



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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The deadline for submissions is 5 days before the end of the month.

April 1, 2014

County Fair Month

As you know April is County Fair month there won't be a general meeting instead we'll spend our days and evenings running trains, eating stuff that's bad for us and seeing funny looking pigeons, chickens and covies. The fun starts on April 10th with setup and continues on the 17th through the 27th with teardown that evening and load out on the 28th.

The VP Still need a few more volunteers to fill in some shifts. Contact Willis at gscalefun@cox.net or call 520 760 0147

Setup April 10th – Starting at 9:00AM in Pima Hall

Run trains - April 17th at 11:00 AM through April 27th at 5:00 PM

Rails in the Garden Review

First, a repeat THANKS to all the members that opened their yards to the crowds.

Second, another THANKS to all the helpers that took their weekend to help out the hosts. Money continues to trickle in; but it looks like we will net about \$5,700 this year. We also took in about \$300 for the Food Bank.

We gave away two Garden Railway subscriptions that were welcomed by the recipients along with stories of how much they enjoyed the tour.



The Thomas starter train set went to a cute family who told the story of how their son wanted to take the set home when he saw it at the Faggs house. There are two young boys in the family named Oliver and Orion (see photo). Mom sent an e-mail and said the train ran all afternoon of the day we delivered it. Even the youngest boy mastered the throttle.

Mini Time Machine Museum

The Mini Time Machine Museum is featuring 12 of Madelyn Cook's miniatures from April 1st to June 1, 2014.

The write up on the exhibit can be found on the internet at <http://www.theminitimemachine.org>

For new members Madelyn was a member for many years and with her husband Jim had a wonderful garden layout. She donated the Mansion and nursery displays on the TGRS modular layout as well as several other buildings.



One of Madelyn's miniature rooms

Little League Challenge May 10th

Jerry Tulino reported that the Little League Challenge is going to be on May 10th which is Train Day. He suggests we set up the children's display at the opening ceremonies. Run it from about 3:00pm to 7:00pm as this would give all ages a chance to see and play with it. He is looking for a set of bleachers to complete a baseball display on the Children's Layout

Franklin Car Museum Social Outing

On March 19th 2014 17 members of the TGRS visited the Franklin Car museum here in Tucson. The museum houses a number of vintage restored Franklin cars dating from 1903 to 1934.

A 1905 REO Model B Runabout (I think?) was the fifth car sold in one Texas county and had the license number **5** a large tin #5 nailed to the back of the car

For those who don't know, and I didn't, all of the Franklin car motors were air cooled. The bodies were aluminum panels over wood frames which made the cars very light weight. They got 30-40 mpg. H.H. Franklin the owner of the company wanted people to notice his cars so they had a distinctive look



In later years the dealers had him change the design to look more like other cars on the road



All the cars had some really neat features like rumble seats



Separate windshields for the passengers for when the Top was down.



One very interesting car was a new car built from the original factory blueprints. It had a V12 air-cooled engine

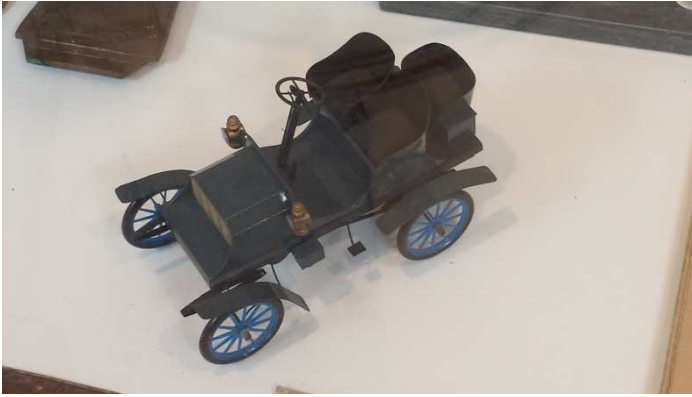


And separate passenger and chauffer seating and Most of the cars had glove boxes that could only fit a pair of gloves.



