



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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March 1, 2015

General meeting change

The March 21st general meeting has been changed from The Koehler's to The Blackwell's

TGRS March General meeting

When: Meeting at 2:00 viewing at 1:00

Where: Barry and Gina Blackwell's
4042 E. Cooper St. 85711

Phone: 520 322 - 5033

Email: barryandgina@cox.net

Directions: You may have to make a U[turn to get to Cooper from Alvernon.

From the West side, take Broadway to Alvernon, turn right (South) and the second left will be Cooper Street. Follow about a block and a half to 4042.

From the East side, take Broadway to Irving Drive and turn left (South) on Irving. The first cross street is Cooper, Turn right (West) to the address.

The Railroad (circa 20050315)

The Rock Bottom Railroad is a fourteen year work (4 year in 2005) in progress. There are about 300 feet of main line with a 40 foot mining loop and an 80 foot point to point trolley line. The layout includes a water fall, a stream and a 12 foot double track tunnel shared by the main and trolley lines.

Rsrails The name, Rock Bottom, describes both the terrain and the financial condition of the railroad.

The builder is a lover of puns and has incorporated several into the layout.

Rails in the Garden 2015

The Rails in the Garden tour is coming up on March 7-8 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM. If you are free either day contact a host and volunteer to help out for a few hours.

Information on the tour and which railroads are hosting is available on the web site tucsongrs.org

Challenger Little League

The Challenger Little League event will be on Saturday March 14. The event uses the children's layout and needs 5-6 members for support. The event runs from 3:00-7:00 PM, including set up and tear down. Contact Willis if you would like to help out.

SATM Lecture Series

Where: Southern Arizona Transportation Museum
414 N. Toole Ave, Tucson

Phone: (520) 623-2223

ADMISSION: FREE

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

Adobe Mountain RR Swap meet

Adobe Mt Everything Railroad swap meet will be held March 21 2015, 9AM-3PM in conjunction with the Maricopa Live Steamers Winter meet at Adobe Mountain Railroad Park

Beijing Train Museum

China Trip April 22-May 7, 2014

On our trip to China, our guide knew we were interested in trains so he took us to the Beijing Train Museum. It was not on our itinerary but it was a nice surprise and an interesting place to visit. I always like to watch the children, they have a wonderful time as you can see in my picture.



Chinese Steam



Modern electric and High-speed engines



Playing Engineer

TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 5, 2015

President Gary Martin called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the Board meeting of January 15, 2015 were approved.

Ruth Taylor reported that the treasury has \$26,563 on deposit. Revenues from 1/16/15 were \$ -0- and expenses were \$69 resulting in a drawn on cash of \$69. Year to date revenues are \$3,911 and expenses are \$5,699 resulting in a net cash decrease of \$1,787. Total dues paid for 2014/2015 are \$2,475 (90 members). The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Willis Fagg reviewed the meeting dates for the Board of Directors and the club membership meetings for the remainder of the year. These dates which will be reported in the club bulletin and on the website. Club hosts are needed for the September 19th meeting and October 17th meeting. He also reported that fair signups for work shifts at the Pima County Fair are slow, with 2 emails sent out and a poor response received from the membership. He will ask for sign ups at the Rincon meeting on February 14th.

Willis also reported that the 10th Anniversary of the Silver Spike Festival and the 135th Anniversary of the railroad to Tucson is to be held on March 21st at 10:00 am at the Historic Railroad Depot home of the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum. Club members Jane

and Mike Dorgan will be honored for their contributions and support to the Transportation Museum.

Willis also mentioned that he gave a short talk on January 27th at the Rincon Optimist Club about TGRS and garden railroads. He also distributed information cards for our upcoming 2015 RITG tour.

Willis also reported that a Thomas starter set for the Pima County Fair raffle has been ordered. Also that James and Emily engines have been ordered as spares for the children's layout.

Nick Buchholz reported that the newsletter is going well. Peggy Martin submitted an article on the ABTO/TGRS rails fans trip to China and Tibet in April/May 2014. A article on the railway museum in Beijing will be in a future issue.

Phyllis Dirksen will present a slide show featuring traveling across Canada at the February meeting.

Gary Martin reported he and Bob Conrad are removing all the switches from the Tucson Botanical Gardens layout. Gary reported that one mogul engine has problems and he is working on it and that one more section of track needs to be replaced. Glenn Mitchell mentioned that he has an extra engine for use as a backup if needed. All will be nice and clean and ready for the TGRS meeting in May.

Glenn Mitchell reported that a connection on the camera at Diamond Children's Hospital needs repair and the camera is currently off. Bad wheels on one car were replaced.

Bob Conrad reported that the Botanical Gardens will host a children's "Western" event on February 27th. Jackie and him plan to attend to pass out information cards on the 2015 RITG.

Gary Martin advised that Chuck Cook is working on a TGRS social luncheon at the end of February.

