### **Old Business**

TMC - Norm Ulmer reported that he needs help putting the train back together after they had an intruder. They won't keep area locked. Nobody seems to care and won't maintain equipment or clean track. It is in bad location. It was decided to send them a letter letting them know we will be removing the layout.

Rodeo Parade Museum - Jeff Tobin reported the museum will open September 22<sup>nd</sup>. We can start working on layout in October. Nick talked about making tents for the tent city - may need a clinic. Gary has a stage coach that can be used.

Tucson Botanical Garden - Gary reported that he replaced the 10 amp power supply with a 15 amp. Everything looks good. Clean up committee is last Saturday of the month.

Project Maintenance - No report, however, Dick Izen may want to hand off Children's Museum.

New Town Modules - Gary seen to think there is a lack of interest. Nick wants to proceed with building the modules if others will landscape and put buildings on them. The cable car module definitely needs work.

Rails in the Garden - Chuck Cook reported that the dates will be March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. He has some layouts and is, looking for more.

### **New Business**

Gary announced the TBG Luminaries are December 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.

Willis announced the TGRS "Christmas in August" at Diamond Children's Hospital went well. There were not too many children there as many were too ill to attend, but it still was worthwhile.

It was moved and approved to make Lew Sleeper's wife, Jan a lifetime member in memory of her husband. No public services will be held.

Gary asked everyone to please wear their badges to the meetings. It helps learn new members' names.

Gary informed the board about the National Garden Railway Convention in Florida, May 5<sup>th</sup> through the 10<sup>th</sup>. He has worked up a price list of approximate costs for hotel rates, air fare, other offers, etc. He is interested in getting a delegation together.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder - Secretary

## **TGRS General Meeting Minutes -**

September 21, 2013

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin at the home of John Carmichael and Phil Pappas. Gary thanked the hosts for opening their house to the club.

### **Treasurer's report -**

Ruth Taylor reported that the checking account balance as of 9/12/13 was \$8,663 and the savings account is \$17,224 the total being \$25,888. Revenues collected since 6/26/13 are \$1,532, expenses are \$2,308, leaving a draw of \$777. Year to date net draw (2012/2013) is \$3,018. Project expenses for 2012/2013 are \$8,961. Total dues paid for 2013/2014 are \$2,042.

### **Newsletter -**

Nick Buchholz reported that he will be sending out a one page bulletin around the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month via e-mail following up with the newsletter in the middle of the month. In order to cut expenses he is hoping to put everything on e-mail exclusively.

### **Committee reports -**

**Clinics** - Gary is going to try and have a short clinic after each meeting.

TMC - Norm Ulmer sent a letter to TMC informing them we will be removing the train as location is poor and no one is maintaining it. TMC does not want to lose the train and Norm was referred to a lady in Women's Services who has agreed to put the layout indoors and have the train maintained. The train will be removed and stored at TMC for the present waiting for a better location. The engine is presently in Phoenix being repaired.

**Membership**- Jerry Tulino reported 94 members. He also announced he now has a link set up for published maps so they can be made larger or printed for the club's convenience.

**Social** - Chuck Cook said 17 members enjoyed the social lunch at the Red Garter. The McCormick/Stillman trip has 38 members signed up. He will be extending the offer to other organizations in order to fill the bus. Cost per person is \$20. The ABTO Tour is November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Chuck will organize that as time gets closer. Rails in the Garden is March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> 2014.

### **Old Business**

Parade Museum - Jeff Tobin reported that the museum is about 90% complete and will open October 1<sup>st</sup>. He stated that they are thrilled with trains and are very good stewards. Nick announced he is making up kits for members to put together for the tent city. If any are left over members will be able to purchase the kits.

Tucson Botanical Garden - Gary announced the last summer evening out at the Gardens is over, however Luminary Night is Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a good time to promote the club and Rails in the Garden.

VA Hospital - Gary announced that train set up will be Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and the trains will run the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> with tear down at 1:00PM on the 30<sup>th</sup>.



Swap Meet - Gary announced the swap meet is Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.

National railway convention in Florida - Gary is trying to get a contingency of 8 or 9 couples to attend. Some group plans like a dinner, etc. could be made.

Lewis Sleeper - Lew Sleeper passed away. Only private funeral services were held for him. He was an integral part of the TGRS and an American X Prisoner of War. To find out more go to the internet. Jerry Tulino suggested a club donation in his name.

Next meeting will be the trip to McCormick Stillman/ Park, Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Bus will be at Foothills Mall at 8:00 AM. Nov. 16 is Gary Martin's open house and dinner for club members.

