



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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June 1, 2014

Our Dues are due By July 1

Send a Check to Ruth Taylor
Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

Or come to the meeting to pay.

TGRS General Meeting June 21st

When: Trains at 9:00 AM Meeting at 10:00 AM

Where: Jack & Rosalie Forgues' Home
61786 E. Sandlewood Rd.
SaddleBrooke, AZ 85739

Phone: 818-9598

Directions:

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 as you passed the tennis courts, turn **right** onto **Clubhouse Drive**. Follow **Clubhouse Drive** to **Northwood Road**, turn **right** onto **Northwood Road** and continue to **Winding Trail Drive**. Turn **left** onto **Winding Trail Drive**, continue to **Sandlewood Road**.

Turn **left** onto **Sandlewood Road** and continue down the street to **61786 E. Sandlewood Road** which is located on the **north** side of the street.

Quail Ridge Garden Railroad Our garden railroad came into existence in April of 2006 when we moved into our new home in SaddleBrooke. We decided that it would be easier to have an 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 landscape.



Our track plan consists of two independent loops with a switchyard for each loop.

The time period for our

layout is the early 1950's to the late 1980's. We have approximately 800 feet of track and 28 switches. We run both steam and diesel locomotives on the Quail Ridge Railroad. The locomotives are electric powered with QSI sound /decoder boards installed. To create a more dramatic focal point for the Quail Ridge Railroad, we added a three story mine at the entrance to the railroad. The layout has several buildings which are either metal with plastic siding added or scratch built. But as time goes by we will be adding more structures to the layout. In other words, a garden railroad is always a work in progress. We hope you enjoy seeing our railroad.



Rail Fans trip to China

The Shanghai Maglev Train

Six members of the TGRS, joined Rich Hull and traveled to China from April 22 to May 7th. (Bob and Jackie Conrad, Chuck and Ruth Taylor, Gary and Peggy Martin) There was a total of 25 participants from all over Arizona, Colorado, Wisconsin and Michigan.



Rich Hull organizes these trips and tries to include as many train travels as possible. On this trip we rode four trains. The first train we rode was the Shanghai Maglev train. The travel time was only eight minutes from Pudong Airport to central Shanghai. The top operational speed of this train is 268 mph, making it the world's fastest train in regular commercial service since its opening in 2004. When we rode the train its top speed was 180 mph. It is the first commercially operated high-speed magnetic levitation line in the world and only the third Maglev line to be operated. It cost \$1.2 billion to build and



was a joint venture off Siemens and ThyssenKrupp in Kassel. Can't say I could tell we were traveling at speeds of 180 mph, the ride was very smooth and over before you knew it!!

Peggy Martin

PS - Next month, train from Shanghai to Beijing!!

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

One hundred degree days will be common in June; so it's hard to find time to work on our railroads. But that doesn't mean we can't get together and talk about them. 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 June 18th. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY MAY 15, 2014

President Gary Martin called the meeting to order. Minutes from the April 10, 2014 were approved. Ruth Taylor reported that treasury has \$29,488 on deposit. Revenues from 4/10/14 are \$825, expenses \$450 leaving a net gain of \$375. Year to date revenues are \$10,680 and expenses are \$8,538 leaving a net cash increase of \$2,342. 2014 Pima County Fair recap, tickets sold \$753.00, expenses \$253.63. Net proceeds \$469.37. 2013/2014 dues collected \$2,505, 2014/2015 dues collected \$210.

Reports

Willis Fagg followed up on the Pima County Fair. He read a thank you letter from Peggy Bauernfeind, Manager Old Pueblo Hall, Also commented that six fairly new members participated in volunteering to work at the fair.

Willis reported that the Swap Meet was in two weeks, May 30th and 31st.

The next meeting is at Jack Forgues' place at 10:00am June 21st and the next board meeting is June 12th.

Nick Buchholz reported that the newsletter needs articles. Discussion took place on sending the newsletter via e-mail and trying to phase out snail mail. Jerry Tulino would look into getting a list of those that do not have computers. Nick would really like to see some way for everyone to get info by the computer. Gary announced he does send out a lot of information regarding changes, sales, etc. and would hope everyone could receive it.

Under clinics:

Gary announced he will do a foam building clinic after the May 17th meeting. It will be short, about 45 minutes. He also mentioned the AZ Garden Train Shop in Mesa and can be found on azgardentrains.com.

Nothing to report under education.

Under maintenance a lengthy discussion regarding all of our engines are starting to need replacing. At UMC the start switch has failed. Children's Museum

needs a circus engine. Many engines have been repaired a number of times and need to be replaced. Membership - Jerry Tulino announced we have been getting some new members. We are now up to 95. Nick Buchholz says he is doing no mentoring at this time.