OLD BUSINESS:

Janet Mitchell reported that the 2015 RITG plans are on track. Host packets and supplies will be distributed at the February meeting. Nick Buchholz will pick up outside signs and bring to the meeting for the hosts. A few layouts still need helpers. Gary will put out a call for help at the February meeting to make sure all layout hosts are set for workers. Ken Karrels and

Chuck Cook are handling all publicity and Gary will touch base with them to get an update.

Norm Ulmer suggested that the Awards Program should be upgraded to recognize officers of TGRS. A suggestion was made to purchase gold pins and was approved by the Board.

Gary Martin reported that he has installed the Mexican village at the Rodeo Parade Museum and has order a set of metal Mexican figures to enhance it. He also reported that the Botanical Gardens has no plans right now for a new layout in another area of the park.

New Business

Gary Martins reported that TGRS elections are coming up. He will send out a memo to the membership regarding the status of nominees.

The Challenger Little League train day is scheduled for March 14th. Tulino, Martin, Taylor, Erb and Ulmer agreed to staff. Set-up schedule is to follow.

Next meeting:

The next Board of Director's will be Thursday, March 12th chaired by Willis at the Martin's. Bob Conrad volunteered to bring the cookies.

The next TGRS general meeting will be March 21st at Koehler's.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Taylor, Acting Secretary

TGRS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

February 14, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. He thanked our hosts, Rincon West for their hospitality and brownies.

RCW gave a report of their upcoming events. 1. They run their trains daily for 1 ½ hours. 2. They will run trains Monday nights in March with all their houses, etc. lit. March 16th is their tenth anniversary. 3. They are participating both days in RITG. 4. They are doing a fundraising BBQ on 2/15. Everyone welcome. Cost \$8

The Walshes, Tony Gursky and Ruth Taylor's great grandson, Colton were introduced as guests.

January 17, 2015 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report. Ruth Taylor reported a checking account balance of \$9,464, savings account of \$17,229 for a total of \$26,693. Revenues from 1/16/15 were \$130, expenses were \$69 for a net of \$61. Year to date 2014/2015 revenues of \$4,042, expenses \$5,699 with a draw of (\$1,657) Total dues paid for 2014/2015 is \$2,475.

Vice President's report. Willis Faag reported that next board meeting is March 12th with the general meeting on the 21st. There will be a board meeting on April 2nd, but no general meeting in April because of the fair. There will be a general meeting at the Botanical Gardens on May 9th and one at the Somerhalder's on June 20th. He also has dates for Sept.

Committee reports.

Clinics. Phyllis Dirksen is doing a presentation on the Canadian Rockies after the meeting. Gary is asking for other people to contribute to the clinics.

Offsite projects. TBG and TCH are doing well. TCM needs cameras worked on down the road. Rodeo Museum has the Mexican Village in and people are going in.

Old Business. There is a sign up sheet for helpers. Many hosts still need help. Claudia Nelson will be handing out signs and materials after the meeting.

New Business. The Challenger Little League is coming up in June. More info will be supplied on it. Ken Karrels talked about the Silver Spike Festival at the Historic Railroad Depot downtown. It's the 135th anniversary of the railroad to Tucson. It is being held starting at 10:00 am on March 21st. Many activities planned throughout the day. Since it conflicts with the general meeting Willis is going to see if he can work out a later starting time for our meeting. Gary talked about Denver. It appears many are going. Club elections are coming up in May.

Board meeting March 12th at the Martins.
General meeting March 21st at the Koehler's.
Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder, Secretary

The McKeen Motor car



The hulk



The refurbished Car



Courtesy Nevada State Railroad Museum

Pima County Fair April 16-26 2015

It's crunch time. It would be really nice if I could quit begging.

We still have needs for some shifts. If you haven't signed up please look over the plan and fill in the needs listed below first. If you would like to work but the times your are available are already filled, send me an e-mail and I will see if I can adjust another volunteer's shift.

Critical needs:

Saturday April 18, 3:00-9:00 PM: need three
Sunday April 19, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM; need one
Sunday April 26, 9:30 AM-2:30 PM: need two

We could also use a few more to assist in breaking down the layout beginning at 5:30 PM on Sunday April 26. I will be distributing tickets/badges at the general meeting on March 21 and also at the initial set-up on April 9.

Willis

Calendar

March 5, 2015

Board Meeting-Martins

March 7-8, 2015 -

Rails in the Garden 2015

March 14, 2015

Challenger Little League Display

March 21, 2015

General Meeting-Blackwell's -2:PM

April 2, 2015

Board Meeting-Martins – No General Meeting

April 9-12, 2015

Pima County Fair Setup

April 16-26, 2015

Pima County Fair

May 7, 2015

Board Meeting-Martins

May 9, 2015

General Meeting-Tucson Botanical Gardens

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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