



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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October 28, 2014

TGRS Meeting November 8th And Martin's Open House

Where: Gary and Peggy Martin's

Eagle Mountain Garden Railroad

Place: 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson Az.

Date: Saturday, November 08, 2014.

What:

General Public Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM.

The TGRS November General Meeting will be begin at 3.00pm

There will be a clinic by Glenn Mitchell for those interested before the general meeting.

Food & 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 4th with numbers who plan to attend.

RSVP To: (520) 299-7428 or
pgmartin5@hotmail.com

ABTO round-a-bout November 1st

ABTO is coming to visit us, and one request they made was a "for sale" table at the lunch break. So, I am in charge. You don't have to be present to have me sell something. Our space will be limited, so this will be for reasonably sized items like one engine, one building or 1-2 pieces of rolling stock. NO oil refineries or complete mexican villages.

If you won't be attending lunch during the round-a-bout, you can give your items to Glenn Mitchell at the meeting on Oct 18th (Debbie and I will be out of town unfortunately) and he will get them to the lunch. Please enclose with the items your starting price, and any bottom line price if you wish me to negotiate on your behalf. Only your starting price will be marked on the item, your lowest price will be on a separate sheet of paper for my eyes only. Any questions, send me a return e-mail.

On November 1, after the ABTO lunch Glenn and Janet Mitchell will have their layout open for visitors from 2--5 PM.

Richie's Walk Participation November 7th

TGRS is going to participate in the Richie's Walk event which takes place Nov. 7th. We will meet at Flowing Wells High School football field, at 8:00AM to set up the children's lay-out. If you are interested in helping, please let me know. The event will run from 9:45 a.m. – 11:30.AM

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President Tucson Garden Railway Society

What is Richie's Walk

Richie's Walk is a disability awareness event with special needs students and adults from across Southern AZ, that pair with a non-disabled high school student for a morning of fun, fair-like activities.

The event is named in memory of Richard Frontain, Richard had special needs and eventually lost his battle to cancer. Richard loved friends and fun! Richie's Walk is free of charge but donations are accepted for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society. This event has taken place for the past 16 years, beginning as The World Games and then changing to Richie's Walk in memory of him.

Richie's Walk will take place Friday November 7th at the Flowing Wells H.S. football field, 9:45 a.m. – 11:30. All club members are welcome to attend.

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

We had another great turnout for lunch. This next outing is sandwiched between Martin's wonderful open house/BBQ and the Christmas party- so you should come join us. Our usual place is 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 November 19th. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TGRS General Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin
Gary thanked our hosts John and Audrie Fennema for opening their house to our meeting as they are new members.

Gary also gave a special thanks to John and Phillip for their open house on Oct. 4th.

Minutes from the September 13th meeting were approved as posted.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor reported revenues since 9/13/14 were \$1,355 and expenses were \$1,312, leaving a gain of \$43. Year to date 2014/2015 revenues are \$2,914, expenses are \$3,075 leaving a deficit of \$161. Total dues paid are \$2,400, ten members have not paid.

Vice President reported on dates coming up. November 6th is the board meeting, November 8th the open house and meeting at Gary Martin's, Christmas luncheon is on December 6th and will cost \$11 per person.

VA set up is Dec. 26th, trains run 29th, 30th and 31st with teardown on the 31st. Volunteers are still needed.

ABTO is November 1st. Richie's Walk is November 7th. Gadsen Pacific Swap Meet is Nov. 14th and 15th.

We have been asked to do the Home show Jan. 9th, 10th and 11th which conflicts with the Jan. Gadsen Swap meet. It was decided that we would have enough volunteers to do both events. The board may pick up the parking at the TCC. Trailers for that would have to go in on the 7th. Partial teardown would be on the 11th.

Nick Buchholz would appreciate articles for the news letter by the 24th as he will be out of town.

Under clinics, Nick will be holding one after the meeting on batteries. Glenn Mitchell will be holding a short clinic during the day at Gary Martin's.

