



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS GENERAL MEETING JUNE 20th

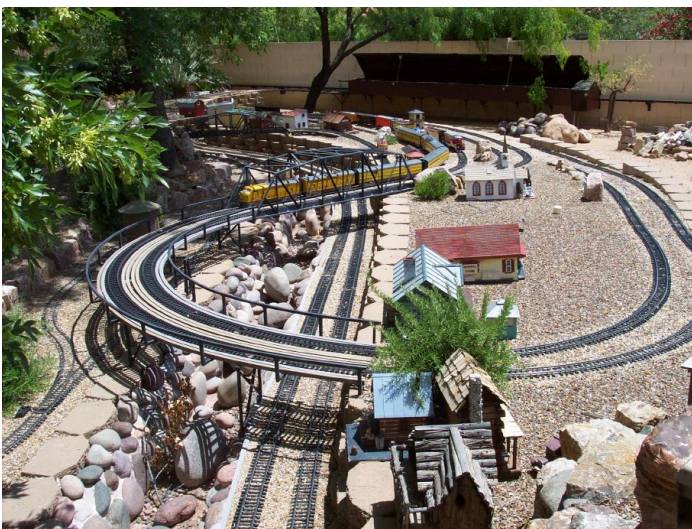
Where: Bruce & Pat Somerhalder
38443 S. Viewpoint Ct. 85739

When: View trains at 9:00am, Meeting at 10:00am

Directions:

North on Oracle Rd (for about 14 mi from River Road), right on East Golder Ranch Drive, left on N Lago Del Oro Pkwy. Continue on E Acacia Hill, right on S Ridgeview Blvd, right on S Double Eagle Dr, which curves right to become E Canyon Shadows Ln, right on S Viewpoint Ct.

Note: Oracle is under construction, so Golder Ranch Dr is hard to find. It should be better by June 20th. Parking is difficult on Viewpoint Ct., but plenty of parking on **Canyon Shadows Ln**. Bring your folding chair, as seating is limited.



VIEWPOINT RAILROAD

There is about 700 feet of track where four diesel trains automatically run at the same time, two trains on each of two main lines. The layout is elevated approximately eighteen inches with a canyon and river running through the center. Bruce began the layout in 2008 and is still expanding on it adding another 400 feet of track. Work on that project is in progress. Along with the trains are a circus, Indian village and other items of interest.

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

We had a fun time the last outing, even though the highly paid social chairman forgot to make reservations for our group. The next outing is Wednesday June 17th. Come early to shoot some pool, no rules, just fun on the felt. The 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. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Summer Christmas at Diamond Children's Hospital


For those who may not be familiar with this event: This is a full blown Christmas party for the kids at the hospital, some of whom may not make it to December. For us, it's setting up the children's layout for the kids and family members to run. The event takes place on Tuesday, June 16th, from 11:00-1:00pm. We will meet at the lobby of Diamond Children's Hospital at 9:00am

The coordinator, Jack Foote, will have some young people there to support the event as well as helping us move the railroad equipment.

The last time we participated in the event, we configured the children's layout without the trestle, which was a better fit for the space available to us.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you want to help with this great activity.

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Tucson Garden Railway Society
c/o Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
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Dear Ruth,


Author Henry James once said, "Three things in human life are important: the first is to be kind; the second is to be kind; and the third is to be kind."

Your organization's generous gift of \$2,967.82 is improving lives in Southern Arizona. Where there was once an empty table, a family now sits together and enjoys a meal. What was once a desolate backyard, now features a small garden plot where a young boy learns about healthy eating. And, that homeless woman who had once felt so hopeless, finds encouragement in the warmth of a comforting meal.

We are proud to be your partner in the fight against hunger in Southern Arizona. More than 16,000 people benefit from our emergency food assistance program each month, while our home gardening team works to build gardens for families with financial hardships. Simultaneously, we provide meals for our homeless community, both at our Community Kitchen and at partner organizations across town.

Your kindness knows no bounds and, for that, we are eternally grateful.

Sincerely,


Michael McDonald
Chief Executive Officer

Thank you!

P.S. Summer is quickly approaching and, with it, higher costs of food and utilities as children are out of school. Please help parents in need get through this season.

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TGRS BOARD MINUTES

MAY 7, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Board meeting minutes of April 2, 2015 were approved.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor reported checking \$9,235, savings \$17,230 for a total on deposit of \$26,465. Revenues since 4/3/15 were \$824, expenses \$278 for a net of \$546. Year to date recap 2014/2015 revenues \$8,061, expenses \$9,946 for a loss of

\$1,885. Dues paid 2014/2015 \$2,475, dues paid 2015/2016 \$90.

Vice President Willis Fagg reported: Pima County Fair went well. We received a thank you from Peggy for our participation.

Swap Meet signup sheet for May 29th and 30th is being circulated.

