



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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January 28, 2014

TGRS Membership Meeting - February 8 2014

This month's meeting will be on February 8th at 1:00 PM at Rincon Country West RV Resort. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Hall adjoining the Auditorium. This building is next to the RCW RR Club train layout. Trains will be running at noon until 1 PM

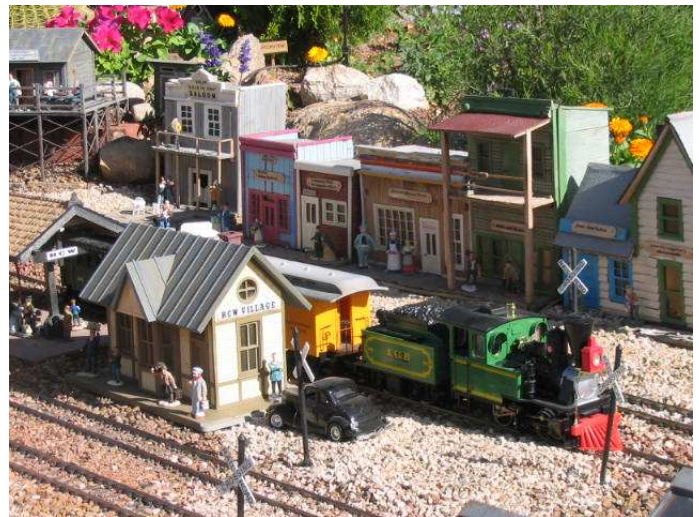
Rincon Country West RV Resort
4555 S. Mission Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746

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

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

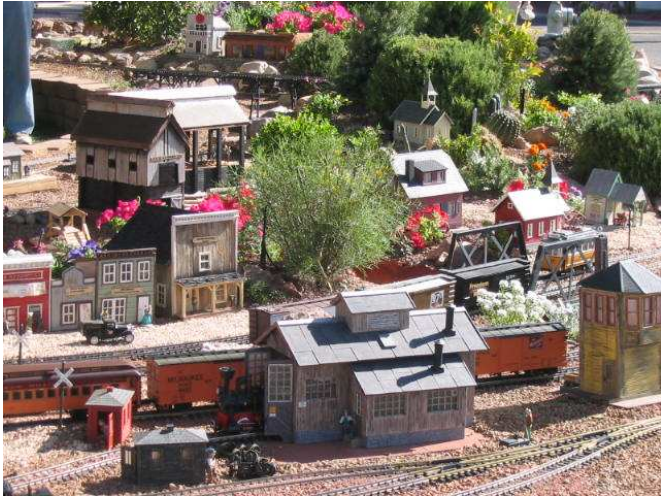


“snowbirds”. We have over 900 ft. of track with four independent loops and a trolley line running from the town of Rincon to the circus. A second “tourist” trolley line has



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. Additional animation has been added at the circus and the 50's diner.

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.

Special Guest Speaker February 8th

We are having a special guest speaker for the February 8th, General Meeting at the Rincon Mobile Home Park. Mr. Rich Hull will speak to us about the great trains that moved the circus across America in the days of the Big Top. This will be a wonderful presentation, one not to miss.

Rich is a member of the Circus Historical Society and has been a Historian for the Greatest Show on Earth for over 10 years. Rich and his son Kevin have been circus model builders for about 15 years, modeling the Ringling trains of the late 40's and early 50's in half inch scale. This past year Kevin was recognized as a Master Model Builder for the circus and Rich was recognized by the Feld Family, the owners of the Greatest Show on Earth for his efforts in preserving the past of this great American Institution.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM

2014 ANNUAL LECTURE SERIES/HISTORY TALKS

WHEN: SUNDAYS AT 3PM (see dates below)
WHERE: SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
ADMISSION: FREE
414 N TOOLE AVE-TUCSON
520-623-2223
WWW.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

Feb. 16: Riders on the Orphan Train – Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster - A mixed media program about the Orphan Train movement and its ties to Arizona

Feb. 23: Railroads of the Sulphur Springs Valley (Updated) – Richard Dick – An update from 2013's presentation with more information and current photographs

Mar. 2: Tucson's Historical Street Car Systems – Gene Caywood

A look into Tucson's early streetcar systems

Mar. 9: What Does a Conductor Do? – Mike Bording
-A presentation about how conductors' jobs have changed over the years by a retired railroad conductor

Mar. 23: The Arizona Southern Railroad – Richard Dick
The railroad that went to the Silverbell Mountains

TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Minutes were approved.

