



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON DECEMBER 6, 2014

Where: The Golden Corral on Thornydale just south of Ina Road

When: beginning at 12 noon.

The cost this year is unchanged at **\$11.00 per person** which includes beverage and gratuity.

Ruth Taylor will be collecting money for the event

If you are unable to attend the November meeting, you can send your check to Ruth made payable to TGRS.

Ruth will also be collecting the day of the event but it really helps if you have paid in advance. Regardless, you need to let Ruth know if you plan to attend so we can give the Golden Corral a headcount in advance.

Holiday Gift exchange

For those who have not attended before, we conduct a gift exchange.

It is not mandatory. The exchange rules are as follows:

- 1) One gift per family in order to participate
- 2) Railroad themed gifts (wrapped of course) should be limited to a maximum of \$20
- 3) Participating members will select a gift in an order predetermined by drawn numbers
- 4) Gift selection is made from the "pool" of available gifts or stolen from a previous gift selection
- 5) Any individual gift is limited to being stolen a maximum number of two times and then is declared "frozen"
- 6) Any single member may have gifts stolen a maximum of two times at which time that member is declared exempt

TBG Luminaria nights Dec. 5-7 and Dec. 12-14

The Tucson Botanical Gardens Luminaria nights are Friday thru Sunday starting at 4:30 and running until 8:30. We'll run trains a talk up the RITG If you've already signed up you just need to show up.

If you'd like to come out contact Gary at 520 299 7428

VA Display December 26-31 2014

This year's VA train display will run from the 26th until the 31st. We will set up on Friday the 26th starting at 9:00AM. We'll run trains on the 29th and 30th from 8:30AM until 4:30PM and then tear down on the Morning of the 31st. Contact Willis at 520 760-0147 or km6mv@cox.net to sign up for a shift or with any questions.

January shows

The AZ State Home Show and the TTOM January swap meet both take place the second weekend in January. We have signed up to do both shows. Contact Willis to volunteer to help out. Below is the schedule
Wednesday January 7: Initial set-up at TCC for the home show.

Thursday January 8: Complete set-up at the home show.
Friday January 9: run trains at the home show 12:00-6:00 PM ALSO set-up and run Children's layout at the swap meet 12:00-7:00 PM.

Saturday January 10: run trains at the home show 10:00 AM-6:00 PM AND run trains and tear down the children's layout at the swap meet 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.
Sunday January 11: run trains and tear down at the home show 10:00 AM-5:00 PM.

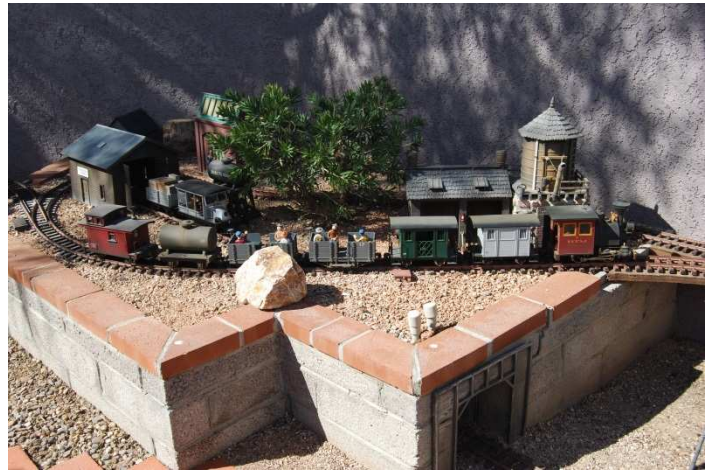
Monday January 12: load out at the home show 9:00-10:00 AM or so.

ABTO Round-a-Bout 11/1/14

Some 30 folks of our sister club in Phoenix came to Tucson to tour 6 of our layouts. With our thanks, they toured the layouts of John Carmichael and Philip Pappas, Darel and Anne Magee, Glenn and Janet Mitchell, Bruce and Carolyn Lynn, Ron and Helen Koehler and Jack and Rosalie Forgues.

In addition, Janet Mitchell with help from many club members, put on a wonderful lunch for our guests; well other club members helped at the various layouts on display.