Offsite projects Gary reported the TBG has a secondary 5 amp transformer and new timing system.

Glenn Mitchell stated that at the TCH everything was fine. He has the camera car at home for repairs.

Gary said the new engine and sound system was in at TCM.

No report on the Rodeo Museum which won't open until February.

Jerry Tulino reported that the web site is fine. We have 94 members.

Nick will be helping Dennis Mahar with his train under our mentoring program.

Social lunch will be at the Red Garter November 19th.

Under old business Gary announced to the club that if a member needed or wanted any train related item to please check with him as he stores items purchased or given to him to resale. Price is always right and profits go to the club.

ABTO coming on November 1st is asking that we have a table set up with things for sale. The table will be at the Mitchell's where lunch will be.

RITG - Janet Mitchell will be chairing the program. We have a great committee and 13 layouts on the itinerary. We are shooting for 16.

TBG Sunset Saturday. Gary announced everything went well.

Richie's walk - Richard Wood gave a little history on Richie's Walk and how it got started. It will host about 800 youngsters and about 800 volunteers. Worthwhile cause which is also a lot of fun.

Martin's Open House - Gary asked that if you plan on staying for dinner please RSVP.

Bob Schwab's RR - Gary reported that the club purchased his entire layout and has sold quite a bit of it making back the money spent.

New Business - Ruth Taylor went over the new budget for 2014/2015 explaining that there will be no revenues from RITG this year, but some small expenditures. A copy of the budget is available if anyone wants to see it.

Gary gave out the dates for Luminaria Nights at the TBG as being December 5,6,7 and 12,13,14 rpe 4:30PM to 8:30PM. He asks to please sign up as this is one time we can have some really good PR.

Next Meetings are Sat. Nov 8th 3:00PM, trains run 10-3 Dinner at 4.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder, Secretary

TGRS Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Gary thanked RITG committee members for attending their meeting. The Martins for having the board and Norm for bringing cookies.

September board meeting minutes were not available and will be submitted with October's minutes.

Ruth Taylor reported a checking account balance as of 10/9/14 of \$10,576, savings account balance of \$17,228 for a total of \$27,804. Revenues from 9/13/14 were \$970 expenses were \$1,312 for a draw of \$342. Year to date recap for 2014/15, revenues \$2,530, expenses \$3,075 for a draw of \$546. Total dues paid 2013/14 were \$2,505, total dues paid 2014/15 \$2040. 21 members are unpaid.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported on upcoming meetings. October 18th is the general meeting at the Fennen's; Nov. 6th is the board meeting; Nov. 8th is Gary Martin's open house, club meeting and invitational dinner; ABTO is touring Nov. 1st; Richie's Walk is Nov. 7th; Gadsden Swap Meet is Nov. 14th and 15th. The Christmas party is Dec. 6th; board will meet the 4th; the VA hospital setup is Dec. 26th with the layout open the 29th and 30th; the home show is Jan. 9th and 10th. The

home show and the Jan. swap meet may conflict. Discussion was that if the general membership agrees we will do both.

Nick Buchholtz reported newsletter was going well, but needs more info. For some reason he did not receive last months board minutes.

Under committee reports Nick will put together a clinic on battery technology.

Under maintenance Gary reported that Tucson Botanical Garden now has a new transformer and two working relays. Glen Mitchell reported that UMC is working fine. He also reported that at TCM he replaced two relays and reassembled start switch.

Membership, Jerry Tulino stated we had 95 members with 18 unpaid as of today.

Nick reported we have one person asking to be mentored.

Chuck Cook reported that the social luncheon at the Red Garter was a success. The next meeting will be Nov. 19th and may be at a different location. More to come on that.

Under old business Chuck reported that we are all set, however still need helpers.

Richie's Walk on Friday, Nov. 7th at Flowing Wells will need four to five people helping. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting.