Upcoming dates are next board meeting June 11th changed from the 4th. Next general meeting at Somerhalder's June 20th. September 19th general meeting may be at Cap Pearson's, October board meeting on the 8th general meeting on the 17th, November board meeting is on the 12th with the general meeting at the Martin's on the 14th. Swap meet is also that week on the 13th and 14th. December 5th is the annual Christmas luncheon at the Golden Corral. The VA hospital set up is to be determined. Willis also mentioned that the director of the Reid Park Zoo had approached Dottie at the fair asking about putting in a layout at the zoo. Willis is still trying to contact him.

Nick Buccholz announced newsletter was done for this month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Clinics - Gary will be holding a clinic at the Somerhalder's on inexpensive loads for gondolas and hoppers.

Maintenance- TBG - engines go out. We need 2 to 3 backups. Everything is repaired at this time. UMC - Glenn Mitchell reported the good news was that everything was running. The bad news was that the girl that took care of the layout was not at UMC anymore. TCM - Engine running fine. Having trouble with the sound system. It has been sent back to Phoenix for the 3rd time.

Membership/Website - Jerry Tulino reported we have collected \$90 in dues for 2015/2016. He reported that the website provider was sending him notifications that we only have about 10% left of space on our website. A discussion resulted in whether to delete some of the old information such as layout pictures and newsletters or to opt to pay more for more space. It was suggested to inform them that we were a 501-3c to see if we could perhaps get a better deal. Jerry was going to look into that. A discussion was held on updating the binder with the pictures of everyone's layout. Apparently Phyllis Dirksen is working on that. It was also suggested that everyone provide their own pictures of their layouts for updates. That way they can focus on what they are interested in showing to the public.

TGRS BOARD MEETING MINUTES (cont'd)

Social - Next social luncheon will be at the Red Garter on May 20th. Pool will be at 11:00 am and lunch around noon.

OLD BUSINESS

Off-site projects - The Rodeo museum is closed for the season. Nick is still looking for pictures of the first railroad station so that he can build it for the layout. The station was built in 1883. Gary talked about the elections of officers. They will be held at the next meeting at the BTG. ABTO will be November 7th. More details on that will be coming.

NEW BUSINESS

Janet Mitchell raised the question as to whether we should order cards this early for next year. After some discussion it was decided to do that. Also the question was raised about the coloring books and little prizes to give the kids at the layouts. Again it was agreed that we needed to do both.

NEXT MEETINGS

Board meeting was changed from June 4th to June 11th. Next general meeting at the Somerhalder's will be on June 20th at 10:00am with trains starting at 9:00am. Janet Mitchell will bring cookies to the next board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Somerhalder
Secretary

TGRS

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Gary thanked the Tucson Botanical Garden for providing the room for our meeting.

Meeting was begun while we waited for our guest. Minutes were approved for the last general meeting of March 21, 2015.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor reported that we had a total on deposit of \$26,485. Net revenue received from 4/3/15 was \$546. Dues from 2015/2016 so far are \$90.

Meeting was interrupted to meet and present the winners of the drawing from the Pima County Fair

PIMA COUNTY FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

The lucky winners of the train set we raffled off at the Pima County Fair were at the Tucson Botanical Gardens Saturday to pick up the train set. Presenting the train set was V.P. Willis.



Collecting the prize were Kristen, Kelly, Mason, Marcus, and Mathew Randolph and Curtis Johnson. They couldn't wait to get the train home to set up and run.



Vice President's Report

Willis Fagg reported the fair went well. He stated we had our usual haggle over the cost of so many workers at the fair. Peggy Bauernfeind, Manager Old Pueblo Hall, sent a letter thanking us for being part of the fair and hoping to see us next year.

The swap meet is May 29th and 30th. He is in good shape for workers for that.

Other dates on the calendar are the general meeting in SaddleBrooke on June 20th, September 19th, October 17th, November 14th, Christmas Luncheon December 5th at the Golden Corral. Swap Meet November 13th and 14th. The VA dates are to be determined. We will probably set up for 2 to 3 days.

Gary Martin has been in touch with TBG about setting up one Saturday a month during the summer to run the children's trains on the outdoor track to give children something to do. Nothing has been set up yet.

(Update from Gary: He is currently working on a special children's summer event with the Tucson Botanical Garden. The event will be held on the last Saturday of June, July, August and September. (6/27, 7/25, 8/29, and 9/26) The time will be from 9:00am to 12:00pm with set up at 8:00am. We will be running Thomas the Tank and other character trains; he is looking for a few club members to participate in this activity. Please let him know if you are interested.)

Newsletter - Claudia Nelson will be doing the newsletter next month.

Committee Reports

Clinics- Gary Martin will do a clinic on inexpensive loads for your gondolas and hoppers at the next general meeting.

