



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS General Meeting

Location: Tucson Botanical Gardens
When: Saturday, May 17, 2014
Trains run at 12:00 PM
Meeting 1:00pm-2:00pm MST

The Tucson Botanical Gardens are located on Alvernon Way between Grant and Speedway. Below are some pictures of the Railroad



Looking towards the Town from the East



Thorneville at the TBG railroad

Clinic - Making Foam Buildings

After the May 17th meeting a short presentation will be given by Gary Martin. Gary will explain his methods for fabricating buildings using Styrofoam. Stick around after the meeting and learn about a quick and easy way to build all sorts of buildings. Foam is an especially good medium for making Adobe structures. The class will last approximately 45 minutes.

Social Luncheon

It is May, so it is time to shift from outdoor hobbies to indoor hobbies; like shooting pool. How about a nice air conditioned place like 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 May 14th. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch.

Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Pima County Fair

We have completed another successful run at the Pima County Fair. Many thanks to all who participated, we couldn't have done it without you. Special thanks to Steve Anderson who, once again, worked a total of 15 shifts. We had a total of 51 members participate in the event. Overall we staffed a total of 150 shifts with at least six volunteers per shift.

This year, staffing was a little more difficult than previous years. Some of the last minute sign-ups really helped out. For all who were unable to volunteer this year, we would like to have you there next year.

Willis Fagg V.P.

And special thanks to Willis for all the hard work he put in making the Fair Display work – Ed.

County Fair raffle Winner

This year's raffle was won by Robert Harvey. While he has a layout of his own, he plans to give the Thomas set to his grandchildren.



TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 10, 2014

President Gary Martin called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the Board meeting of March 13, 2014 were approved.

Ruth Taylor reported that the treasury has \$ 29,131 on deposit. Revenues from 3/14/14 were \$1,760 and expenses were \$1,419 resulting in a net cash increase of \$340. Year to date revenues are \$10,055 and expenses are 48,069 resulting in a net cash increase of \$1,986. Total dues paid for 2013/2014 are \$2,505 (94 members). Rails in the Garden revenues were \$6,980 with expenses at \$1,486.65 for net proceeds of \$5,493.35.

Ruth reported that a thank you letter was received from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona which will be printed in the newsletter.

Willis reported that 2 shifts still need worked at the fair and will send out another email asking members to sign up. The next Gadsden Pacific swap meet is scheduled for May 30-31, 2014 and he will have sign up sheets at the May membership meeting.

Nick Buchholz was absent from the Board meeting. A question was raised concerning the Timetable and the Bulletin (newsletter) being sent out together. Another concern was that a few members have no computer access available to them. The general consensus was that the newsletter should be

mailed to them. Jerry Tulino volunteered to do that. Gary will talk with Nick regarding these issues.

Clinic reports:

Janet Mitchell reported that the Stone Works presentation was informative, well attended and enjoyed by the membership. The Stone Works said we were a fun club and they enjoyed giving their presentation to us.

Gary asked for suggestion for future clinics. He will talk with Ken Karrels regarding having a speaker from the Transportation Museum at a meeting. He will probably give an short clinic on adobe houses constructed from foam at the May meeting.

Gary reported the engines are repaired and running at the Botanical Gardens and one engine is out at Diamond Children's Hospital. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to purchase two new engines for the Children's Museum and one new engine for Diamond Children's Hospital. These engines will carry the Union Pacific logo. This cost to include camera and sound systems replacements if needed.

Jerry Tulino reported the website is working very well and that we have a new member family Donald and Lela Aldrich. He also reported that information regarding the Awards Program was added to the Club Handbook. A discussion ensued regarding the revision of the handbook. Jerry will send all Board members a copy of the current handbook. This topic will be discussed at the next board meeting regarding suggestions for updates.

Old Business:

Jerry Tulino reported that dinner at Ronald McDonald House went very well. A couple of kids played with the train. The Board discussed considering other options besides the children's layout for this venue.

Offsite projects:

Glenn Mitchell reported he has installed sound system for mission bell, mariachi sounds for the cantina and new cattle sounds at the Tucson Rodeo Museum. More residential type buildings are needed for this layout. Gary suggested the possibility of having an adobe/foam building workshop similar to the tent city workshop to fill this need.