Chuck Cook was not present, however Gary Martin reported that the social luncheon at the Red Garter was successful. There were probably twelve in attendance.

Old Business

The Rodeo Parade Museum is in need of some adobe houses, however they are not opened this time of year.

Jerry Tulino reported that the Tucson Challenger Little League, May 10th was a success. They set up in the afternoon and tore down around 7:00pm.

Norm Ulmer talked about doing a final pin for active members and then acknowledging them yearly after that. Norm will be doing a RITG presentation at the May 17th meeting

New Business

ABTO Round About November 1st.

Handbook changes. The Handbook needs to be updated. It was suggested that comments be sent to Jerry Tulino with ideas on re-wording.

Rails in the Garden will be the 2nd week in March.

Looking into a committee to work on it opposed to just one person.

Jack Forgues will bring cookies next month.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder,

Secretary

TGRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 17, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Gary thanked the Tucson Botanical Garden for hosting. He also had a special thanks for Glenn Mitchell and Bob Conrad for their help with the trains. Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Ruth Taylor gave the treasurer's report. The treasury has \$29,488 on deposit. Revenues from 4/10/14 are \$825, expenses \$450 leaving a net gain of \$375. Year to date revenues are \$10,680, expenses are \$8,538 leaving a net cash increase of \$2,342. Pima County Fair recap shows tickets sold \$753 and expenses of \$253.63 leaving a net of \$469.37. 2013/2014 dues collected are \$2,505, 2014/2015 are \$210.

Vice President's report

Willis Fagg was absent, however Gary Reported that at the Pima County Fair we had 51 members who

volunteered, six who were new. Steve Anderson put in the most shifts of 17.

Swap meet needs volunteers including trailer drivers.

Newsletter Editor Nick Buchholtz wants more articles. He announced the deadline is 4 days before the end of month.

Committee Reports

Clinics - Gary Martin will give a quick demonstration on how to build adobe buildings. He sent out a sign up sheet for people interested in a hands-on class. He is looking for more presenters.

TBG - Running fairly smoothly. TBG very happy with the garden train. Gary would like to be involved when they begin working on the children's section.

TCH - Glenn Mitchell indicates things are running OK at the moment. New engine coming in.

TCM - engine over 5 years old, new engine ordered. Rodeo Museum - shut down for the season. They want some adobe buildings for layout. Sound system will be going in.

Maintenance - more engines down. Discussion revealed that the club will be looking into replacing them soon.

Social - Chuck Cook reported that the social luncheon at the Red Garter was enjoyed by twelve people. The luncheon in June will probably be on the third Wednesday.

Old Business

Tucson Challenger Little League - Very successful. The train was set up around three and torn down around seven. It was National Train Day and Debbie Cook fitted each child with a train hat.

New Business

Norm Ulmer presented participants of the 2013 Rails in the Garden Pins.

TGRS handbook revisions are being worked on. Any suggestions can be forwarded to Jerry Tulino.

ABTO Round About is scheduled for November 1, 2014. It will cover the north and west side.

Rails in the Garden will be the second week in March 2015. The board is looking at a committee to put it on instead of one or two people. They are also looking at making this a free event for the public.

Next meeting June 21st at 10:00am at the home of Jack and Rosalie Forgues. Board meeting is on June 12th

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

Events for the rest of the year:

September 11-Board meeting at Martins, 7:00 PM
September 20-General meeting at TBD, 10:00 AM
October 9-Board meeting at Martins, 7:00 PM
October 18-General meeting at Fennemas, 10:00 AM
November 6-Board meeting at Martins, 7:00 PM
November 8-Open house and General meeting at
Martins, general meeting at 3:00 PM
December 4-Board meeting at Martins, 7:00 PM
December 6-General meeting/luncheon at Golden
Corral, 12:00 PM
November 1-ABTO tour of Tucson layouts
November 14/15-Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

Special Events:

Diamond Children's Hospital Summer Christmas: No
schedule for this event at this time.
Annual Veterans Hospital display-TBD

Calendar

Friday, May 30th 31st 2014

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

Thursday, June 12, 2014

Board Meeting-Martins

Wednesday, June 18, 2014

Social Luncheon – Red Garter Saloon, Speedway east of
Country Club

Saturday, June 21, 2014

General Meeting-Jack & Rosalie Forgeus

Summertime SomeTime - TBD

Diamond Children's Hospital Summer Christmas

September 11, 2014

Board Meeting-Martins

September 20, 2014

General meeting at TBD

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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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