TBG - Trains were running fine yesterday. Two went out this morning.

TCH - Engine running fine. Has been running for a year now.

TCM - One engine running fine. One engine is having sound problems.

Rodeo Museum has closed for the season.

Membership and Website

Jerry Tulino reported a stable 90 members. Website update: We have 90% of our space used. He has asked that members send him new pictures of their layouts.

Social

Next social luncheon will be at the Red Garter 11:00am pool, lunch around noon.

Old Business - Elections

New Business -

National Train Day May 9th 10am-4pm at the train depot museum. Ruth Taylor announced she would start accepting dues for the 2015/2016 year. Election results were announced (see below).

Next Meetings

Board - June 11th 2015

General TGRS meeting, June 20th, 2015 at Bruce and Pat Somerhalder's in SaddleBrooke.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

TGRS OFFICER ELECTION RESULTS 2015

Congratulations to the TGRS members who have been elected to the following offices.

President:	Glenn Mitchell
Vice President:	Willis Fagg
Secretary:	Pat Somerhalder
Treasurer:	Ruth Taylor
Newsletter editor:	Claudia Nelson
Board of Directors:	Dennis Mahar
	Billy Joplin
	Norm Ulmer
	Bob Averill

Gary Martin
President TGRS

WHAT "SCALE" IS "GARDEN" RAILROADING?

By Norm Ulmer

At every function we work, we are asked that question. The answer is simply, "Whatever you like." There are a few gardens wherein you find "O" scale (1:48) trains running, many others where the fictitious "G" scale is the size of choice, running on the common #1 gauge track.

To clarify the terms "scale" and "gauge", "scale" refers to the relative size of the model when compared to the full size car or engine. Thus 1:48 means that 1" on the model equates to 48" on the full size car or engine. "Gauge" refers to the width of the track, measured between the rails at the top of rail. Thus gauge 1 track measures 45 mm or 1.77" between the rails.

The actual scale of trains running on this gauge track varies from 1:32 to 1:13.7, and the most common is 1:22.5, a scale made popular by LGB (Lehman Gross Bahn), representing one meter gauge track (narrow gauge) found in Europe. An outgrowth of this is the scale of 1:20.3 found in Bachmann and Accucraft models, designed to represent 36" narrow gauge railroads found all over the U.S. in the early days of railroad building. This gauge was popular at the time due to being less expensive to build.

In the early days of the modern era of garden railroads, just prior to LGB becoming popular, many folks built their roads on a scale of 1:24, because one half inch of model equaled 1 foot of life sized equipment, and thus was easy to convert. There are still a good number of these garden railroads in use today.

All of these railroads run on the #1 gauge track.

A recent entry into our hobby is the 1:13.7 scale (7/8n2) wherein 7/8" equals 1 foot, and n2 signifies the gauge is a 2' narrow gauge track. This size train also runs on the #1 gauge track, and in this case, the model is supposed to represent the 2' narrow gauge railroads found mainly in the New England area, although there were others scattered throughout the country.

I recently began to work in this scale, where most of the engines and rolling stock are scratch-built, or modified from smaller gauge cars & engines. There are kits available from Ozark Miniatures (www.ozarkminiatures.com) and The Train Department (www.thetraindepartment.com) mostly for small cars and wagons that will run on track with 48" radius curves. I scratch built a 0-4-4T Forney and had to articulate the motor block in order to

negotiate 6' radius curves. I have also scratch -built a coach, flat car/gondola, water tank car, drover's caboose, box car and several Gilpin Tram 10 ton ore cars.

For an idea of the relative size of the 7/8n2 Forney compared to an LGB Forney in 1:22.5, see the photo below. This is a fun scale to work in, and allows super detailing if you want to. Should any of you want to explore this scale to a greater extent, please call me at 520-299-9401. Happy Garden Railroading!



SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson

Since I'm taking over for Nick as the new editor for the TGRS Newsletter, I'd like to add a short column highlighting train-related sites visited by our members. I welcome any photos and short descriptions you can supply. Thanks!

David and I stopped in San Juan Capistrano, California, for breakfast on our way back to Tucson and "found" [The Vintage Steakhouse](#), located next to the Capistrano AMTRAK station. It's got a fully restored 1927 Pullman car (dining), an 1887 Freight House Bar, plus the breakfast was great.



Calendar

June 11 2015

Board Meeting-7:00pm Martins

June 20, 2015

General Meeting- 10:00am - Somerhalder

July – Aug

No Meetings

September 10 2015

Board Meeting- TBD

September 19, 2015

General Meeting- TBD

October 8, 2015

Board Meeting - TBD

October 17, 2015

General Meeting – Pearson

November 7, 2015

ABTO Tour – Phoenix

November 12, 2015

Board Meeting – TBD

November 14, 2015

Open House & General Meeting - Martin

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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