

The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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Our Dues Were Due Last Month

Send a Check to Ruth Taylor Ruth Taylor 4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place Tucson, AZ 85735

There is no Meeting in August

We meet again in September on the 13th at Dr. Jim White's Home in Starr Pass

Open House Party at the Cactus Patch Railroad

From John Carmichael and Phil Pappas

Dear TGRS Members:

We would like to invite all TGRS members to an evening open house party featuring The Cholla Patch Railroad on October 4th between 6pm and 8pm.

Phil's version of "light" refreshments, wine and beer will be available. (Hint: Don't have dinner before you come).

Enjoy an early evening of railroad viewing, railroad music, and railroad camaraderie.

New to our layout since fall of last year are the following big improvements:

- 1) 150 ft. of new complex wood trestles with safety walkways and platforms
- 2) New automated LED signal lights from South Bend Signals and Shiloh Signals (they look best at night)
- 3) 200 ft. of new railroad viewing and nature trail with additional seating area for guests.
- 4) Tons and tons of new natural rock landscaping on and around the railroad.
- 5) DCC controlled engines with MTH sound. (MTH Triplex and MTH F-3 and F-7) and others- at the same time!
- 6) A surprise new hand-made railroad structure that will blow your mind (if I get it finished on time)

Please RSVP by Sept. 20. Hope you can make it, John Carmichael Phil Pappas When: October 4th between 6pm and 8pm.

Where: 925 E. Foothills Dr.,

(near 1st Ave & River Road) Tucson AZ 85718-4716

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Email: <u>ilcarmichael@comcast.net</u>
Cactus Patch Railroad photos:

https://www.flickr.com/photos/jlcarmichael/

Social Luncheon

It will either be 100+ degrees or monsoon rains, so we probably won't be working on our railroads. But that doesn't mean we can't get together and talk about them. How about a nice air conditioned place like The Red Garter Saloon, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food and service there is always excellent, that is why we keep going back.

The date is Wednesday August 20th. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch.

Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

Blackwell's Mountains

For those who haven't seen them here are some shots of Barry and Gina's Wall paintings. Contact Barry for the name of the artist.





Travel Report-The Speyer Technik Museum

By Dick Izen

In late May and most of June, Jeanne and I took a cruise from Antwerp to Basel on the Rhine and Mosel Rivers. The boat took us through Belgium, Germany, France and Switzerland.

One of the many stops we made was at the town of Speyer on the Rhine River in Germany. Speyer, founded by the Romans, is one of the oldest towns in Germany and has an 11th century cathedral and basilica. While there we discovered a gem of a museum that has many displays that I think will interest club members.



Sign at entrance

Called the Technik or Technical museum its collection focuses on all forms of transportation including automobiles, ships, aircraft, space shuttles and, of course trains.



Der Alder, one of Germany's earliest steam engines.



A WW I military engine



Above, that's me barely visible in the cab of a German freight locomotive.



Ed- It really is him but I bet he used the rolling stairs and not the engine steps



When you insert a 1 Euro coin this locomotive's wheels revolve illustrating the connecting rods and valve gear. There are even sound effects that keep pace as the 'train' accelerates.



A rocket engine, diesel mining truck, small diesel locomotive, 2 fireless steam locomotives, an electric motor, mounted jet aircraft and hydrofoil boat illustrate the eclectic nature of the museum's collection.



Diesel switch engine, electric main line motor and passenger car displayed outside the building.



WW II era Russian locomotive



Modern Chinese steam and European freight cars behind the main building.



Track maintenance crane and boom car.



Modern double ended Deutsch Bundesbahn diesel locomotive.

While I realize most of us are not going to run off to Germany, Speyer is only 25 km from Ludwigshafen and Mannheim and about an hour's drive south from Frankfurt. If you are going to be in Germany it is well worth the trip.

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 6911 E. Baker St. Tucson, AZ 85710

Calendar

September 11, 2014 -Board Meeting-Martin's September 20, 2014

General meeting at Dr. White's Home

October 4th, 2014

Open House Party by John Carmichael/Phil Pappas from 6pm to 8pm

October 9, 2014 - Board meeting – Martin's October 18, 2014

General meeting at the Fennema's, 10:00 AM
November 1, 2014 - ABTO touring TGRS layouts
November 6, 2014 - Board meeting—Martin's
November 8, 2014

Open house at Martin's, TGRS meeting at 3:00 PM

November 14/15, 2014 - TTOM Swap meet

December 4, 2014 - Board meeting—Martin's

December 6, 2014 - Luncheon at Golden Corral, 12:00 PM

December 26, 29-31, 2014 - Setup and run trains at the VA

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