One car I was particularly interested in was not for sale, but would have looked really good in front of

the Dewey, Cheatham and Howe Building on the TP&SD RR



Anyone Interested in early autos should plan a visit See www.franklinmuseum.org/ for info on open times and location

TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES March13,2014

President Gary Martin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the board meeting of February 6th were approved.

Ruth Taylor reported that the treasury has \$23,827 on deposit. Revenues from 2/8/14 were \$230. Expenses were \$747 leaving a negative of \$517. Year to date reca[2013/2014 are revenues of \$3132, expenses \$6450 leaving a deficit of \$3317. Dues paid for 2013/2014 are \$2482 (90 members).

Willis reported that 4 shifts still need workers at the fair. He is in the process of handing out tickets and parking passes. Those with badges can use them to park in the main lot. Schedules of when volunteers work are in their package.

Nick was absent from the board meeting, however it was noted the times in the bulletin were incorrect.

Under clinics, Saturday, March 15th is the Stone Works presentation at 11:30 at the Blackwells. The meeting in May is on the 17th at the Botanical Gardens. Gary is looking for a suggestion for a clinic.

Gary reported that under maintenance the trains are going downhill quickly and are not good. We are unable to get Aristocrat parts and may have to go to USA

Jerry Tulino reported the website is working great. We had 299 hits in February. He also noted that we had 90 members and thought we would get a couple more new members at the next meeting.

Chuck Cook talked about the Franklin Car Museum coming up on March 19th with lunch following at the Red Garter. He says 15 have signed up so far and we may need to split into two groups. The time is 10:00am. Directions TK.

Chuck felt the Rails in the Garden went smoothly except for the wind on Sunday which created a few mishaps. Revenues are about \$5500 for tickets and roughly \$300 for the food bank.

Jerry Tulino reported he had 4 people signed up for dinner. Chuck and Norm will be there in the AM to set up the children's layout. The date is March 29th and Jerry thinks everything is going OK.

Under offsite projects it was mentioned the plexi glass was up around the train display at the Parade Rodeo Museum. The sound systems are ready to be installed.

Gary reported that the Tucson Botanical Garden has one engine with a fried motor. Glen Mitchell has replaced a cooling fan at UMC. The club does have 2 spare engines.

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Gary reported that there seems to be some interest with the Union Pacific and the RITG. Information is incomplete at this time and more data should be forthcoming.

Willis announced the date for the swap meet are May 30th and 31st. He is taking sign ups now.

Next TGRS general meeting is this Saturday, March 15th at Blackwell's.

Next Board meeting is April 10th.

Ruth volunteered to bring cookies.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

President's Clatter

Once again the *Rails in the Garden*, the yearly program is over and it was a major success, with over 1,500 people attending this event.

A very special thanks to the members who open their railways for this program.

Barry and Gina Blackwell, Mike and Jane Dorgan, Willis and Dottie Fagg Jan Sleeper, Ken and Mary Karrell, Ryan McCabe, Rick and Sue Gast, Tucson Botanical Garden.

The time and effort that goes into this is enormous. It could not be done without the many members who helped the above people in preparing the layouts and running the trains during the Rails in the Gardens two days.

My final praise goes to *Chuck and Debbie Cook*. This was their first year as chair of this event and they did an outstanding job putting hours of thought and labor to make the Rails in the Garden the success that it was.

Once again, thanks to all that participated. I know my wife is glad it is over!

Gary Martin\
President, Tucson Garden Railway Society

Aristo-Craft Giveaway

Aristocraft trains announced, April 1st, that it would give away all remaining G-scale rolling stock, track and locomotives on a First come First served basis for more info see the web site

www.AprilFirstGiveaway.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:

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Calendar

Thursday April 10th, 2014

First day of Fair Setup 9:00 AM-4:00 PM

Thursday April 10th, 2014

Board Meeting-Martin's 7:00 PM

Thursday April 17th 2014

First day of county fair

Thursday April 17th through Sunday April 27th 2014

Run trains at the Pima county Fair

Saturday May 10th 2014

Little League Challenge/Train Day Children's Layout setup and run

Thursday, May 15, 2014

Board Meeting-Martins

Saturday, May 17, 2014

General Meeting-Tucson Botanical Gardens

Friday, May 30th 31st 2014

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet Set Up & Run children's layout

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