



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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We still need volunteers to help RITG hosts! Please contact Willis if you can help.

TGRS General Meeting February 20, 2016

Where: [Rincon Country West RV Resort](#)
4555 S. Mission Rd.
Tucson, AZ 85746

When: 1:00 pm to watch trains
2:15 pm Meeting

Contact person: Bob Blodgett

Telephone: (608) 469-5883

Trains will be running before the meeting. The meeting will be held in the Recreation Hall adjoining the Auditorium. This building is next to the club train layout. Come and see what's new on the layout...

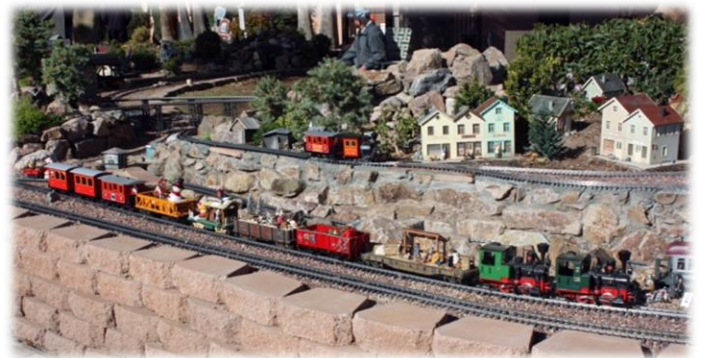
Directions to RCW RV Resort

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 several 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.



After a short break following the conclusion of our business meeting we will have a presentation of a couple of videos that have been produced by the [Rodeo Parade Museum](#). The first tells about the arrival of the railroad in Tucson and its impact on the community and surrounding area. The second gives a historical view of the Tucson Rodeo and the Rodeo Parade including vintage movie footage of early parades. We hope you can stay this presentation.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

By Chuck Cook

Port of Tucson Tour

We are taking a tour of [The Port of Tucson](#) on Tuesday February 7th at 9:30 a.m. This tour will be about one hour. After the tour, those that wish will head somewhere for brunch. The Port of Tucson is a huge facility located near I-10 and Kolb. They can handle intermodal traffic, semi-truck traffic and storage. They have their own railroad engine for on sight switching. It will be interesting to see how a great facility like this operates right in our own back yard. **Please call or e-mail Chuck Cook with your RSVP by February 2nd.**

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Change of usual date!

The next luncheon is changed from our regular date to a one time only gathering on **Wednesday February 22nd**. We will be going to the usual place; [The Red Garter Saloon](#), located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food is always great, the service excellent (it's getting like Cheers-the waitress knows us and our drinks by name), and the conversation varied and fun. Come Join Us! We're going back to playing some pool to work up an appetite. Pool at 11 a.m. or be there around 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Request from our Vice President:

RITG: We still need several volunteers to support the Rail-in-the Garden hosts. Please let me know if you can work one or both days.

Pima County Fair: I'm taking sign-ups for the Pima County Fair. Please watch your e-mail for ongoing status of the volunteer list and sign up. We need plenty of help and I need to staff the event by early March so I can distribute tickets at the March meeting.

Note: If you are a RITG host, please be at the February meeting to pick up your signs, donation containers, clipboards, etc. If you cannot attend, please let me know who will pick them up for you. Thank you, Claudia

BOD Elections Approaching

2017 is an election year for our TGRS' board of directors. The club board consists of officers - President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor - and four At-Large Members. Each board member is elected for a two-year term. If you have suggestions for a nominee, or if you would like to volunteer to be a nominee, for any of the board positions, please contact a member of the current board of directors.

Nominations will close in mid-April and the nominees for each board position will be listed in the May newsletter. The election of officers and at-large board members for fiscal years beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2019 will be conducted at the May, 2017, TGRS general meeting.

Please consider nominating a fellow club member for a board position or better still, volunteer to be a nominee for a board position. Serving on the board is a good way to help shape the future of our club and get more involved in, and learn more about, the club and our activities.

Thank you!
Glenn Mitchell

New Exhibit at Mini Time Museum Featuring Bob Murphy's Creations

The Mini Time Museum will be displaying several of Bob Murphy's scratch-built houses in a temporary exhibit entitled: [Bob Murphy's Railroad Town](#) sometime this summer. He thinks about 10-12 buildings will be included...what a showcase for him and his skills. Maybe we can convince him to hold a clinic to show us how he does it?

Minutes of General Meeting

January 21, 2017

Meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell. Glenn thanked the Averill's for hosting and providing indoor accommodations due to inclement weather.



In the absence of treasurer Ruth Taylor Glenn gave an abbreviated treasurer's report. Cash total on deposit is \$25,300.



Vice President Willis Fagg gave an updated calendar or events report. The RCW meeting is February 11th at 2:15 PM. The board meeting will be on February 9th at 2:00PM. March is at the Blackwell's on March 18th, board meeting on March 9th. No meeting in April, May is at Bob Murphy's on the 20th and is a luncheon. Board Meeting May 11th. Willis still needs a host for June.

Willis announced swap meet and VA were pretty good. Attendance seemed to be down. Pima County Fair set up will be on April 6th, two weeks before opening (track only). Building layout has changed as the layout is now on the eastside and only one door to bring trailers in. Tear down and load out dates are subject to change.

Ronald McDonald luncheon is May 10th; TMC Christmas is June 2nd; No Richie's Walk this year.

Newsletter editor Claudia Nelson asked that articles keep coming. Glenn reported for Jerry Tulino that the Website had 128 hits with 30 maps pulled.

The social luncheon for February will be on Wed. the 22nd.

Under Old Business - Chuck reported PR for RITG is moving along. Public Layout Status - Tucson Children's Museum has the scale for the different gauges completed. Diamond Children's reported they love train. Rodeo Museum has cactus installed.

Modular layout, town modules moving along slowly, have rails. Next meeting February 11th - election of officers during May 20th meeting. No meeting in April.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Somerhalder
Secretary

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

HI-CUBE (or HIGH-CUBE) CAR: Originally a box car of approximately 85 ft. in length and 10,000 cu. ft. capacity, designed for hauling automobile body stampings and other low density freight. The term has become frequently used to describe any box car of excess weight. (More about High-Cube Containers on [Wikipedia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/High-Cube_Containers).)



1By David Wright - Flickr: Moving Containers at Humber Sea Terminal

Sidetracked

by Claudia Nelson

Beautiful Abandoned NYC Subway Station



There is an abandoned subway station under City Hall in New York that no train stops at but you can see it in passing if you take the number 6 train (which makes a loop allowing you a great view). It was opened in 1904, but as ridership at City Hall dwindled and cars got longer, causing the stop to be unsafe, it was closed.

TGRS Membership Application

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a 501(c)(3) 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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TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President: Glenn Mitchell - president@tucsongrs.org

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Calendar

Tuesday, February 7, 2017

Port of Tucson Tour

Thursday, February 9, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, February 11, 2017

General Meeting – RCW

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

Luncheon – The Red Garter

Saturday-Sunday, March 4-5, 2017

Rails in the Garden Tour

Thursday, March 9, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, March 11, 2017

ABTO Tour of Tucson Layouts

Saturday, March 18, 2017

General Meeting – Blackwell

Thursday - Saturday, April 6-8, 2017

Pima County Fair - Setup

Thursday - Sunday, April 20-30, 2017

Pima County Fair

Monday, May 1, 2017

Pima County Fair – Load Out

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Ronald McDonald House - Lunch

Thursday, May 11, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, May 20, 2017

General Meeting – **Murphy w/Lunch**

Thursday, June 8, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Monday, June 26, 2017

Christmas at Diamond Children's