



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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**Remember your 2015-16
dues...**

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19th (2 locations)

Trains running before the meeting: (8:30-9:30am)

Bruce & Carolyn Lynn
4901 W. Lambert Lane
Tucson, AZ 85742

General meeting: (10:30-11:30am)

Bob & Lucy Murphy
2839 W. Lambert Lane
Tucson, AZ 85742

Meeting information and directions are on
the following page.

SOCIAL LUNCHEON

Our social lunch has been drawing great crowds-come join us. The next outing is **THURSDAY September 17th**. To try to have some regularity, for the remainder of the year the luncheon will be the 3rd Thursday of each month. 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.

Running of the trains (pre-meeting):

Directions to Bruce & Carolyn Lynn

From the southeast or east, take River Road until it turns into Thornydale. Continue going north past Ina to Lambert Ln. Turn west onto Lambert Ln.

From the west and I-10, take the Twin Peaks exit. East to Linda Vista, North on Camino de Oeste to Lambert Lane, then west to address.

From N Oracle, take Tangerine Rd west to N La Cholla. Turn south on La Cholla to Lambert Ln, then turn west.

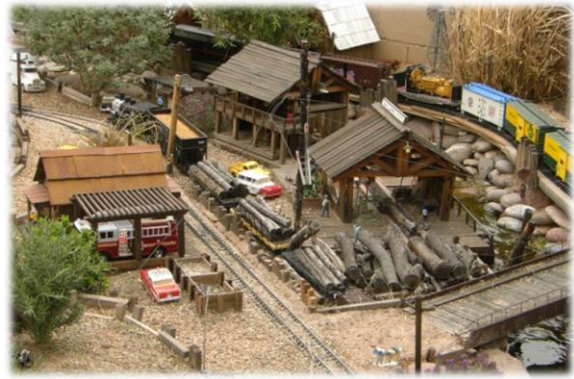
Tortolita Mountain Railroad was started in 2005. It has grown to 3 loops with about 450' of track.



Bruce and Carolyn run track power on Aristocraft Stainless Steel sectional track, with mix of steam and diesel with long trains.



The structures are all scratch built in the Lynn's own rustic style.



In addition to the outside layout, Bruce will be running their overhead garage trains, a double loop with a twin tower drawbridge.

Note: Bruce has agreed to host multiple workshops to share his knowledge with us. Look out for notices in future newsletters.

General Meeting:

Directions to Bob & Lucy Murphy

If you're coming from Lynn's, Murphy is about 1 mile east on Lambert Ln.

From the southeast or east, take River Road to La Cholla. Turn north going past Ina to Lambert Ln. Turn west onto Lambert Ln.

From the southwest or west, take River Road until it turns into Thornydale. Continue going north past Ina to West Pecos Way, which merges into Lambert Ln.

From N Oracle, take Tangerine Rd west to N La Cholla. Turn south on La Cholla to Lambert Ln, then turn west.

Although Bob and Lucy don't have a railroad layout, the rumor is that their buildings are really wonderful. Be sure to check them out!

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

By Chuck Cook

Eleven club members took the trip to see our D-Backs play on Aug. 12th. We lost the game 7-6, but had a great time. We had a chance to ride the light rail in Phoenix and of course got to enjoy ballpark food.

Sharon Laird led the group and brought her baseball glove to protect us from line drives. Also along were the Martins, Ulmers, Conrads, Mitchells and Cooks. The Martins were the big winners in Home Run Lotto (it paid for Gary's beer) and the Conrads collected at the end of the game because they held the envelope at the last out.

Several members had not been to Chase Field before and were in awe of an enclosed stadium with great A.C.

I think we will make it an annual trip. Maybe next year we will sit in the All You Can Eat section?

ABTO Tour Update

Our trip to PHX to see layouts of our friends at ABTO is set for Nov 7th. Here is a letter from John up there who is in charge of the planning. Mark your calendars and save the date!

Everything is shaping up. The schedule at this time includes visiting 5 or 6 layouts in NW and Central Phoenix. You will visit three layouts and end up at my layout for a barbecue lunch, live steam demonstration on the club's steam table in the back of my 1/2 acre lot, plus a demonstration of the 1:32 scale MTH on my layout proper. We also will have a flea market at our place. After lunch, you will visit 1 or 2 more layouts, plus one in Casa Grande on your way home (optional). It is right off the I-10 and easy to get to.

Can you arrive here as early as 9:00 for the first layout in Goodyear where light breakfast snacks will be available? That would give us about 30 minutes at each of the morning layouts with 20-30 minutes driving time in between. Then mine would take longer because of the added activities. You should be on your way home by 2:30.

