



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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## 2016-17 DUES TIME!

PLEASE BRING YOUR **\$30** CHECK TO  
THE NEXT GENERAL MEETING OR SEND:

**Ruth Taylor**

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**Tucson, AZ 85735**



## TGRS General Meeting 15 October 2016 Marvin & Sandy Clark

Address: [1978 E Orinda Lane, Quail Creek,  
Green Valley, AZ 85614](#)

Phone: 520-742-0716

Trains run @ 9:00am – Meeting @ 10:00am

### Directions From Tucson and I-19

Get off at Sahuarita Exit #79. Turn left onto West Sahuarita Rd. Go through 5 signals, about 1.7 miles. At sixth light, turn right on South Nogales Highway. Go 2 miles to next light and turn left on Continental Hwy toward Madera Canyon and Continental. Proceed 2.2 miles and turn left onto Quail Creek at E. Quail Crossing Blvd. (There will be a white fence on your right before you turn.) Stay in the left lane to the guard gate. Starting at the guard gate, go to the second road to the left, N. Laguna Oaks Dr. (about 0.7 mi) and turn left. Go to Orinda Ln (0.2 mi) and turn right. Clark home is third home of the right.

### Clark Canyon and Tsavo RR:

The Clark Canyon and Tsavo RR is a work in progress in a gravel yard (quite a challenge). Two battery trains and one LGB run over approximately 300 feet of track being careful not to run into each other at a common crossing. The trains meander through family farmland and sawmill, near Clarion PA into Cook Forest State Park, complete with cabins and bears, overlooked by a fire tower.

They travel onto a trestle leading to Old Arizona near Tombstone and then cross an iron bridge to enter beneath Mt. Kilimanjaro on the way to the Tsavo area of Kenya, Africa. (Home of Tsavo Lions and "The Lunatic Line" 1989). The bridge over Tsavo River is not completed yet because of the lions attacking the railway workers – look for their skull remains. You might see Colonel Peterson, sitting on the front of the Uganda RR locomotive as he comes to kill the man-eating lions. Be careful not to sign up for dinner.

# SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

*By Chuck Cook*

The next luncheon is Thursday October 20th. The place is [The Red Garter Saloon](#), located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food is always great, the service pleasant, and the conversation varied and fun. Come Join us. No pool this time, be there around 11:30 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

## Welsh Station Name

*By Dick Izen*

In August Jeanne and I visited a railway station in Wales with an unusually long name. It was LLANFAIRPWLLGWYNGYLLGOGERYCHWYRNDROBWLLANTYSILIOGOGOCH, for a total of 56 letters.



Here is the platform sign with a pronunciation guide on the 'down' platform. (Platforms in Great Britain are 'up' if the track leads towards London and 'down' if it leads away from London.)



The station with identifying sign.

## General Meeting September 24, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by Willis Fagg at the Pearsons' home. They were thanked for hosting and for the refreshments provided. There were 24 attendees present.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

Willis also presented the Treasurer's Report: Total on deposit, \$25,146; expenses from 07/01/16, \$864. The 2015/16 year-to-date recap: Receipts: \$7,576.92; expenses \$7,265.30 (net revenue \$311). The 2016-17 year-to-date: Receipts \$619, expenses \$864 (net revenue -\$245) Dues paid for 2016/17: \$990. It was suggested by a member that the Newsletter notice about annual dues should have the amount (\$30) in larger bolded type.

Vice-President's Report (Willis Fagg & Dennis Mahar):

- The upcoming general meetings will be: October 15, 10am, Clarks; November 12, 4pm Martins; December 3, Noon, Golden Corral luncheon; January 24, 1pm Averills; February 11, 2pm, Rincon Country West; March 18, 10am, Blackwells.
- The upcoming Board meetings will be held at 2pm at the Mitchells on: October 6, November 3, December 1, January 12, February 9, and March 9.
- The Summer Christmas event at the Diamond Children's Center went very well. We received a thank you letter for participating. The trip to the Diamondbacks game is slated for October 2 – check with Chuck Cook for more information. The Carmichael/Pappas Open House is October 22, 5:30 to 8pm.
- Because of a conflict, the invitation to again participate in Light the Night was declined. Also, there were issues last year that would need to be addressed for future participation; i.e., trailer parking issue; very few kids actually used the layout; a tepid welcome; could not bring trailer in to pack up until families left; lights were turned out and had to use flashlights to load out. We did receive

a thank you letter from the campaign manager.