Christmas Luncheon is December 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder --Secretary

### **Pictures from the September Meeting**



Entering the Railroad



Looking towards the entrance



The Fire Tower and Engine House



The Trolley station



Railroad workers on the ROW





Gary presenting the Clinic on corrugated roofs



And his fascinated audience.

**Operating on the SP-ATSF Joint lines in Balboa park. Or why the Newsletter is late!**

This weekend your editor and a friend from SASME traveled to San Diego to operate on the La Mesa Railroad club's layout on the SD Model railroad museum in Balboa Park. We arrived in S.D. about 3:00 PM Friday and immediately zipped over to Reed's Train Shop for a visit. Lots of neat stuff there even for Garden railroaders.

Next, we zipped down to the park to help set up for the operations sessions on Saturday and Sunday. This involves running the engines from the locked storage tracks to the engine house stalls and making lists of the freight cars on each track of the yard, (16 tracks 12 to 80 cars per track).

The La Mesa club operates the layout which goes from a little west of Bakersfield yard to a little east of Mohave Yard. It includes models of such places as Caliente, Bealville and the Tehachapi loop which is actually at a place called Walong. The layout covers about 100 by 70 feet on three levels.

The layout is operated in real time, so we started at 8:00 AM and finished at 8:00 PM each day. We operate in two shifts each day so you get a chance to change jobs. I operated the Haley Street Switcher on Saturday morning.

My job was to classify cars for the various trains and cut in helpers for trains. Sometimes as many as three helpers for a long (110 car) train. Then a lead engineer and helper engineers take the trains up the hill. Here is a picture of my switcher waiting while I play cards in the yard shack.



And a picture of the SP yard in the middle of the shift with two reefer block trains have ready to leave with a total of 130 reefers heading for Mohave



That's the scenery at the siding at Ilmon

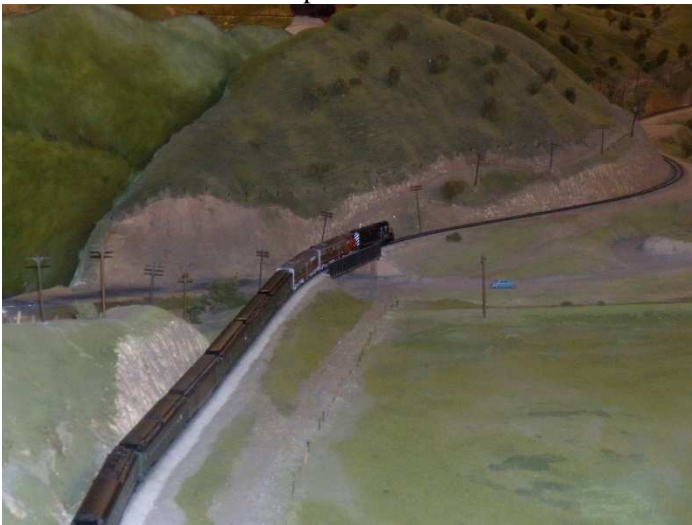




Here is a view of Caliente and the start of the hill to Allard and Bealville then the loop.



The tail end of one of the freights on the hill above Caliente



A ATSF Passenger train starting up the hill out of Caliente



Here is the train entering the tunnel east of Bealville



Two freights passing near Bealville



And this is one of about six storage yards tucked away all over the layout and the chief dispatchers and clerks office



# **ALL ABOARD**

**You are invited to the 10th annual  
Open House  
AT  
Gary and Peggy Martin's  
EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN  
RAILROAD**

**Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2013**

**Place: 4625 E. Cerro de Agulla, Tucson Az.**

- 1. TGRS November Meeting will be begin at  
3.00pm**
- 2. General Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM  
Open to general public**
- 3. Food and beverages will be served after  
4:00PM for club members, their families,  
and other special guests.  
If you plan to stay for the food and  
beverages, **please RSVP by November  
11<sup>th</sup> with numbers who plan to attend.****

**520 299-7428 or [pgmartin5@hotmail.com](mailto:pgmartin5@hotmail.com)**

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

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## Calendar

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013**

Board Meeting-Martins

**Wednesday, October 16' 2013**

Social Luncheon- The Red Garter Saloon

11:00 AM for Railroad Rummy or pool

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**

McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Trip, Phoenix

**Saturday, November 2, 2013**

ABTO Tour-Phoenix

**Friday & Saturday November 8-9 , 2013**

TTOM Swap meet

**Saturday November 9, 2013**

NMRA Meet in Tucson

**Thursday November 14, 2013**

Board Meeting-Martins

**Saturday December 7, 2013**

TGRS Holiday Party

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