



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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August 1, 2016

Next Meeting: September 24th

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SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



We had a good turnout at the July luncheon. The next luncheon is Thursday, August 18th. 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 GOES TO THE DIAMONDBACKS

By Chuck Cook

A group of us will be headed to Phoenix to close out the 2016 baseball season by watching our Diamondbacks in action. The date is Sunday October 2nd. First, if you are remotely interested in attending, please send me an e-mail as when it gets closer to getting tickets (the end of August, before the next newsletter) I plan to try to form a group and get tickets sitting together. Second, some of us will be taking the Diamondbacks Express (1-602-514-8400 option 1) to the game. This is a bus that leaves from Foothills Mall at 9:10 a.m. that day and drops us at the far eastern corner of the stadium. The bus costs \$25 per person round trip. You can take food and drink on the bus, so you can pack your lunch, drinks and dinner in a small cooler if you wish and leave it on the bus while at the game. Getting a seat on the bus is up to each individual(s) and is separate from our plan of getting all our game tickets at once so we can all sit together. You must call and pay for your tickets for the bus relatively soon (these are not reservations; you will be charged for the bus when you call). As I write this, there are 37 open seats on the bus. You DO NOT have to take the bus to join in on attending the game. When we know who is going to the game I will send out a list of anybody that wants to form a carpool rather than take the bus. So, if contemplating the game (non binding), e-mail me now. If you wish to take the bus, call to buy tickets fairly soon. GO D-BACKS!!

Santa Clara Garden Railway Convention Barbeque

By Peggy Martin

The Santa Clara Garden Railway Convention Barbeque was held at the Roaring Camp and Big Trees Narrow Gauge Railroad on Wednesday, July 6th. The Roaring Camp Railroads operation began in 1963. The founder and owner was F. Norman Clark. His goal was to “bring the romance and color of steam railroading back to America.”



The Roaring Camp is located on 170 acres in Felton, CA. The narrow gauge railroad climbs grades up to 8.5% and also utilizes one major switchback to reach the top of Bear Mountain, a distance of 3.25 miles. One of the highlights is the beautiful redwood forest that the train travels through.



Many members of TGRS have said Gary Martin is lucky and I guess he is because he won a trip to the top of the mountain, in the cab/engine of the Roaring Camp Two Truck Shay. It is a beautifully restored locomotive. Gary rode the train up the hill.



Barry Blackwell and Peggy Martin (me) rode it back to camp. It was great! The engineer and fireman answered our many questions and I think they were impressed with Barry’s knowledge and the questions he asked. Cool weather, beautiful park, tasty meal and a ride in the cab of the engine, it was a memorable day.

32nd National Garden Railway Convention

By Claudia Nelson

The convention was well organized with a wonderful convention book which had not only maps and great directions to each location, but also information about usefulness of your GPS, bathroom availability, handicapped access, etc. I’ll bring the catalog to the September meeting so anyone interested can look at it.

Below are photos we took of several layouts of interest we visited during the convention.

The Eastern Tennessee & Western Northern
California RR (Yronwoode)



Redwood tree inside the layout.



Crystal Cavern Mining Company looking down into
Fern Gulley and the Russian River



The famous Sunken Bridge at Doe River.

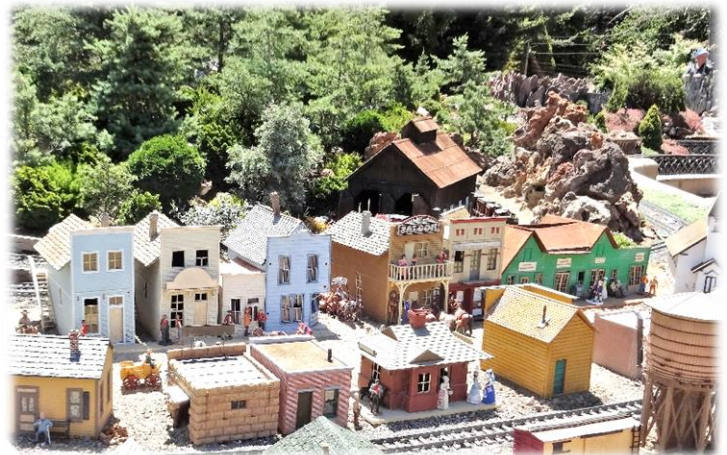
Miniature Plant Kingdom Railroads (Herzog)



