

Volunteer Awards Program Synopsis

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The Volunteer Awards Program was created to recognize Tucson Garden Railway Society members for their contributions to the clubs activities.

Awards are given out based on points system for the number of volunteer shifts. The volunteer shifts are Rails in the Garden, Arizona Big Train Operator visit(by- annually), Pima County Fair, Swap Meet, Christmas in June, Light the Night, Luminaria Nights at Tucson Botanical Gardens, and the VA hospital, as well maintenance days at Tucson Botanical Gardens, Drivers, Setup and/or Take Down of modular layout or Children's layout. Also, added incentive for being a Board member gives you 3 shifts per meeting if President, 2 shifts per meeting for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter editor, **REV 2 Website Manager**, and 1 shift per meeting for Board Members at Large, and visitors.

Each shift is one credit. After 10 shifts, the Carman award is given, 20 shifts the Gandy Dancer, 30 shifts the Switchman, 40 Shifts the Brakeman, 50 shifts the Silver Fireman, 60 shifts the Silver Engineer, 70 shifts the Silver Conductor.

A Vest and Club patch are awarded at 50 cumulative shifts.

The Golden Spike and Gold Conductor are reserved for the President of the Club, past and present.

The Gold Engineer is reserved for the Vice-President, past and present.

The Gold Fireman is reserved for the Secretary, Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Board Members at Large, Website Manager, and Committee Chairpersons.

The points are tallied by Fiscal Year (July-June), and while points accumulate for the next award, a minimum of 10 shifts must be worked in a Fiscal Year in order to be awarded next pin. An Example is: you have awarded your Carman pin for working 10 shifts in 1 year, but the next year you only work 8 shifts, the following year after that you work 12 shifts, you are then awarded both the Gandy Dancer and Switchman as you have tallied 20 more points for both years and are then awarded the next level pins.

If you have any questions, please contact the Volunteer Awards Program chairman.