



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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February 1, 2015

TGRS GENERAL MEETING February 14, 2015

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

When: 12:00 Noon to watch trains
1:00 PM Meeting

Contact person: Ken Zacharias
Telephone: 294-4980

This month's meeting will be on the 14th of February at 1:00 PM at Rincon Country West RV Resort. Trains will be running from noon until 1 pm. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Hall adjoining the Auditorium. This building is next to the club train layout.

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 train 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 eight winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 1000 ft. of track with five independent loops and two trolley lines. One fully

automated trolley line runs three trolleys simultaneously. 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.

Our recent expansion has added another 150 ft. of track and a fifth independent loop allowing more members to run their trains. The layout also has two water features and push button activated farm and circus sounds as well as 50's music from the country diner. A 1940's era village continues to be developed in the upper area of the layout.



Rails In The Garden

TGRS Members,
As you know the 2015 Rails in the Garden tour is approaching quickly. Some of the 16 hosts are still looking for helpers on March 7 and 8. If you have not signed up with one of the hosts and are interested in helping, please let me know and you will be assigned to a layout where you are most needed. The host members are spending a lot of time and energy getting ready for the club's most important event of the year and your help is needed. Please contact me as soon as possible so we can fill the positions required.

Thank you, *Gary Martin*

TGRS President

More Rails in the Garden

RITG Hosts,
We will be distributing the host/volunteer materials for this year's RITG event at the next TGRS general meeting (Feb 14th at RCW). If you won't be able to attend the meeting, please arrange for someone who will be there to pick them up for you. And, if you would send me an email with the name of your 'porter', I will make sure they get your materials.

Thank you,

Claudia Nelson

ccgnelson@gmail.com

Also, if you would like one of the club cross bucks for RITG let Glenn or I know and we will bring them to the February meeting.

Janet Mitchell

TGRS Board Meeting Minutes January 15, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin

Treasurer Ruth Taylor reported a total of \$26,632 on deposit as of 1/15/15. A recap of expenses and revenues are on file.

Vice President Willis Fagg gave follow up reports on the VA Hospital project, Arizona State Home Show, the Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet, and Diamond Children's Hospital. The VA Hospital, he reported, was a disappointment. He felt the new gentlemen replacing Pepe had not done an adequate enough job to get the word out. He said he will be working with them next year get more info out and see if we can get a better attendance.

Arizona State Home show went well. Many RITG cards were handed out and there seem to be much enthusiasm.

Gadsden Pacific Swap meet was slow on Friday which is not unusual. But very busy on Saturday. Diamond Children's Hospital had the children excited about the train. One family had a very ill youngster who loved the train. Gary Martin has a starter set he has offered the family, but the set needed a controller which the club purchased. When the child comes home from the hospital the set will be delivered.

Newsletter Nick Buchholt announced he will be giving up the position of editor. A replacement is needed.

Under clinics Gary reported none for January and is looking for one for Feb.

Under education Esmond Station School in Vail is interested in having trains set up and information about them.

Under maintenance Gary reported that Bob has been doing a good job at the Tucson Botanical Garden keeping everything running.

Glenn Mitchell reported UMC did have a derailment so he worked on the track. It is running fine. He also reported that there were no majors at TMC.

Jerry Tulino reported that maps and directions for the RITG were on the web site, however Jack Forgues needed to cancel as he is needing some major surgery. It was decided just to write cancel across the description.

Gary announced the social luncheon will be January 24th (on a Saturday) at the Red Garter. Hopefully those that work can attend.

Under Old Business Janet Mitchell said the hosts will need lots of help. Gary reported that Peter in Green Valley will cover the three papers down there.

Gary Martin has finished the Mexican Village for the Rodeo Parade Museum and has taken it down to the display.

Nick Buchholz is trying to locate pictures of the first train depot in Tucson so that he can make a model of it for the Museum.

Next board meeting is February 5th. General meeting January 17th at the Averill's. General Meeting in February is on the 14th at RWC.

Ruth Taylor will be bringing the cookies for the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

TGRS General Meeting January 17, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin who thanked the hosts, Bob and Sue Averill.

Minutes from the last general meeting were approved.

Ruth Taylor reported a total on deposit of \$26,632. A complete report is attached to the minutes.

Vice President's report

VA Hospital - very disappointed. No public attendance. On Monday there may have been just 60 people. The new assistant didn't even show up.

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet - Slow on Friday, very busy on Saturday.

