



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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March 1, 2016

TGRS General Meeting March 19, 2016 Bob & Winnie Coburn

Where: [11118 N. Mountain Breeze
Oro Valley 85737](#)

When: 12:00 Noon to watch trains
1:00 pm – General Meeting

Telephone: (520) 297-2177

Directions: In Northwest Tucson - Oro Valley - Start anywhere north of Ina on La Canada Drive up to Lambert Lane. Pass shopping center on right, El Conquistador Country Club on left. Turn left on Naranja Drive. Go 2 blocks to Mountain Breeze Dr, then turn left. Home has flag pole and will have signs for the meeting.

Bob says he's looking forward to the meeting and to look for the RR Signs. He's the only house on the street with an in ground flagpole. He plans to be running at noon, but might not have enough seating for everyone, so bring your chairs.

The Cailyn Crossing RR

The RR started, as I suspect, many others did. I put a G Scale train around the Christmas Tree and found 5 little neighbors watching it with me.

As our kids were starting to have children, I thought their little ones would like it too, so I decided to expand outside. As we were presented with more grandchildren, places and business on the RR were named for them.



The RR time frame is the 1860s with wood burning engines with a few excursions for Thomas the Tank and Snoopy engines. Buildings are a combination of kit and scratch built. Denver and Rio Grande, and Florence and Cripple Creek engines and cars travel from Cailyn Crossing to Justin Junction passing Colin's Farm and Morgan Mountain.



Bob took the whole layout apart and cleaned and re-fabed all of the buildings, plus the track has been re-ballasted.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



Fun with the February Luncheon Group

You better wear that green or prepare to be pinched. The next outing is Thursday March 17th. Your drinks will be green too! But wait, there's more. You now know what March 17th is. If you can identify the significance of March 13, 14 and 15, you will win a free meal at this luncheon. Who said there is "no free lunch"? First correct phone call to me is the winner. Come early to shoot some pool, no rules, just fun on the felt.

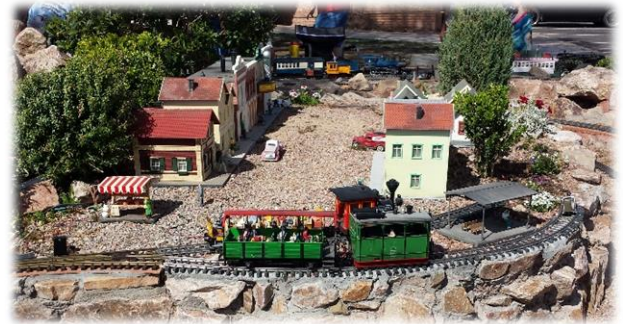


The place is The Red Garter Saloon, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. Pool at 11:00 a.m., or be there at noon for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TGRS General Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2016

The meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell. Glenn thanked Rincon West for hosting. He also thanked them for committing for next year.



Minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor reported a checking balance of \$5,920, savings \$17,238 for a total on deposit of \$23,157. Revenues from 1/15/16 were \$420, expenses \$505 leaving a net revenue of (\$85). Year to date recap 2015/2016 \$2,987 expenses \$4,909 with net revenue of (\$1,923). Dues paid 2014/2015 \$2,475, 2015/2016 \$2,110, 71 paid & 7 life.

Vice President Willis Fagg report:

Meetings -

- March 10th - Board meeting - Mitchell's
- March 19th - General meeting - Colburn's
- No meetings in April
- May 5th - Board Meeting - Mitchell's
- May 14th - General Meeting - Mitchell's
- June 9th - Board meeting - Mitchell's
- June 11th - General Meeting - Fagg's

Events -

- Pima County Fair – April 14th-24th
- Challenger May 7th – 3:30-7:00
- Gadsden Swap Meet - June 3rd & 4th

Newsletter -

Claudia Nelson reported she needs articles.

Poling Cars Presentation

By Wayne Wesolowski

Committee Reports -

Website –

Jerry Tulino reported that the club's history goes back to 1995 on the website. Jerry has also put on the website all of the club's community activities for a complete overview showing the commitment to Tucson.