Janet Mitchell has taken the lead on the RITG. Gary thanked her for that. RITG will be greatly simplified. The only donations that will be taken will be for the food bank. Deadline for volunteers to show their layouts is Dec. 1st.

Off site projects Gary reported that the Rodeo Museum needs electronics installed.

Under the Awards Program Norm Ullmer reported that everything is ready for the Dec, Christmas luncheon.

TBG Sunset Saturdays went well. Gary said he will discuss the luminaries at a later date. He did say that it was a good way to get exposure.

Under other business Gary announced that we still had some rolling stock from the Bob Schwab purchase. Elections are coming up and we need an election chairperson. Ruth Taylor went over next year's budget and the board modified then passed it. It will be presented at the general meeting.

The Mitchell's and Dorgan' will take the children's layout to St. Marks Church Dec. 1-3.

Pat Somerhalder will bring cookies next board meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Pat Somerhalder, Secretary.

TGRS Christmas Luncheon December 6, 2014

The TGRS Christmas Luncheon at the Golden Corral on Thornydale just south of Ina Road beginning at 12 noon.

The cost this year is unchanged at **\$11.00 per person** which includes beverage and gratuity.

Ruth Taylor will be collecting money for the event at the November 8th General Meeting at Gary's. If you are unable to attend the November meeting you can send your check to Ruth made payable to TGRS.

Ruth will also be collecting the day of the event but it really helps if you have paid in advance. Regardless, you need to let Ruth know if you plan to attend so we can give the Golden Corral a headcount in advance.

Ruth can be reached at e-mail:

taylor1985@comcas.net

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Tucson, AZ 85735

Telephone: 520-908-1312 or (cell) 520-668-4318

For those who have not attended before, we conduct a gift exchange. It is not mandatory. The exchange rules are as follows:

- 1) One gift per family in order to participate
- 2) Railroad themed gifts (wrapped of course) should be limited to a maximum of \$20
- 3) Participating members will select a gift in an order predetermined by drawn numbers
- 4) Gift selection is made from the "pool" of available gifts or stolen from a previous gift selection
- 5) Any individual gift is limited to being stolen a maximum number of two times and then is declared "frozen"
- 6) Any single member may have gifts stolen a maximum of two times at which time that member is declared exempt

TGRS Annual Service Awards will be distributed at the Christmas luncheon.

TTOM Swap Meet November 14-15

Setup for the TTOM swap meet at the Tucson Expo Center will be at noon on Friday November 14.

We will run trains from 2:00 until 7:00 PM on Friday.

Saturday we will run trains from 9:00 AM until 2:00PM and then tear down the layout.

TGRS at the VA Hospital December 26-31 2014

This years setup at the VA will be spread over 5 days. We'll setup on Friday Dec 26th, the skip over Saturday and Sunday, (the VA does not have adequate security for the hall over the weekend.) And then run trains on Monday and Tuesday. Finally tearing down on the morning of Wednesday the 31st

We still need volunteers to setup, run and tear down the layout. Contact Willis at km6mv@cox.net or call 520 760 – 0147

January Show Schedule

Now that you've had a chance to sign up for the VA, it's time to do the same for our January commitments . For those of you who did not attend the general meeting, the members present at that meeting supported the board's recommendation to provide displays at both the January swap meet and the Arizona State Home Show. And, being as they are the same weekend in January, we will need support from the entire membership and not just those who attended this month's meeting.

That said, the proposed schedule will be as follows:

Wednesday January 7: Initial set-up at TCC for the home show.

Thursday January 8: Complete set-up at the home show.

Friday January 9: run trains at the home show 12:00-6:00 PM AND set-up and run Children's layout at the swap meet 12:00-7:00 PM.

Saturday January 10: run trains at the home show 10:00 AM-6:00 PM AND run trains and tear down the children's layout at the swap meet 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Sunday January 11: run trains and tear down at the home show 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.

Monday January 12: load out at the home show 9:00-10:00 AM or so.