Arizona State Home Show - Good, had a lot of kids

Christmas Party at Diamond Children's Hospital - Good, several kids ran the trains. One very sick boy was especially excited about the trains.

Gary Martin said he had a starter set and was willing to give it to the family, however it needed a controller. The club purchased the controller to make the set complete.

Pima County Fair (April 16th-26th) Sign up sheet will be at next meeting. The trailers will probably come in the week before.

Newsletter - Nick Buchholz is resigning as editor. Will need a replacement.

Committee Reports

Clinics - none this month - will need one for February.

Offsite Projects

TBG - Gary says everything OK there.

TCH - Glenn Mitchell reported everything is fine.

TCM - Gary Martin reported nothing going on there.

Rodeo Parade Museum - Gary Martin reported that the Mexican Village is in. He encouraged everyone to go down and see the set up with its sound system, tent city, and all the buildings.

Membership and Website - Jerry Tulino announced the RITG maps and descriptions are up. He reported we have 90 members.

Social Luncheon - Chuck Cook announced that the social luncheon will be January 24th at the Red Garter. Pool at 11:00am. He would like reservations so we can give them a heads up. He also suggested staggering the ordering of food. He said he was also looking at a Reid Park trip in March.

Old Business

Rails in the Garden - Janet Mitchell asked members not hosting to help hosts that need it. She applauded Jerry for the phenomenal job with the website. She will be handing out signs and materials at the RCW meeting.

New Business

Elections - Gary Martin reminded everyone that club elections will be held in May. He invited anyone interested to please let him know. This includes if you are just interested in being on the board. All present officers and board members will be more than happy to help any new electives so they won't feel abandoned.

Next Meetings

Board - Thursday - Feb. 5th General - Feb. 14th

Respectfully submitted

Pat Somerhalder,

Secretary

CHINA TRIP
April 22nd – May 7th
Part 4

Our final train trip in China was a 24hour adventure from Xining, China to Lhasa, Tibet. April 30, 2014 was a day of travel. We left Xian by plane and flew to Xining, had lunch in town which consisted of yak meat, rice and vegetables.



We boarded our train K9801 at 3:05. It was very similar to the last train we rode. Not modern by our standards but clean and meet our needs. Once again we were in bunks or sleeper berths, considered first class. The operational speed was about 120km/h. This is the highest railway in the world and is built for the high altitude environment, equipped with air-conditioning, and an oxygen supply. In our room we could hear bursts of oxygen being blown into our sleeping quarters.



Tanggula Station is the highest railway station in

the world and the highest point we reach was 16,640 feet.



This part of the journey was an experience. I went down to the dining room and could see how the food was prepared and stored. We ate snacks and had bottled water that we had brought with us. We all go a little claustrophobic after 24 hours but that was part of the adventure and well worth the trip to Tibet.

Lhasa, Tibet the land of the Dalai Lama, the Potala Palace, Jukhang Temple, Drepung Monastery and so much more. Lhasa is about 12,000 feet above sea level and has 68% of the air at sea level. Most of us climbed the 243 steps to the top of the Potola Palace which has more than 1,000 rooms, and 10,000 shrines. I loved this little city. Instead of adding a picture of the train which I only have one of, I have pictures of people to share with you.

Peggy Martin

County Fair Signups Now

Willis wants you to reserve those choice shifts early,so sign up at the meeting or by email:

km6mv@cox.net

**SOUTHERN ARIZONA
TRANSPORTION MUSEUM Lecture
Series 2015**

WHEN: SUNDAYS AT 3PM (see dates below)

WHERE: 414 N. Toole Ave, Tucson
(520) 623-2223

ADMISSION: FREE

Feb. 15 -- The Mascot & Western RR and the
Johnson, Dragoon & Northern RR by Richard
Dick

Feb. 22 -- Epes Randolph by Art Carlton

Mar. 1 -- The Story of GM's William Durant by
Axel Holm

Mar. 8 -- Early Southern Arizona Aviation by Bill
Kalt

Mar. 22 -- To Be Announced

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
6911 E. Baker St.
Tucson, AZ 85710

Calendar

February 5, 2015

Board Meeting at the Martin's - 7:00 PM

February 14, 2015

General Meeting at RCW – trains at Noon –
Meeting at 1:00 PM

March 7-8, 2015 -

Rails in the Garden 2015

March 12, 2015

Board Meeting-Martins

March 14, 2015

Challenger Little League Display

March 21, 2015

General Meeting-Koehler

April 2, 2015

Board Meeting-Martins

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