Ruth Taylor reported that total revenues were \$24,334. Expenses since 12/8/13 were \$862, revenues for that period were \$438 leaving a deficit of \$424. Year to date recap for 2013/2014 shows revenues \$2492, expenses \$5302 leaving a negative of \$2810. Total dues paid 2013/2014 are \$2402.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported

UMC Children's Christmas party went well, however he was not happy with the facility. Hopefully they will move back to the 4th floor.

Approximately 70 attended the Holiday Party.

VA Hospital set up went great. Had a great turn out.

Nick Buchholz said the newsletter is doing fine.

Under committees

Nick thanked everyone who worked on the tents.

Gary will be holding a clinic on artificial logs at Joe Duda's on January 18th. It will last about 30 minutes.

Janet Mitchell announced that Stoneworks will give a presentation at the March 13th meeting at the Blackwell's.

Under education Gary announced that Rick Hall, who was President of The World Wide Ringling Bros. Circus, will give a talk at the February meeting.

Under maintenance the club needs to order a part for the Aristocrat steam liner engine. The trolley needs it's roof glued on and the lights need swapped.

Glenn Mitchell has purchased some Bachman wheels and trucks.

No requests for a mentor. Gary will be helping Chuck Taylor on Sunday to put in track.

Chuck Cook reported the social lunch will be at the Red Garter on Wed. Jan. 22nd. Chuck is looking at a tour of the Franklin Car Museum.

Old Business

Swap meet is covered with enough volunteers this weekend.

Rails in the Garden - Willis Fagg will get starter set, a Thomas Backman, plus 2 Railway Subscriptions for raffle and door prize. Chuck and Gary reminded everyone that several volunteers are still needed to help the hosts on the RITG.

Jerry Tulino reported that the Ronald McDonald House set up and dinner is Mar. 9th. House opens at 8:00 AM for set up. Dinner is at 5:00PM.

Off Site Projects

Rodeo Parade needs a work party on Sunday, Jan 19th around 9:00 to 11:00.

Gary thanked Bob Conrad for getting the train fixed at the Botanical Gardens. Several things still need to be glued.

Norm Ulmer announced no new call this month from UMC.

Nick is still trying to find the time to work on the new town modules.

New Business

Ken Karrels needs a back up engine for both outside and inside at the transportation museum. The club has some he can use.

General Meeting is January 18th at Joe Duda's home.

Next board meeting is February 6th.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

TGRS General Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Gary thanked Joe Duda for hosting the meeting. Minutes were approved as posted.

Ruth Taylor reported that as of January 18, 2014 the treasury's checking account had \$7,110 and savings \$24,335. Revenues from 12/7/13 were \$438, expenses \$1,971 with a draw of \$1,593. Year to date 2013/2014 shows revenues of \$2,492, expenses \$5,302 with a draw of \$2,810. Total dues paid 2013/2014 is \$2,402 with 88 members.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported

1. UMC Children's Hospital was good, had great support.
2. VA Hospital had large turn out and great publicity.
3. Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet went well.
4. Hosts meetings scheduled through June.

Nick Buchholz says newsletter is doing fine. It was mentioned that members need to go to website for the paper. There are no more mailings.

Committee Reports

1. Gary talked about after meetings he is working on having informational clinics or presentations. After today's meeting Gary will demonstrate how to make inexpensive

logs. He announced Rick Hall will speak at the next meeting at Rincon.

Janet Mitchell announced that Stone Works will do a presentation March 15th at Blackwells.

