



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS GENERAL MEETING Saturday, June 11, 2016 Willis & Dottie Fagg

Time: Trains run at 9:00am
Meeting starts at 10:00am
Clinic starts at about 11:00am

Location: [12440 E. Ave de la Vista Verde
85749](#)

Phone: 760-0147

Directions:

East on Tanque Verde to Fennimore (approximately 2.6 miles east of Houghton), turn left (north on Fennimore). Avenida de la Vista Verde is the second right off Fennimore. Continue until Vista Verde turns south and we are on the inside of the curve. If you continue past the house, there is additional parking on both sides of the street.

The Catalina and Rincon Saddle (CRS) RR:



The Catalina and Rincon Saddle (CRS) RR is a steam era railroad that is an eclectic mix of scales, rolling stock, buildings (both scratch and kit) and humor (look for it). The railroad name

was derived from our location near the entry to Reddington Pass (between the Rincon and Catalina mountains); however, the initials came first!). The CRS RR features more than 360 feet of track that meanders along the wall enclosing the yard. The layout provides multiple loop options as well as two independent dog-bones or one dog-bone that extends the full length of the layout. The trains are battery powered.

Clinic: *Little Bit's*

"Minatures to Order/Small Repairs"

My first memory of miniatures was a large layout of Lionel trains my brother had in the cellar. He would be in charge of the trains and my mother and I would do the landscaping. I then went to Knott's Berry Farm and saw the Knott's daughter's fantastic display of miniature houses and stores.

These two events headed me to making my own dollhouse and furniture. Since then I have made letter boxes, bookends, replicas of photographs, lots of doll house furniture and period streets and towns. I especially enjoy setting realistic towns and areas along a train's adventurous route

I work in wood, clay and dough depending on the project. I do specialty orders and will consult on any project you can think of. I research each project for authenticity.

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Located in Oracle, AZ

SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook

We had a near record turnout for lunch on May 19th. Despite the fact I failed to make reservations, we all got served in a timely manner and the food was great as always.



The next luncheon is June 16th. 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.

Fair Raffle Winner: A very happy Steve Brown



CHALLENGER LITTLE LEAGUE

By Jerry Tulino

On Saturday, May 7, a group of 7 conductors and engineers arrived at the Challenger Little League baseball complex.



An enthusiastic crowd gathered as the layout was assembled. The addition of the houses scenery and, of course, Thomas brought the layout to life. Children of all ages and their parents stopped by the layout to watch and play with the trains. The raffle prize (starter set) was on display and generated great interest.



The "minors" games (younger ages) games were played first and then the older kids played. The drawing for the raffle was held during the later games and the winner was actually playing in her game at the time.



General Meeting

May 14, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell at his home. He thanked his wife for the wonderful refreshments she had prepared.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved as posted.

Ruth Taylor presented the treasurer's report. Checking account balance as of 5/14/16 is \$7,630, savings is \$17,238, for a total on deposit of \$24,868. Revenues from 3/20/16 are \$921, Expenses from 3/20/16 are \$812. Net revenues are (\$142). Year to date recap 2015/2016 - revenues are \$6,916, expenses are \$7,128, for a net revenue of (\$212). Recap dues paid 2014/2015 was \$2,475. Dues paid 2015/2016 was \$2,110. (71 members paid, 7 life).

Vice President Willis Fagg gave the upcoming calendar of events and meetings. Next general meeting will be at the Fagg's on June 11th, 10:00am. Board Meeting will be June 9th 2:00pm at the Mitchell's. September meetings TBA. October meeting at the Clark's in Green Valley at 10:00am on the 15th. Board meeting TBA. November 11th will be at the Martin's at 4:00pm after the open house. Board Meeting TBA. December 3rd is the Christmas luncheon at the Golden Corral at noon. The RCA Meeting will be in February, board meeting TBA.

County Fair wrap up - Willis reported some hiccups, but things went pretty well. Dick Izen liked the Revolutionary program, however need to find out why it deprograms occasionally. Raffle tickets brought \$670, layout cost was \$175. Suggestion was made to maybe switch to another layout besides Thomas. Perhaps a Christmas layout. Willis has already started to work with Julia regarding next year's schedule. She would like us to come in earlier before any other vendors come in. Security is a concern.