- Future Swap Meets are scheduled for November 11-12 and January 13-14. The VA hospital display is slated for December 26 (set-up) through 12/30. The ABTO tour is set for March 11 (Tucson) – layouts for tour are pending. Willis has also set up a planning meeting with Julia for the next Pima County Fair. There are still some issues under discussion concerning whether TGRS will be able to participate in the January Home Show.
- Check the Newsletter for upcoming social events.

#### Committee Reports:

- Let Gary Martin know if you would like a clinic on a particular subject/project and he will try to set it up.
- Maintenance of the various club projects is ongoing and there have been no new issues. The Conrads were commended for taking great care of the Tucson Botanical Gardens outdoor layout.

#### Old Business:

- Tucson Children's Museum – items have been donated; updating is in progress.
- Rodeo Parade Museum – doing OK as far as we know – closed for the season.
- Diamond Children's Center – doing OK.
- Tucson Botanical Gardens – there are the usual maintenance issues. The new Director of Operations like trains! Luminaria Nights are the first and second weekends in December, Friday through Sunday. A few volunteers will be needed each weekend.
- The Train Control System: Revolution is out of business. They are willing to repair items on a time and materials basis.
- Gary Martin is coordinating the layouts for Rails in the Garden 2017 (RITG). If you live anywhere East of First Avenue and would like to be on the tour, please contact him. The event is still in need of volunteers. Contact the following person(s) if you can help: Janet Mitchell, Willis Fagg, or Dennis Mahar (general assistance), Chuck Cook or Ken Karrels (publicity), Jerry Tulino (website), Jerry Tulino or Chuck Cook (maps), and Claudia Nelson (host

packages). There will be an RITG planning meeting held either right before or after the October general meeting at the Clarks.

#### New Business:

- Gary Martin has items for sale from a late train enthusiast's widow. Contact him for a list and prices.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gina Blackwell

*Does anyone know who designed our club logo? While at this year's convention David and I got several comments on our logo and how much it was liked. We'd like to give credit where credit is due...Claudia*

## Trivia Corner

*Courtesy of Jerry Wilson*

**SANDERS:** Devices operated by air for applying sand to the rail in front of or behind the driving wheels of the engine.

## Open House Invitation

We are pleased to invite all TGRS members  
to our annual evening Open  
House/Buffer/Running of Trains on

**Saturday October 22 from 5:00pm to 8pm.**  
**Please RSVP by October 15**

This year we will be running multiple trains using the new Railboss 4 trackside and battery radio control systems featuring automated station stops. Also making the rounds will be a beautiful new USA Trains die cast Hudson that has been modified to run on MTH Protosound and Protosmoke using the new MTH smartphone App. Improvements to the railroad include new structures, landscaping and night lighting. And the food will be **GREAT!**

*John and Phil*

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**[Click to see MAP](#)**

## TGRS LENDING LIBRARY

More content has been added to the lending library. 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.



## **ALL ABOARD**

**You are invited to the 13th  
annual**

## Open House

AT

**Gary and Peggy Martin's**

EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN RAILROAD

*Date: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016*

**Place: 4625 E. Cerro de Aguila,  
Tucson AZ**

- 1. TGRS November Meeting will begin at 4.00pm**
- 2. General Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM - Open free to general public.**
- 3. Food and beverages will be served after 5:00PM for club members, their families, and other special guests.**

**If you plan to stay for the food and beverages, please **RSVP by November 07<sup>th</sup> with numbers who plan to attend.****

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## SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



### **Goat Canyon Trestle Bridge: World's Largest Wood Trestle**

Only 15 miles from the Mexico border, in the Southern section of Anza-Borrego sits one of the largest freestanding wooden trestles in the entire world. Unfortunately, this bridge is accessible by a 6-mile round trip hike, not a hike for novices. The rail line was built to connect Yuma with San Diego, and was completed in 1919. To learn more about this trestle, check out and interesting blog written by a self-confessed "travel junkie": [California Through My Lens](#).

## Calendar

- Sunday, October 2, 2016**  
Diamondbacks Baseball
- Thursday, October 6, 2016**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell
- Saturday, October 15, 2016**  
General Meeting– Clark
- Thursday, October 20, 2016**  
Social Luncheon – The Red Garter
- 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**  
Gen 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
- Saturday-Sunday, March 4-5, 2017**  
Rails in the Garden Tour
- Thursday, March 9, 2017**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell
- Saturday, March 11, 2017**  
ABTO Tour of Tucson Layouts
- Saturday, March 18, 2017**  
General Meeting – Blackwell

## TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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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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