We will finalize the details after the Board meeting on Sept 16 and I will send you the information for you to distribute to the club members.

Vice President's Report

I hope everyone had a great summer and are well rested to resume our club activities. I know we had great participation at the National Garden Railway Convention in July and it was great to see everyone there. We did participate in a couple of activities during the summer; Summer Christmas at Diamond Children's Hospital and several evenings at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. Thanks to those who were in town and helped out.

We have the usual Fall line-up planned. This year we may add one more children's layout activity, the Lymphoma Society Light the Night Walk. This will be held on October 3rd at Keno Stadium. This event will be reviewed by the Board of Directors at the September meeting. Art Bruacksick will provide more detailed information.

I have been notified that our long time contact at the Pima County Fair, Peggy, would be retiring in August. That means we will be breaking in a new contact for our annual participation. Hopefully it will be someone we already know.

A Very Special Train

By Willis Fagg

As many of you know, we have two great grandsons; William who is 11 years old and lives in Oklahoma and 9 year-old Caedan who lives here in Tucson. Both have been my rail fans since a very early age, but especially William who has recently been accumulating equipment in hopes of having his own garden railroad sometime in the future. We were thrilled when they both, along with our son (William's dad), joined us for their first garden railway convention in Denver this summer.

During the convention, William was very intent on purchasing a boxcar "for his collection". Additionally, Caedan was committed to purchasing his own car with his own money. Dottie and I were not sure why Caedan wanted a car other than he does have a starter set he uses at Christmas time. Perhaps he was wanting to keep up with his cousin.

Fast forward to mid-August when Dottie and I were preparing for a very special event, our 50th anniversary. Actually our anniversary date is really early September but in order to get our son to attend we needed to schedule the celebration early. The event was really a full weekend with the official party on Saturday evening. William and his dad arrived on Thursday and spent the afternoon at Caedan's house working on a "special project".

On Friday we invited all of our out-of-town guests to our home for a "pre-party party" to thank them for making the effort to help us celebrate. As the evening progressed and sunset approached the boys invited everyone outside where they had been running trains. As can be seen in the photos, one of my engines was adorned with congratulatory signs for the

occasion. Additionally the train included two new cars which just happened to be those purchased in Denver. The cars were specially decorated with signage and interesting looking LED lighting. As darkness fell, the lighting system was activated and what a show it was.



The lights (both on top and the underside of the cars) have the ability to display multiple colors and patterns. The light display is controlled via a website menu on our IOS devices and a Wi-Fi link using our personal network. As was explained to us later, William was responsible for the concept. Caedan was brought on board during our trip to Denver where the cars were purchased. The system, electronics and software was developed by our son with considerable help from William, who is learning hardware design but is already a capable programmer.



The boys had a great time demonstrating their gift to us and everyone in attendance was impressed. It truly was a special train.

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If you ever find yourself in northern California, be sure to visit the [Sonoma TrainTown Railroad](#), one mile south of the Plaza in Sonoma.



Our grandchildren loved riding the train along the 4 mile track, over bridges, and by miniature villages.



They had lots of fun feeding the goats at the train station, but the alpacas were too aggressive for the little children.



INTERESTING TRAIN LINKS

Have you seen the **Tucson Garden Railway Kids Club** information on the [Tucson Botanic Gardens web site](#)? It's great press for our club... Thanks to whomever got it published there!

A Quick Reminder

Beginning with the September meeting, the Board Meeting minutes will not be published in the monthly newsletter, BUT will be available on our TGRS web site (see below):

Information about the Club's history, leadership and membership.

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [History of the Club](#)
- [Club By-Laws](#)
- [Board of Directors Meeting Minutes](#)
- [Educational presentations](#)
- [Officers and Committee Chairmen](#)
- [Volunteer Recognition Program](#)
- [How to join](#)
- [Mailing list information](#)



Calendar

September 17, 2015

Social Luncheon

September 17, 2015

Board Meeting- Martin

September 19, 2015

General Meeting- Lynn / Murphy

October 3, 2015

Lymphoma/Leukemia Society "Light the Night Walk"

October 8, 2015

Board Meeting - Mitchell

October 17, 2015

General Meeting – Pearson

November 6, 2015

Richies Walk

November 7, 2015

ABTO Tour – Phoenix

November 12, 2015

Board Meeting – TBD

November 13-14 2015

Gadsen Swap Meet

November 14, 2015

Open House & General Meeting – Martin

December 3 2015

Board Meeting – TBD

December 5 2015

Holiday Luncheon – Golden Corral

December 26-31, 2015

VA Trains

January 6-10, 2016

Possible Home Show

January 8-9, 2016

Gadsen Swap Meet

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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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