



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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**ANYONE WHO HASN'T PAID  
HIS DUES FOR 2015-16  
OOPS...THEY ARE OVERDUE!**

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK TO:**

Ruth Taylor  
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place  
Tucson, AZ 85735

**NO MEETING IN JULY  
OR AUGUST**

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING:  
SEPTEMBER 19th**

**Where:** Bob and Lucy Murphy  
2839 W. Lambert Lane  
Tucson, AZ 85742

**WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST  
MEMBER!**

JP Berbine from Vail

### **SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

We continue to have large turnouts, even with many members escaping the summer heat. The next outing is Wednesday July 15th. 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. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

### **TGRS GOES TO THE DIAMONDBACKS – AUGUST 12th**

We will have a club social outing to see the Arizona Diamondbacks on Wednesday August 12<sup>th</sup>. The two working members of the club have already given their blessing to a mid-week baseball game. And the best part is that the starting time is 12:40pm – so no driving after dark.

Our plan will be to car pool/car caravan to Tempe where we can park for free. Then we will ride the Phoenix light rail through the whole length of its system to its turnaround point and stay on it to unload about 200 yards from the main entrance to Chase Field. Lunch of course will be ballpark food.

Everybody will be in charge of getting their own tickets; but I will be working on a way to get us seated together. And of course we will gather together for the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch at Cold Stone Creamery. Carpools can leave any time they want to ride the light rail back to their car.

Please let me know soon if you are even remotely interested in going so I can call the D-Backs with a rough number and ask them about saving a row of seats for us. This part will be a work in progress. Chuck Cook by e-mail or 977-7673

## THOMAS AND FRIENDS AT TBG



*Thomas chugging through town*

We set up Thomas for the children to run at TBG on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We didn't have a great attendance, probably because it was rather WARM by the time we started at 9:00am.



*There's Snoopy surfing down the track*

## RITG BUSINESS CARDS

Janet Mitchell designed our 2016 business cards to let people know the dates for RITG, and get more "hits" on our great web site.

### RAILS IN THE GARDEN

MARCH 5 & 6, 2016



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[www.tucsongrs.org](http://www.tucsongrs.org)

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## TGRS BOARD MINUTES

**JUNE 11, 2015**

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Board Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2015 were approved as posted.

Gary Martin reported on the treasury as submitted by Ruth Taylor: Checking account balance is \$9,235; savings is \$17,230 for a total on deposit of \$26,465. Revenues since 5/8/15 are \$245; expenditures are \$1,498 for a deficit of \$1,253. Year to date 2014/2015 Revenues are \$8,307; expenses \$11,444. Willis Fagg suggested we send out an e-mail reminding members that their dues need to be in now and can be paid at the June meeting.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Summer Christmas at Diamond Children's Hospital June 16<sup>th</sup>. Set up 9:00AM, run trains 11:00AM-2:00PM. Should have help at the facility for unloading.

**Meeting schedule:** Sept. may be Bob Murphy's, although parking is an issue. Board meeting will be the 17<sup>th</sup>, and the general meeting the 19<sup>th</sup>. Oct. Board meeting the 8<sup>th</sup>, general meeting 17<sup>th</sup> at Cap Pearson's. Nov. board meeting the 12<sup>th</sup>, general meeting at Gary Martin's at 4:00 to accommodate those working at the swap meet on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Nov. swap meet is Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. Dec. board meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Christmas luncheon at the Golden Corral on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Jan. swap meet is the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Meeting at Averill's. Feb. meeting at RCW on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00PM. March meeting will be either 12<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup>. VA Hospital proposal is set up on Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, run trains on the 28<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. Tear down on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Clinics** - John Carmichael will do a presentation on his camera project at the June meeting. Gary is planning on doing a clinic on cheap loading units at a later meeting.

**Maintenance:** TBG - maintenance is continuous. UMC - Glenn Mitchell reported that there was a derailment. Not sure why. Axle was off one of the car trucks. TCM - Replaced engine, now have two engines.

**Membership/website:** Jerry Tulino reported that we received our non-profit status with our website. Our available data capabilities went from one Gigabyte to one hundred Gigabytes. He will be able to add anything after they move us to a new system.

**Social Luncheon:** Red Garter, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Offsite projects:** Rodeo Parade Museum - Gary Martin is thinking about switching out the plastic railroad station for an adobe one until Nick gets the other one built.

**Swap Meet** - It was noted by several members how poor the turnout was for May swap meet. Norm Ulmer has made a suggestion to Gadsden to extend the hours on Saturday and run one day only.

**TBG summer event** - June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. Set up 8:00AM, run trains 9:00AM - 12:00Noon

## NEW BUSINESS

Gary asked if he thought we had everything on our calendar on the website. It was determined Richie's Walk had not been added. Jerry Tulino said he would take care of it.

Gary announced his open house cards were available and asked that everyone please take some. RITG cards are also available.

Gary talked about the convention in Denver in July and if we can get enough people together we will go out to dinner or do something as a group. He also said there would be plenty of drivers to drive to the layouts.

Gary drew the board's attention to the Durango trip that Rich Hull is trying to organize. He also mentioned that Hull is thinking about a trip to Germany in the future.

