



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS General Meeting February 20, 2016

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: Bob Blodgett

Telephone: (608) 469-5883

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.

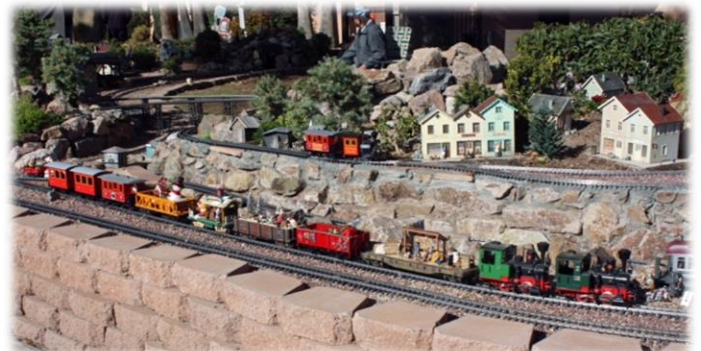
Rincon Country West Railroad

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 schedule posted 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.



SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



There was a smaller than normal group at the January 21st luncheon, about 12-14 members, but we had a lively set of discussions along the table. These gatherings are always fun times as we talk about trains and lots of other things. Come Join Us! The next outing is Thursday February 18th. 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.



A beautiful bridge separated the upper level from the lower ones.



One bathtub was converted to a winter scene with the white wall tile complementing the 'clouds'.

TGRS Board Meeting Photos

January 14, 2016

The board meeting was held at the show home of friends of Peggy and Gary Martin. The hosts had turned their house into a collector's paradise with each room focused on one theme. There was a storybook room, a Halloween room, a Dickens' room...even the bathrooms had layouts!



Notice the detail in their layout.



The Dickensian village layout took up an entire room!

We arrived a hour before the meeting so we could "take the tour" and spent the entire hour trying to see it all, but not succeeding. It was a really interesting and overwhelming tour. Thanks to Peggy and Gary for setting it up!

TGRS General Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2016



President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order at the home of Bob and Sue Averill's, thanking them for hosting.



Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Glenn briefly recapped the treasurer's report noting that on deposit is \$23,242.

Vice President Willis Fagg announced that the next meeting will be February 20th at RCW at 1:00 pm. Board meeting will be on February 11th at the Averill's. March 19th General meeting will be at the Coburn's, 1:00pm. March 10th board meeting at Mitchell's. April no meeting because of fair. May 14th general meeting and May 5th board meeting both at the Mitchell's.

- Willis announced he will be distributing the badges and tickets for the fair on March 19th.
- Next swap meet is June 3rd and 4th.
- Claudia announced that since she sends the newsletter out prior to meetings she will be eliminating the bulletin.
- Membership is 74.
- Social Activities - Red Garter lunch scheduled for January 21st.

RITG - Janet Mitchell announced that this was our 13th time doing the Rails in the Garden. Things were going smoothly. She has a volunteer sign-up sheet. All layouts on the tour need volunteers to sign up. Chuck Cook and Ken Karrels are doing a great job with publicity.

Community Layouts - no problems - expansion at transportation museum.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Somerhalder, Secretary

A Thank You Message from our Vice President

By Willis Fagg

I would like to thank all of the members who supported our back-to-back holiday displays. Overall they were very successful. Twenty-nine (29) of our members worked at least one shift at the VA. The following weekend, we had thirty-one (31) members participate in the home show and ten (10) members at the swap meet. All totaled, forty-five (45) members participated at least once during that two-week period.

TGRS Layout at the AZ Home Show

January 8-10, 2016

By Claudia Nelson

We had a good showing at the home show, especially considering the number of visitors to the show. We handed out lots of Rails in the Gardens cards and noticed quite a bit of interest from the attendees, hopefully we'll see a lot of them at RITG.



Rodeo with bronc riding



Three ring circus next to the midway



Loading cattle into the old box car was especially interesting and realistic.

We're really looking forward to our volunteering at the museum for RITG and hope you'll all send your RITG visitors our way.



Some children are mesmerized by the trains. We even saw a tantrum when we had to tear down the display. I think we'll be seeing them at RITG!



For The Construction and Donation of this Layout Depicting 1880's Tucson

As mentioned by many other members, they are very appreciative of the work we have done there.

A Photo Visit to the Tucson Rodeo Museum

By Claudia & David Nelson

David and I took our first trip to the Tucson Rodeo Museum to scope it out, since we would be manning it for one of the days during Rails in the Garden. We were pleasantly surprised with the TGRS layout, although did notice it seemed a little 'sparse' in some areas. The museum has installed new and brighter lights, so photos were very clear.



While there we got to see the train touring the layout and being enjoyed by the other visitors.

Rails in the Garden

We're quickly approaching the event we advertise for all year. Like last year, we will bring the host materials and signs to the meeting at RCW on **February 20th**. If you will not be able to attend that meeting, please have someone designated to take your packet of materials, and any signs you need.

Thank you,
Claudia & Janet

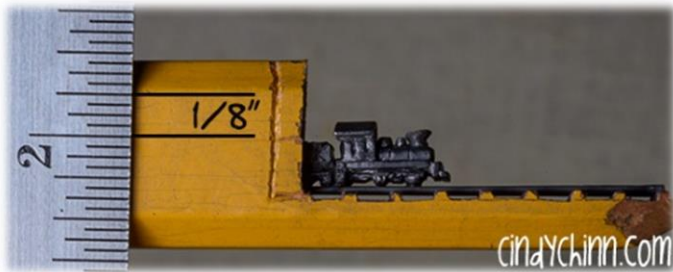
TGRS LENDING LIBRARY

By Claudia Nelson

Phase I is all set up and ready to go. If you have anything you have that you think other members might like to 'check out', just send me the specifications and I'll add it to our [TGRS lending library](#) inventory.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



Have you ever seen a locomotive this tiny? It was carved out of a carpenter pencil by [Cindy Chinn](#). Check it out!

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Calendar

February 11, 2016

Board Meeting – Averill

February 18, 2016

Social luncheon – Red Garter Saloon

February 20, 2016

General Meeting – RCW

March 5-6, 2016

Rails in the Garden

March 10, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

March 19, 2016

General Meeting – Coburn (date TBD)

April 14-24, 2016

Pima County Fair

May 5, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

May 14, 2016

General Meeting – Mitchell

June 3-4, 2016

Gadsen Swap Meet

June 9, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

June 11, 2016

General Meeting - Fagg

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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