For those new to the club, the touring of club layouts has become a sort of a here and there yearly series with ABTO (Arizona Big Train Operators). When visiting Phoenix, we always get some new ideas of what we can do to our layouts and in general just enjoy seeing trains in action. And of course we get to catch up with our friends from the north.



Climbing the grade at the Carmichael-Pappas RR



The gazebo on the Cactus Patch Railroad



*Mine train at the Glenn & Janet Mitchell's RR
Lunch at the Mitchell's - Debbie Cook Cooking!*

Final stop at the Jack & Rosalie Forgues' railroad

PERILS OF TRAIN TRAVEL

By Pat Somerhalder

My first admission to this story is that my husband and I are of the senior citizen variety. Me far more so than he is as walking, climbing steps, etc. is a strain on my joints. He, on the other hand, still rides 50 miles at a time on his bike and is quite strong (and he is older than me, too). So you can imagine for me to keep up with him is quite an effort on my part.

So what was I thinking when we decided to sign up for a bike and barge trip from Bremen, Germany to Amsterdam, Netherlands. Well, actually, it wasn't that bad. After all, he could bike it and I would barge it. I knew the barge would stop early in the day at its ports and I could visit the towns on the way while he was biking through the country side trying to catch up with me. It really was a no brainer. For those that don't know, Bruce would bike from port to port, but sleep and eat on the barge. Sixteen of us left from SaddleBrooke for this trip. They had a guide and if they wanted not to ride they stayed on the barge.

Well, that seemed pretty simple. Let's extend this trip to arrive in Germany two weeks early. Now we could ride the trains around the country side and see what Germany has to offer. Sitting on a train watching the scenery go by didn't seem to be too stressful. And it would certainly give us a nice flavor of Germany.

Let me back up a little bit. Remember Bruce, my husband is going to be biking. That requires taking helmets, jerseys, shoes, and whatever else a bicyclist deems necessary to go on this trip. Plus the fact we had to be prepared for warm, cold and rainy weather. Well, we managed to fit everything into two fairly large suitcases and one small carryon.

Our itinerary was to start in Munich, go to Wurtzburg, Cologne, Hamburg and Bremen. I will tell you that I would go back to any of these towns in a heart beat. They were all beautiful and we did many touristy things.

Anyone who has ridden trains knows you do not dilly dally when getting on or off. They have schedules and they try very hard to maintain them. My husband was great and we managed to get on and off of all the trains with really no difficulty at all, thanks to the fact that he could handle our suitcases relatively easily.

Hamburg was one place we could not miss. That is where the Wunderland Museum is with all of the trains, airplanes, fire trucks, police cars, etc. whizzing through in miniature. This has been featured on the internet many times. I wanted to see it up close and in person and I must say that it was well worth it. Strangely enough, it was the airport that I became extremely fascinated with. The airplanes were taking off and landing, cargo trucks were scurrying around, one plane was on fire and a fire truck was there putting it out. For me this was the high light of the trip.

The next day we left by train for Bremen where we were to board the barge. This is where train travel became interesting. We had our reservations. Now remember we have two large suitcases and one small suitcase. We were on coach 12 seats 91 and 92. So when the train arrives we are looking for our coach.

Twelve coaches is a long train. We didn't see the coach. The train is starting up so we decided just to hop on. At this point we are more than half way down the train. Bruce decides to leave our luggage and we continued to look for our seats. We found coach 11, but nothing past coach 11. So we decided perhaps the coach for some reason was put on in the front of the train. We got to coach 1. No coach 12.. What to do? It did enter our minds if we were even on the right train. It was already chugging down the tracks so we decided to just find some empty seats so we wouldn't have to stand for the duration of the trip, however the train was packed and those without reservations were already seated. We were afraid we might be out of luck. Fortunately, walking down through the cars we ran into one of the ticket takers. We asked her where coach 12 was. She said, "Oh, there is no coach 12." I told her my ticket says coach 12. She took the ticket and did reassign us our seats. When we found them we did have to ask the people sitting there to move as these seats had now been assigned to us. As our luck would have it we had managed to leave our suitcases near these new seats so we did not need to move them. Once settled everything went well, but it was a little harrowing not sure for awhile if we were in the right place.

