



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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May 1, 2016

TGRS GENERAL MEETING May 14, 2016 Glenn & Janet Mitchell

Time: Trains run at 9:00am
Meeting starts at 10:00am

Location: [5100 W Paseo del Campo](#)
Glenn cell: 907-4836
Janet cell: 743-9263

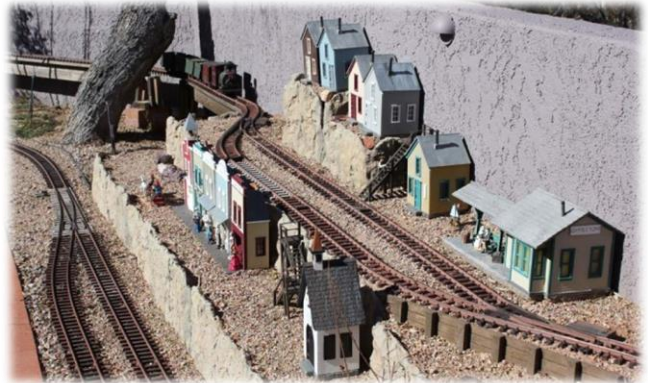
From the Intersection of I-10 & El Camino del Cerro (Ruthrauff):

Proceed WEST on El Camino del Cerro, go 2.3 mi. Turn LEFT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.4 mi. Turn LEFT (E) at Paseo de las Colinas, go <0.1 mi. (Rancheros jogs east several yards at Colinas). Turn RIGHT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.5 mi. Turn RIGHT (W) at Paseo del Campo. 5100 is the first house on right.

[The Turtle River Railroad](#) is a western, mostly desert, narrow gauge line set in the 1890's - 1900's.



The high line of the upper loop crosses from one mountain area to another over a 3-span, 10 feet long steel bridge. The changing elevation of the railroad requires the extensive use of trestles and tunnels.



A separate, automated mining branch operates from a mine to an ore tipple. This branch has several trestles and plate girder bridges.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook

We had a good turnout even though it fell during our busy time of The Pima County Fair.



The next luncheon is May 19th. The food is always good and the service friendly. 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.

Pima County Fair

by Willis Fagg

I wish to thank all the volunteers that made the 2016 Pima County Fair another successful event. This year we had 44 members participate. I also want to thank Dennis Mahar for his extra effort when we needed to adjust shift schedules for the school children.

Also this year we had a new building manager, Julia Heavner, who did a great job of working with us. We will be meeting with Julia sometime during the summer to plan for next year's fair. Julia requested an early meeting so we can influence the space we want for our display and not need to scramble to make the layout fit at the last minute. That will also mean that our set-up next year will likely occur even earlier than in the past few years. I have also requested that we work on a better method of badging and ticketing for our volunteers. Hopefully we can make that process easier in the coming year.

County Fair Exhibit

by Glenn Mitchell

Well, as our vice-president likes to say, another year's display at the Pima County Fair is "in-the-books". Our sincere thanks go out to everyone that helped make the fair exhibit a great success again! There are too many to mention individually in this short paragraph but thanks to the drivers, the set-up and tear-down crews, the members that decorated and installed the details that bring the layout to life, the members that took time to work one shift, the members that worked multiple shifts and those that helped the children operate the small (kids) railroad.

Overall things went fairly smoothly – there weren't many things that broke down.



Oops!

Fair attendees seemed to enjoy the layout and many questions were asked and answered. As usual, the children liked running Thomas and the other trains on the little layout.



Our bridge being used to train service dogs

Our Fair Commission liaison person was great to work with and we look forward to representing garden railroading again next year at the fair.

Fair Note: Check out videos of fair photos, including the first day of setup, posted on the TGRS web site under TGRS Displays.



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Madurodam was established in 1952 as a war memorial to war hero and resistance fighter, George Maduro. He died at the Dachau concentration camp in 1945. The parents provided the initial capital for Madurodam.

Madurodam

by Peggy Martin

A few weeks ago, Ruth Taylor and I went to Bruges and Amsterdam. One day we decided to take an all day tour that culminated near The Hague. We visited [Madurodam](#), it shows the different parts of the Netherlands through miniatures which are 25 times smaller than their real life counterparts.