Clinics -

There may be a clinic at the May meeting

Social Activities -

Next Social Luncheon will be at the Red Garter on March 17th

Old Business -

2016 Rails in the Garden - Janet Mitchell announced that packets and signs were in the parking lot. Gary Martin talked about those not participating to sign up as volunteers at one of the railroads

Public Layouts -

Tucson Children's Museum - Wants to bring era up to the 50's with new facades (painted) around the track. Also would like to have a display of all sizes.

Tucson Botanical Garden always has problems.

All other layouts are doing well.

Other Old Business -

TBG Family Fun Day- Clean up on 2/25, run trains on 2/26.

New Business -

Ken Karrels is starting a lecture series at the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum.

Silver Spike presentation is March 19th 3:00pm.

Wayne Wesolowski presented three hand-made poling cars to three members, the Mitchells, Martins and Blackwells.

Respectfully submitted

Pat Somerhalder, Secretary



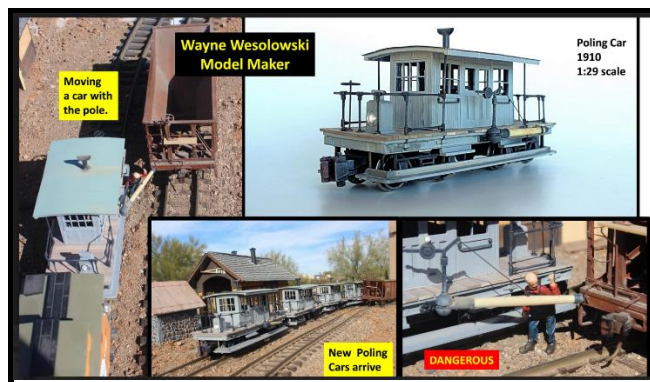
Gary Martin, Wayne Wesolowski, Barry and Gina Blackwell, Glenn and Janet Mitchell

Wayne presented several members of the club with models he had constructed from plans he found, and explained his reasoning below.

The criteria we used for giving away the cars to our friends was:

- 1) Folks with large layouts that were frequently open to the public helping in education and outreach
- 2) Those who had served or helped with the club in officer and volunteer roles.
- 3) Over the last 13 years those we had worked with and had become good friends, e.g. Barry Blackwell was always willing to answer my questions and he and I are both first class packrats so there was plenty of "stuff" to share.

Following is a photo of my cars with another photo showing how the poling works. With these cars in a flat multi-track yard one could switch three parallel tracks with the poling car and an engine in the middle and the poles extended either right or left...forward or backward. At the time that was real efficiency...but really dangerous.



A Message from our VP

By Willis Fagg

Pima County Fair: I have submitted the request for tickets and badges. I plan to distribute the tickets at the meeting on March 19th, so please try to attend, it makes my job a lot easier. If you still want to participate, you need to let me know as soon as possible but I can't guarantee I will have extra tickets.

Golden Spike Society

By Norm Ulmer

Beginning in 2014, the Tucson Garden Railway Society decided to recognize those members who, thru their considerable efforts and dedication to the principles of the TGRS, had achieved all of the awards they could earn under the TGRS's Awards Program, including the Golden Conductor Pin reserved for those who had served as TGRS President. Thus, the TGRS created **The Golden Spike Society** whose membership is limited to those who have achieved all of the foregoing awards.

At this time, the Golden Spike Society membership is as follows: Jon Anderson, Nick Buchholz, Willis Fagg, Gary Martin, and Norm Ulmer.

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORATION MUSEUM HISTORY TALKS

WHEN: Sundays at 3pm (see dates below)

WHERE: 414 N. Toole Ave, Tucson
(520) 623-2223

March 6th – The Tucson, Cornelia and Gila Bend RR
by Richard Dick

March 20th – “A Commodious Ride: Passenger Train
Service in Arizona at the Turn of the 20th
Century” by Susie Morris