## NEXT MEETINGS

Next Board meeting is September 17<sup>th</sup> with possibly the next general meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pat Somerhalder*  
Secretary

# TGRS

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

### JUNE 20, 2015

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. Gary thanked the hosts, Bruce and Pat Somerhalder. He then reminded the club this was his last meeting as President. Guest and new member JP Berbine from Vail was introduced. Minutes from the May 9, 2015 general meeting were approved as submitted. Treasurer Ruth Taylor gave the treasurer's report. Total on deposit is \$26,465, \$9,235 in checking and \$17,230 in savings. Revenues from 5/8/15, expenses \$1,498 leaving a draw of \$1,263. Year to date 2014/15 revenues, \$837, expenses \$11,444 for a draw \$3,137. Dues paid 2014/15 \$2,475; 2015/16 \$570. A complete breakdown for all treasurer's reports are on file with the secretary.

### VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Willis Fagg listed upcoming dates. Next general meeting will be on September 19<sup>th</sup> at Bob Murphy's, September 17<sup>th</sup> will be the board meeting. Bruce Lynn announced he would be willing to open his layout up also as he is right down the street. October 17<sup>th</sup> meeting is tentatively set at Cap Pearson's, however since there is restrictive parking that may change with carpooling to see layout. Board meeting Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>. November 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> is the swap meet. Gary Martin's open house is Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, with club meeting at 4:00PM to accommodate those working the swap meet. Board Meeting will be Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> is the Holiday Luncheon at the Golden Corral, board meeting Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> general meeting, board meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. The VA is tentatively set up for Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> running trains 28<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>. Waiting for approval. Summer Christmas at Diamond's Hospital was

good. ABTO is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>. TBG will have luminaries again this year. Date TK. The railroad at the zoo is still pending. Willis is working on that.

### Newsletter

Claudia Nelson reported newsletter was going along fine. She asked if anybody had any suggestions.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Clinics:** John Carmichael gave a presentation on his camera project. Bruce Lynn has offered to do some clinics for the club.

**Offsite projects:** TBG - Gary reported that the train continues to run with repairs and constant cleaning. He is planning on running "Thomas and Friends" June 27<sup>th</sup>, July 25<sup>th</sup> and August 29<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12 Noon with set up at 8:00AM. They will be passing out coloring books and have a treasure hunt.

TCM - sound system is back for the engine.

Rodeo Museum - shut down for the summer. Planning on taking out the depot and replacing it with an adobe one.

**Membership and Website:** Gary reported our new website was up and running with a tremendous amount of space.

**Mentor:** Gary reported that he would like to help Nick work on this project. Bruce Lynn said that he would also like to help.

**Social Lunch:** Chuck Cook announced he had 20 members show up at the last luncheon at the Red Garter. No date has been set for the next lunch. Chuck threw out the idea for trip to the Diamondbacks. Some were interested.

## ISSAQUAH VALLEY TROLLEY

By Norm Ulmer

### OLD BUSINESS

Swap Meet- May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> had very poor turn out. Not too many children ran the trains.

National Garden Railway Convention July 6<sup>th</sup> - July 11<sup>th</sup> - Gary is interested in knowing how many people are going. Maybe we can have a social while we are there.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Rich Hull is organizing a train trip from Durango to Silverton Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup>. Some great layouts will be seen. Cost per couple is approximately \$1000 and covers train, bus rides, tips, and hotels. A deposit of \$200 dollars holds a spot.

Janet Mitchell has the business cards for next year's RITG.

It was announced there is a swap meet Aug. 15<sup>th</sup> in Prescott.

Next board meeting is Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, general meeting Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bob and Lucy Murphy.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pat Somerhalder*

Secretary



Recently, Ibbey and I traveled to the Pacific Northwest for the high school graduation of our granddaughter in Puyallup, Washington. While there we traveled to Bellevue, WA to see the campus of the college she will be attending, and to the little nearby town of Issaquah, where she will be renting an apartment. Strange to say, the college she will be attending does not have any dormitories!



We stopped for lunch in Issaquah, and to our surprise, there we found the old train station and a little electric trolley in operation ([The Issaquah Valley Trolley](#)). The trolley was one that used to run between Issaquah and Seattle years ago – a three hour trip. Now, it runs less than a mile, but the volunteers assured us that they are working on additional rights-of-way and trackage. The trolley is electric, but there is no power to the tracks, so they pull a generator behind the trolley to provide power. This was a fun side trip for us, and the folks who run the operation were very nice and accommodating.

### INTERESTING TRAIN LINKS

While reading our June copy of the local monthly publication, *The Desert Leaf*, an article about traveling in India via train caught my eye (and my imagination). For any of you who have done this, I welcome your insight. For the rest of us, a link to the article follows:

[India by Rail](#)

# SIDETRACKED

(Following is a contribution from Jerry Tulino)

Jerry and Rita took their granddaughters to Albuquerque for a few days. One of the things they did was go to [Cliff's Amusement Park](#) and ride the train around the park. Here's a picture of the engine:



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## Calendar

### July – Aug

No Meetings

### July 15 2015

Social Luncheon – Red Garter Saloon

### July 25 2015

TBG - Thomas and Friends

### August 12 2015

Phoenix Diamondbacks

### August 15 2015

Swap Meet - Prescott

### August 28 2015

TBG - Thomas and Friends

### September 10 2015

Board Meeting- Martin

### September 19, 2015

General Meeting- Murphy

### October 8, 2015

Board Meeting - Mitchell

### October 17, 2015

General Meeting – Pearson

### November 7, 2015

ABTO Tour – Phoenix

### November 12, 2015

Board Meeting – TBD

### November 13-14 2015

Gadsen Swap Meet

### November 14, 2015

Open House & General Meeting – Martin

### December 3 2015

Board Meeting – TBD

### December 5 2015

Holiday Luncheon – Golden Corral

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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