The park-like setting reminded us of the garden railroads we all have come to enjoy. The grounds were beautiful and this time of year had many tulip gardens. If you are interested in knowing a little more about this detailed miniature park check out their website at

Email info@madurodam.nl or www.madurodam.nl

Look for Ruth's rail trip story in next month's newsletter...



Workers pose with a United Verde & Pacific Railway engine in Jerome around 1900.

MAY 2016

United Verde & Pacific Railway

Built in 1894, the United Verde & Pacific Railway, which connected Jerome to what is now Chino Valley, had more than 180 curves, inspiring some to call it the “crookedest line in the world.”

KATHY MONTGOMERY

Although the United Verde & Pacific Railway is little remembered today, Jerome owes a great debt to William A. Clark and the railroad he built over Mingus Mountain, which helped make the United Verde’s operation there the largest copper mine in the Arizona Territory.

Early prospectors knew there was a fortune to be made in the Black Hills, but getting supplies in and ore out was tough. The wagon road from Jerome to the railroad was long and punishing, even in good weather. In winter, it became impassable.

Clark bought the United Verde Copper Co. in 1888 and built a narrow-gauge railway after a drop in copper prices made hauling ore by mule teams unprofitable and an aerial tramway proved troublesome. It was a proposition too expensive for previous owners, but the wealth created by Clark’s numerous Montana mines gave him the resources.

Builders chose the 3-foot rail spacing because it was about half the cost of a standard gauge and the narrow gauge more easily managed the torturous mountain route. In 1894, Clark drove the ceremonial last spike, made of copper, gold and silver ore.

The United Verde & Pacific ran nearly 30 miles, connecting Jerome with the Santa Fe, Prescott and Phoenix line at what is now Chino Valley. It had more than 180 curves, leading some to call it the “crookedest line in the world.” At one curve,

passengers in the rear of the train could peer into the locomotive.

Passengers rode in a 30-foot coach and took in views of the Verde Valley and the San Francisco Peaks. In 1895, a reporter for The Coconino Weekly Sun described the route as “devious” but declared the scenery breathtaking. “It might be termed ‘the grand view line,’” he wrote.

For many years, the train terminated at Jerome’s smelter, 350 feet above the town. From there, passengers would take a terrifying ride in a horse-drawn buckboard, which slid down the hill before skidding to a halt at the Grand View Hotel.

Clark eventually built a new smelter at the company town that would become Clarkdale, and a new railway from Clarkdale to Jerome that siphoned business from the UV&P. The railroad ceased operations in 1920. Its tracks taken up and scrapped, it quickly faded from memory.

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SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM PRESENTS...

Train Day at the Depot

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SATURDAY, MAY 14th, 2016
414 N. Toole Avenue
(10:00AM-4:00PM)
 (Next to the Amtrak Station)

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Saturday, May 21

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By Claudia Nelson

More content has been added to the lending library. 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.

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson



Do you know what this is?
Answer revealed in next month's
newsletter...

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



If you ever get to Kansas City, Kansas, and would like an unique experience, visit [Fritz's Restaurant](#) where your meal is delivered by overhead trains.



Check out one of their [youtube videos](#).

Calendar

Thursday, May 5, 2016

Board Meeting – Martin

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Challenger Little League

Saturday, May 14, 2016

General Meeting – Mitchell

Thursday, May 19, 2016

Social Luncheon – Red Garter

Friday-Saturday, June 3-4, 2016

Gadsden Swap Meet

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, June 11, 2016

General Meeting – Fagg

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Summer Christmas at Diamond
Children's Hospital

Saturday, September 17, 2016

General Meeting – Forgues

Saturday, October 15, 2016

General Meeting– Clark

Friday-Saturday, November 11-12, 2016

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

Saturday, November (TBD), 2016

Martin Open House & General
Meeting – Martin

Saturday, December 3, 2016

General Meeting & Luncheon –
Golden Corral

Friday-Saturday, January 13-14, 2017

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

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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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