That was our last train ride in Germany as the next day we were on the barge heading for many small towns along the Weser and other rivers on a brand new adventure.

TGRS Board Meeting November 6, 2014

Meeting was called to order by President Gary Martin. He thanked Chuck and Debbie Cook for the fine job they did on the ABTO Round-a-bout.

Last board meeting minutes of October 9, 2014 were approved. Ruth Taylor submitted the treasure's report. Checking account 11/6/14 \$11,073. Savings account balance 11/6/14 \$17,228 for a total on deposit of \$28,301. Revenues from 10/10/14 are \$772 Expenses are \$155 leaving a net of \$617. Year to date recap starting July 1, 2014 revenues are \$3,182, expenses are \$3,230 leaving net of (\$49). Total dues paid for 2014/2015 are \$2,460. 6 member still unpaid. To date 94 members. Vice President Willis Fagg reported on upcoming dates. General meeting and open house at Gary Martin's house is November 8th. Next board meeting is December 4th, Christmas luncheon is December 6th. January 15th board meeting and general meeting on the 17th. February meeting at RCW in question. Swap meet is November 14th and 15th. January swap meet will conflict with the Home Show. December 23rd Christmas Party for children with cancer at the Tucson Diamond Children's Hospital, noon to 2PM. Set up at 10AM. Pima County Fair set up with be April 9th- 11th. Fair runs April 16th - 26th. Load out on the 27th.

Editor Nick Buchholz says the newsletter is going fine. Needs articles.

Glenn Mitchell will be doing a demonstration before the next meeting.

Under maintenance, Gary Martin needs help getting the train at the Tucson Botanical Gardens set up for the Luminaria Nights. Glenn Mitchell said UMC was in good shape. Glenn hadn't heard anything from TCM.

Jerry Tulino reported 89 members. Nick said he has someone who wants to be mentored, however has not joined the club yet. Chuck Cook announced the social luncheon on the 19th was a success. There will be no luncheon in December. He may restart in January.

Chuck Cook reported that the ABTO Round-a-bout went smoothly. Gary Martin reported that Richie's Walk went well. Had a good turn out and everyone seemed to enjoy it..

Offsite projects there will a work day on November 16th, the third Sunday at 11:00AM at the Rodeo Parade Museum. They will be working mainly on the sound system.

The TBG Luminarias are December 5, 6, and 7 and 12, 13, and 14. Sign up lists will be available.

Under new business, next board meeting is December 4th. General meeting is November 8th, December luncheon is on the 6th.

The TGRS is looking for a nomination's chairperson for the upcoming elections.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Somerhalder

Secretary

TGRS event Pictures



*Setup at Richie's Walk
Participants at Richie's Walk*



Our Fearless Vice-leader at the Martin's



Rails in the Garden March 7th & 8th 2105

Remember to reserve this weekend for Rails in the Garden. We have lots more layouts open and will need lots of volunteers to help out. Try to arrange to help a host railroad at least one of the two days. Contact Janet Mitchell for details. As of now the hosts are:

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| 1. Carmichael-Papas | 2. The Karrels |
| 3. The Blackwells | 4. The Somerhalder |
| 5. The Dorgans | 6. The Mitchells |
| 7. The Forgues's | 8. The Koehlers |
| 9. Buchholz-Ker | 10. RCW |
| 11. The Martins | 12. The Faggs |

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:

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Calendar

- December 4, 2014** - . Board meeting– Martin's
- December 5-7 2014**– TBG Luminaria Nights
- December 6, 2014** - Luncheon at Golden Corral, 12:00 PM
- December 12-14 2014**– TBG Luminaria Nights
- December 26, 29-31, 2014** - Setup and run trains at the VA
- January 7, 2015** – Setup for the American Home show
- January 8-11, 2015** - Run Trains at the Home show
- January 9-10, 2015** – Setup and run trains at the TTOM swap meet
- March 7-8, 2015** - Rails in the Garden 2015

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