2. Under maintenance, Aristocraft has nothing in the way of parts right now.

3. Jerry Tulino announced that one new member joined and so we now have 89 members. He also has added the Rails in the Garden to the website.

4. Mentor - Nick said there were no requests, however Gary does need three to four people to finish laying track at Taylor's

5. Under social Chuck Cook announced the next social lunch will be Wednesday, January 22. He is looking at March for a trip to the Franklin Car Museum.

Old Business

1. Rails in the Garden s gong to need help for collecting tickets and running trains at layouts, but also for clean up and set up of those hosting that weekend.

2. Willis is asking everyone to please sign up for at least one shift at the Pima County Fair. This is our heaviest volunteer needed event of the year.

3. Ronald McDonald House is March 29th. Jerry announced this was our 5th year doing Ronald McDonald. Set up starts at 8:00am. 2 people will be needed to sit with train during the day. Chicken dinner will be the main dish. Dish will need to be prepared on site.

4. On the offsite project, Jeff Tobin announced a meeting at the Rodeo Museum, January 19th at 10:00am to work on the train set up.

5. Ken Karrels announced a lecture series starting February 16th at the Transportation Museum. The first lecture is on "1st Orphan Train".

6. The Tucson Botanical Garden according to Gary is doing well. Bob Conrad has been keeping it up and the Gardens are doing a good job maintaining it.

7. UMC is doing well. No derailments. Glenn Mitchell had to fix a minor bump in the track.

8. New Town module Planning - Nick is trying to get all parts ready before the fair. He needs some long switches. Next Meeting is Saturday, February 8th at Rincon. Trains run at noon. There will be a speaker afterwards. Board meeting is February 6th.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

Tent Making Clinic at Martin's

On Sunday January 4 2014 a group of us got together for a clinic on making tents from kits produced By Nick Buchholz. Attached are some pictures of the clinic and some in progress pictures of the tent making. Another article shows the results installed at the Rodeo Museum Layout.

The tents come in three sizes: Small tents - in 1:24 scale approx.. 8'x10'x8' with a 40" side wall; Medium Tents - in 1:24 scale approx. 13'x16'x11' with a 48" side wall- and Large Tents - in 1:24 scale approx. 22'x32'x15.5' with a 90" side wall

Nick is making additional tents for TGRS members who wanted to buy some for their home layouts. Contact Nick at nbuchholz@greatscalemodels.com if you are interested in purchasing some tent kits.



Happy tentmakers assembling the canvas onto the frames.



Concentration, Concentration



Constructing a tent with an open flap on one end. The kits can be assembled with an open or closed front. Some extra work is required to allow having both ends open.

Tents with open ends can be detailed inside like the one in the following picture



More Happy tentmakers making small tents for the TRM.



And the frame for a large tent assembled and ready for canvas.



Tents installed at Rodeo Museum

Most of the tents we worked on at the clinic have been installed at the Rodeo Museum. Below are a few pictures of the Tents and the Rest of the Scenery at the Rodeo Museum layout



The tent city installed, the ground is still wet when it dries it will be the same color as the rest of the layout



Main street from the southwest.



A close up of two of the detailed tents done by Ruth Taylor and Janet Mitchell



And the train and Rodeo grounds



The tent city from the East, the two blank areas are for the liquor store and saloon.



The south end of town

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:

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Calendar

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Board Meeting-Martin's - 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 8, 2014

General meeting Rincon Country West 12:00-3:30

Sunday, February 16, 2014

SATM Lecture Series – The Orphan Train

Sunday, February 23, 2014

SATM Lecture– Railroads of the Sulphur Springs Valley

Sunday March 2, 2014

SATM Lecture – Tucson's Historical Street Car
Systems

Saturday-Sunday March 8-9, 2014

Rails in the Garden 10:00-4:00 Each Day

Thursday March 13, 2014

Board Meeting-Martin's 7:00PM

Saturday March 15, 2014

General Meeting Blackwell's 12:00?-3:00??

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