Swap meet is June 3rd and 4th. Summer Christmas Diamond Children's Hospital is June 15th between 11:00 and 2:30. The Great Train Show is at the TCC on June 11th and 12th. They want us to participate, however we are shorthanded and have too many other events during that time. Glenn will e-mail them as such.

Glenn brought up that Challenger Little League went smoothly. The children really enjoyed the trains.

Committee Reports -

Clinics -

- Next meeting a lady that does miniatures will be there to show her merchandise for sale.
- Maintenance (club equipment) Gary Martin reported that two trolleys at the Botanical Gardens have been fixed.
- Social Luncheon - Next Luncheon May 19th Red Garter.

Old Business

- Tucson Children's Museum - The various gauge sizes have been put on display. Artifacts have been put on loan from the Rodeo Parade Museum.
- Tucson Botanical Garden - Gary would like a group of people to come down and clean up, re-ballast track and work on buildings. It was suggested that we have sponsors for the buildings.
- Rodeo Parade Museum - Have now asked for a new old depot for the train display. Gary will work on that.

Modular Layout

- New interior skirting - Glenn thanked Claudia Nelson for making the new inside skirting and David Nelson for helping get the skirting up at the fair.
- Trolley system new town modules - Proposed to rebuild trolley track.
- Train Control System Revolution On-board receivers for some locos? Decision needs to be made. It was decided a group get together and make some decisions requiring direction.
- Yard back drop modules (for industrial scenery) - Gary volunteered to look into this. It was noted that the switch tracks cannot be impeded.

Glenn noted that we have many projects to think about for the upcoming commitments. Glenn will e-mail them as TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

Meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely submitted,

Pat Somerhalder
Secretary

TGRS GOES TO THE DIAMONDBACKS

By Chuck Cook

Everyone had a great time last summer with our trip to PHX to see the Arizona Diamondbacks. This year the trip is going to be much easier as the group will be taking the bus to the game. Mark your calendars now for October 2nd and I will put some details in next month's newsletter.



THE GREAT TRAIN SHOW

Great Train Show - Tucson, AZ

June 11-12, 2016 - 10am-4pm

Tucson Convention Center
260 S Church Ave, Tucson, AZ 85701

Onsite Adult Admission is \$8.00 for a ONE DAY ticket & \$9.00 for a TWO DAY ticket
Kids 11 and under are admitted free and do NOT need a ticket.

TGRS LENDING LIBRARY

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.

"ONE OF ARIZONA'S LARGEST MODEL RAILROAD SWAP MEETS"

THE CACTUS SUMMER MEET

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

\$6.00/PERSON \$11.00/FAMILY

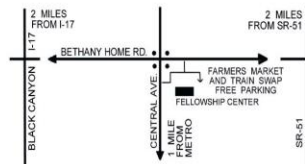
SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2016

(Large Farmers Market at the same time!)

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Phoenix, AZ 85012

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A Family Affair * Food Available
Train Layouts * Test Track
Door Prizes * Raffles
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CACTUS SUMMER MODEL TRAIN SWAP

Saturday, July 23, 2016
\$6.00 Single - \$11.00 Family
This coupon good for \$1.00 off cost of admission
One coupon per party

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson



ANSWER to last month's Trivia Corner:
JOURNAL BOX: The metal housing which encloses the journal (the journal bearing and wedge) of a car axle. This piece also holds the oil and lubricating device for lubricating the journal

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



While David and I were visiting our grandchildren in Indiana, we 'stumbled upon' a train store in our old stomping grounds of Carmel, Indiana. The shop is 5400 sq ft with a large O-gauge layout. I know that's not really our focus (being G-gauge enthusiasts), but the store is worth checking out if you're ever in the area. They run the trains every Saturday, and the store is packed with children! (146 W. Carmel Drive, Carmel, Indiana 4603



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Calendar

Friday-Saturday, June 3-4, 2016

Gadsden Swap Meet

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, June 11, 2016

General Meeting – Fagg

Saturday-Sunday, June 11-12, 2016

Great Train Show - TCC

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

Summer Christmas at Diamond Children's

Thursday, June 16, 2016

Social Luncheon – The Red Garter Saloon

Saturday, September 24, 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

Saturday, February 11, 2017

General Meeting – RCW

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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