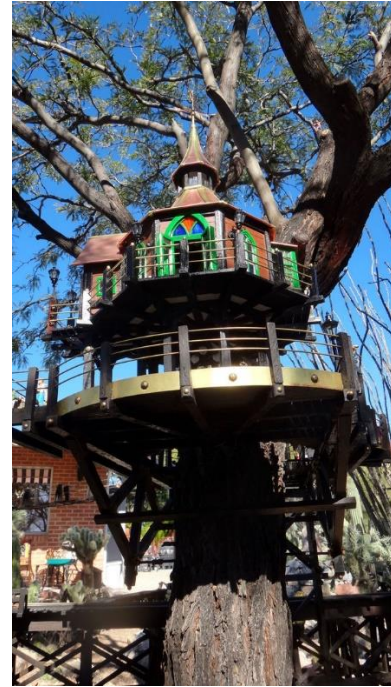
March 19th – Celebration of the Arrival of the
Railroad into Tucson (136th Anniversary),
Saturday, 10am-11am

Excerpt from AZ Daily Star Article on John Carmichael's Layout

February 27, 2016 5:30 am

[By Elena Acoba](#) *Special to the Arizona Daily Star*

Springtime means garden tour time. Here are sneak peeks from (*one of*) five upcoming events.



John Carmichael's garden railway, complete with a treehouse in a mesquite tree, is part of the 2016 Rails in the Garden Tour.

CHOLLA PATCH RAILROAD

John Carmichael tries to keep a balance between his 100-yard-long rail line and the cholla, prickly pear and ocotillo that were in his Foothills yard before he laid track.

“I figured it's a garden railway,” says Carmichael, whose home is one of the stops in the 2016 Rails in the Garden Tour. “Everyone gets rid of the garden part.”

The former horticulturist wrapped his layout around the desert plants, allowing them to serve as giant trees in an 1890s setting. A train station sits halfway up a mesquite.

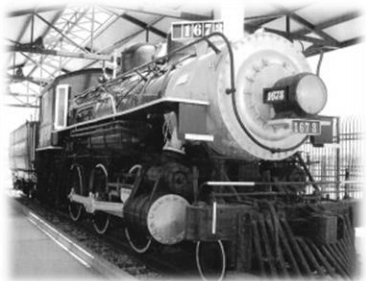
Carmichael built all of the elements, including 200 feet of redwood trestles that elevate the line into three levels.

“I've always loved old-fashioned roller coasters,” he says. “And that's what my train looks like.”

**The Southern Arizona
Transportation Museum
Presents
The 11th anniversary of the
Silver Spike Festival
Celebrating the
136th anniversary of the
railroad to Tucson**



On March 19th, 2016, at 10:00AM, the celebration and reenactment of the arrival of the Southern Pacific Railroad to Tucson will begin down at the Historic Railroad Depot, 414 N. Toole Ave. This annual event will take place in front of Locomotive #1673 (featured in the movie "Oklahoma").



- 1880 Period attire is encouraged
- Display of the original 1880 Silver Spike
- The 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment Band
- Mayoral Proclamation
- Display of historic modes of transportation

[Southern Arizona Transportation Museum](#)

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TGRS LENDING LIBRARY

By Claudia Nelson

Phase I is all set up and ready to go. If you have anything you have that you think other members might like to 'check out', just send me the specifications and I'll add it to our [TGRS lending library](#) inventory.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



If you ever manage to get near [Monon, Indiana](#), be sure to stop at the [Whistle Stop Café and Monon Connection Museum](#).

The **Monon Railroad**, also known as the **Chicago, Indianapolis, and Louisville Railway** from 1897 to 1956, was an American [railroad](#) that operated almost entirely within the state of [Indiana](#). The Monon was merged into the [Louisville and Nashville Railroad](#) in 1971, and much of the former Monon right of way is owned today by [CSX Transportation](#). In 1970 it operated 540 miles (870 km) of road on 792 miles (1,275 km) of track; that year it reported 1320 million ton-miles of revenue freight and zero passenger-miles. (It showed zero miles of double track, the longest such Class I railroad in the country.)



Calendar

March 5-6, 2016

Rails in the Garden

March 10, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

March 17, 2016

Social Luncheon – Red Garter Saloon

March 19, 2016

General Meeting – Coburn

April 14-24, 2016

Pima County Fair

May 5, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

May 7, 2016

Challenger Little League

May 14, 2016

General Meeting – Mitchell

June 3-4, 2016

Gadsen Swap Meet

June 9, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

June 11, 2016

General Meeting - Fagg

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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:

Jerry Tulino

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