Exposure at both of these shows will be good for promoting Rails-in-the-Garden.

China Trip April 22nd – May 7th Part 3

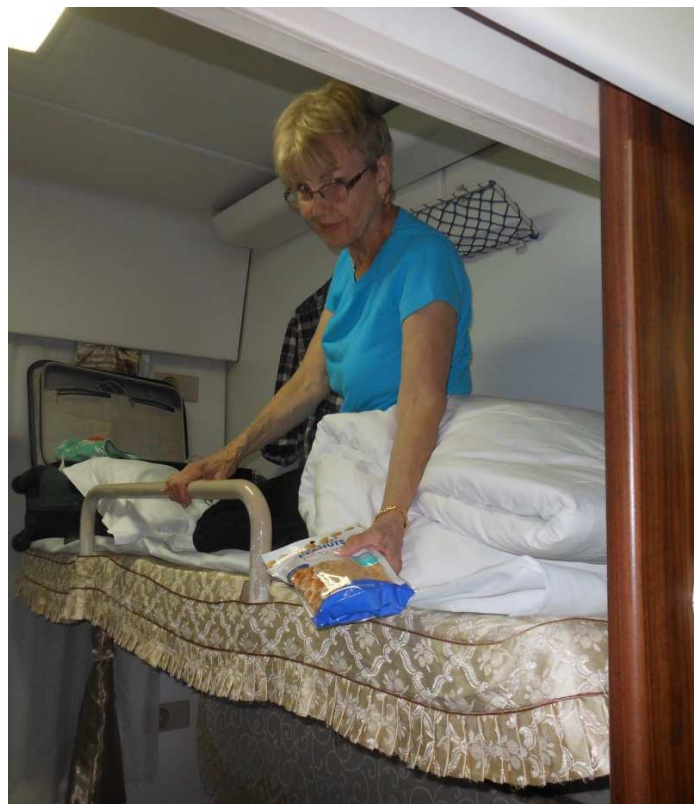
Here I am again, writing about our train travels in China. In past articles, I have written about the eight minute ride on the ultra-modern Shanghai Maglev train. Second train we rode went from Shanghai to Beijing on the Jinghu High Speed Railway. The five hour trip was on another modern comfortable train.

Third train we took was an 11 hour, overnighter from Beijing to Xian on April 28th. (697 miles) "*The Z19 is the fastest and most modern long distance trains in China*". I took this from the internet.

We slept four to a room in tight quarters, (bunk beds) in what is called a soft sleeper. If you want to rough it, look up hard sleeper. Z stands for "Zhinda" in Chinese or "Direct Express". This trip was pretty uneventful. The train was older but clean and served its purpose. Seems like we got on the train in Beijing, got into our bunks, woke up and we were in Xian.

The amazing walled city of Xian with the Terracotta soldiers, and Wild Goose Pagoda, is a city that has retained its ancient charm. The Terracotta soldiers were one of the high lights of the trip but there were many.

On to Part 4, a train trip none of us will forget!!



Just by way of comparison on the overnight train from Venice to Vienna we slept six to a room and the bunks did not have any fancy dust ruffles - Ed

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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Tucson, AZ 85710

Calendar

November 1, 2014 - ABTO touring TGRS layouts

November 6, 2014 - Board meeting– Martin's

November 8, 2014

Open house at Martin's, TGRS meeting at 3:00 PM

November 8, 2014

NMRA meet- St Odelia's Church near Tohono Chul Park

November 14/15, 2014 - TTOM Swap meet

December 4, 2014 - . Board meeting– Martin's

December 6, 2014 - Luncheon at Golden Corral, 12:00 PM

December 26, 29-31, 2014 - Setup and run trains at the VA

January 7, 2015 – Setup for the American Home show

January 8-11, 2015 - Run Trains at the Home show

January 9-10, 2015 – Setup and run trains at the TTOM swap meet

March 7-8, 2015 - Rails in the Garden 2015

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