Herd of longhorn cattle



Train on bridge over mustang group



Western town front of miniature forest

The Lone Pine and Tonopah RR (Paul)



Red Rocks layout with tottering rock at top

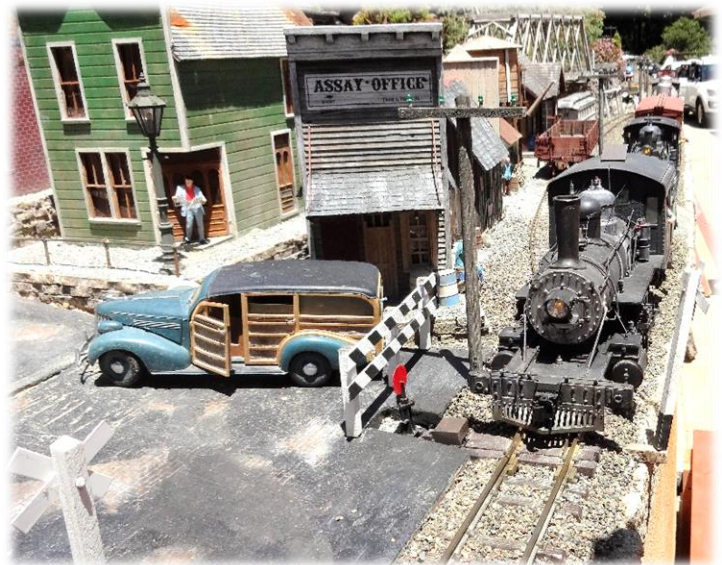


Mine tour train through red rocks

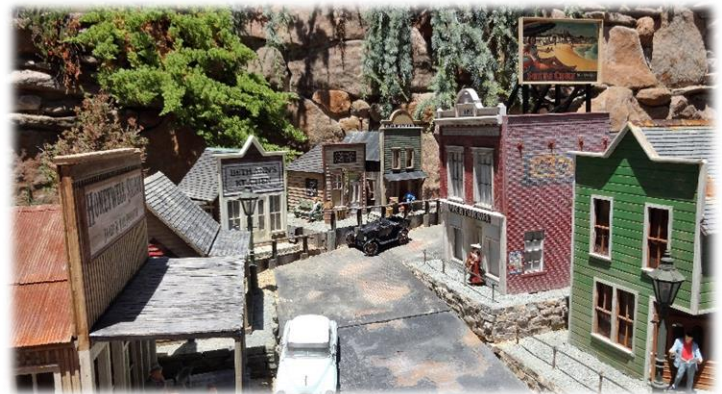
The Sonoran Pacific Narrow Gage RR (LaBarba).



Garage decorated with antique signs and antique gas pumps



Here comes the train!



Western town with great detail

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

DEADHEAD: Employee riding on a pass; any nonpaying passenger. Also a fireman's derisive term for head brakeman who rides engine cab. Also a locomotive being hauled "dead" on a train.

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[ZDT's Amusement Park: Sequin, TX](#)



Switchback is the first modern wooden shuttle coaster ever to be built, and derives its name from an 1884 ride that many consider to be the first roller coaster in America - Switchback Railway (which was itself named after the Mauch Chunk Switchback Railway, a coal-mining train turned tourist attraction in 1827). At 6 miles per hour, this ride was the first step in a historic revolution of entertainment!



Switchback is currently the world's only wooden shuttle roller coaster that goes forward and backward.

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

Calendar

Thursday August 18, 2016

TGRS Luncheon – The Red Garter

Thursday, September 8, 2016

BOD Meeting – Martin

Saturday, September 24, 2016

General Meeting – Forgues

Sunday, October 2, 2016

Diamondbacks Baseball

Thursday, October 6, 2016

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, October 15, 2016

General Meeting – Clark

Thursday, November 3, 2016

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Friday-Saturday, November 11-12, 2016

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

Saturday, November 12, 2016

Open House & General Meeting – Martin

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, December 3, 2016

General Meeting & Luncheon – Golden Corral

Monday, December 26, 2016

VA Trains - Setup

Tuesday-Thursday, December 27-29, 2016

Run Trains - VA

Friday, December 30, 2016

VA Trains – Tear Down

Thursday, January 12, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Friday-Saturday, January 13-14, 2017

Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet

Saturday, January 21, 2017

General Meeting – Averill

Thursday, February 9, 2017

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, February 11, 2017

General Meeting – RCW

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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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