Jerry Tulino reported that the first game at the Tucson Challenger Little League/Train Day on May 10th start at 4:00 pm. The train layout will be set up at 3:00 pm and tear down at 7:00 pm. Volunteers are in place for this venue.

Gary Martin reported that he is trying to make contact with the Union Pacific Railroad representative to find out what their interest is in TGRS and our annual Rails in the Garden event.

Gary Martin reported that new volunteers are be needed for the 2015 Rails in the Garden. A discussion followed regarding changing the format similar to that of the ABTO in Phoenix. Gary will present this topic at the general meeting in may and ask club members for their input. He will also ask for ideas for new venues or projects for TGRS to participate in.

New Business:

Norm Ulmer reported vests have been awarded to Averill and Carmichael. He will have additional awards to present at the May 17th meeting. He is also looking for suggestions suitable for "continuing awards" such as patches.

Next meeting:

There will be no general meeting in April because of our Pima County Fair commitment.

The next general meeting will be on Saturday, May 17th at Tucson Botanical Gardens.

The next Board of Director's will be Thursday, May 15th at the Martin's. Willis volunteered to bring the cookies.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Taylor, Acting Secretary

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

March 15, 2014

Gary called the meeting to order. He thanked Gina and Berry Blackwell for hosting, and guest speakers Mary-Abel Lavelly and Tom Lavelly the owner of Stone Works who is giving the presentation. Gary also introduced three new members who were joining the club, Dennis and Caroline Mahar, Art Braucksick, and Rick Eisenstein.

For the benefit of the new members, Gary reminded everyone that we are a 503-c non profit and because of that we need to serve the community. We do it by having permanent and temporary layouts set up throughout the community for everyone to enjoy. These take work, maintenance and volunteers to operate them. So any help a member can provide is greatly appreciated and acknowledged at our Holiday Dinner.

Minutes from the January 18th general meeting were approved.

Ruth reported total on deposit was \$28,790. Revenues from 2/8/14 were \$5393, expenses were \$947 leaving a net revenue of \$4,446. Year to date revenues \$8295, expenses \$6650 leaving a plus balance \$1,645. Dues collected for 2013/2014 are \$2,482, dues collected for 2014/2015 are \$60.

Willis Fagg reminded everyone that Pima County Fair set up dates are April 10th, 11th, 12th, Fair running April 17th-28th, tear down April 28th, 29th. He still has some weak shifts. Tickets and badges are being handed out at this meeting. He explained that badges can be used to get into the main parking area, Brekke parking is not available unless you absolutely need something closer, in which case he will get you a pass.

Willis is taking sign ups for the swap meet May 30th and 31st.

Gary announced the next is meeting is May 17th at the Botanical Gardens. No meeting in April because of the fair.

Under maintenance Gary reported everything is in trouble, however it will be taken care of. Anyone wanting to get involved let him know.

Jerry Tulino reported that we 299 hits on our website in February. We have two new members today and that everything seems to be going along OK.

Jerry also talked about the Little League Championship playoffs on May 10th and wants to get some interest in setting up the children's layout for about 4 hours. There are 8 major and 8 minor league teams playing. It is also National Train Day so the layout is in theme with the day.

Jerry also announced he could use two more people for March 29th at the Ronald McDonald House. Please contact him.

One of the members has a grandson at Diamond Children's Hospital and spoke about how much he has enjoyed the layout there and that he goes down to see it every chance he has.

Chuck Cook talked about the Franklin Automobile Museum March 19th. Anyone interested needs to contact him. Lunch afterwards will be at the Red Garter.

Chuck did a follow up on the Rails in the Garden. Not all revenues are in. We have about \$800 coming from the Botanical Gardens.

Ken Karrels announced the Silver Spike reenactment in 1880 to be held at the Train Depot downtown on March 22nd.

Ruth talked about Madeline Cook's display at the Miniature Museum. Well worth seeing. She is a former TGRS member now living on the east coast.

Rincon had night showings of their trains on the 17th and 31st. Everything will be lit up.

Gary has requested people from the turn of the century like cowboys, etc. for the Parade Museum.
Meeting adjourned in favor of the presentation.
Respectively Submitted
Pat Somerhalder, Secretary

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

Saturday May 10th 2014

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

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Social luncheon at the Red Garter Saloon
11:00 AM Pool/cards, 12 Noon Lunch

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

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Board Meeting-Martins

Saturday, June 21, 2014

General Meeting-Forgues

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