



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

TIMETABLE

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November 1, 2016

ARE YOUR 2016-17 DUES OVERDUE???

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

Ruth Taylor
4081 S. Tarantula Hawk Place
Tucson, AZ 85735

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Pool Playing Returns
By Chuck Cook

The next luncheon is Thursday November 17th. The place is [The Red Garter Saloon](#), located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The food is always great, the service excellent (it's getting like Cheers-the waitress knows us and our drinks by name), and the conversation varied and fun. Come Join Us. We're going back to playing some pool to work up an appetite. Pool at 11 a.m. or be there around 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

This year our annual Holiday Party is on December 3rd. It's held at [Golden Corral](#) on the NW side of town at noon. We share yummy food and a fun gift exchange. **You may sign up with Ruth Taylor via e-mail or pay her at the next meeting.** The cost is \$11 per person for all you can eat and drink. You do not have to participate in the gift exchange. If you wish to do so, purchase a new, preferably train related item in the \$15 range. Wrap it like any other Christmas gift and bring to the event. You will be given a number, and when called you may select a gift. The rules for steals will be explained at the party. The Golden Corral is located at 6865 N. Thornydale Rd. If you are arriving from the north, just turn right in to the parking lot. If you are coming from the south, turn left at the stoplight on Horizon Hills Dr. and then turn right behind the first building and drive to the restaurant.

TGRS Open House & General Meeting 12 November 2016 Gary & Peggy Martin

Address: [4625 E Cerro de Aguila,](#)
[Tucson, AZ](#)

Phone: 520-299-7428

Open House: 10:00am – 3:00pm

Meeting: 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Food & Beverages: 5:00pm

See invitation on the next page of the
newsletter.



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 07th** with numbers who plan to attend.**

**520 299-7428 or
pgmartin5@hotmail.com**

General Meeting

Saturday, October 15, At the Clark's

Meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell. Minutes of the September general meeting were approved.

Ruth Taylor gave the treasurer's report

Checking account balance 10/15/16:	\$8,051
Savings account balance 10/15/16:	<u>\$17,245</u>
TOTAL	\$25,296

No expenses	
Net revenues from 9/13/16	\$150

Year to date recap 2016/17: Receipts	\$769
Expenses	<u>864</u>
Net revenue	(\$95)

Year to date recap 2015/16: Receipts	\$7,576.92
Expenses	<u>7,265.30</u>
Net revenue	\$311.62

Dues Recap:	
Paid 2014/2015	\$2,475
Paid 2015/2016 (71 paid/7 life)	2,110
Paid 2016/2017 (38 paid)	1,140

CALENDAR OF UPCCOMNG EVENTS:

Vice President Willis Fagg reported

November 12th - Gary Martin's Open House and General Meeting.

Board Meeting, Nov. 3rd at the Mitchell's.

December 3rd - Christmas Luncheon and meeting

December 1st - Board Meeting at the Mitchell's

January 21st - General Meeting at the Averill's

January 12th - Board Meeting at the Mitchell's

February 11th - General Meeting at Rincon West 9:00AM

February 9th - Board Meeting

March 18th - General Meeting

March 9th - Board Meeting

March 11th - ABTO

December 26th - VA Set Up - Runs 3 days, tear down December 30th

Phyllis Dirksen announced that [Apache Junction Railroad Open House](#) is November 19th 8am - 3pm (see flyer below).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership - Jerry Tulino reported that 38 paid, 7 life members and not all of the snowbirds have returned.

Website - Jerry says all is running. Thinking about setting up a list for friends.

Clinics - Norm has an idea for building 7/8 size modeling. Other ideas were discussed.

Social Activities - Next luncheon is October 20th at the Red Garter

Gary requested that those wishing to stay for eats after November's meeting let him know as he needs to order tables, etc.

OLD BUSINESS

Rails in the Garden - Donations - Suggested no starter set as no tickets. Will discuss at later date. 8 Layouts, Tickler on website.

Public Layout Status - Trolley meeting following today's meeting.

Next Meetings - Board Meeting November 3rd at the Mitchell's. Next General Meeting at Gary Martin's 4:00pm November 12th

Meeting was adjourned,

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Somerhalder Secretary

Carmichael / Pappas Open House

As usual, John Carmichael and Phil Pappas threw a great open house and train run on Saturday, October 21st. Phil had laid out lots of fabulous food, especially the spicy chicken tacos, and great desserts for the folks who came.



John is running his trains with a phone app (pretty impressive) and has added some more details. His layout is so much fun to see!



The Superstition Mountain Museum
Announces
the formal dedication of our new
G scale model



**SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN
MUSEUM RAILROAD**

on Saturday, November 19, 2016.

The event will be held at 4087 N. Apache Trail, on the historic Apache Trail in Apache Junction, Arizona. It will run from **9AM to 4PM**.

The event is free to the public!

Food will be available on site from Pat "The Hot Dog Lady" Atzin, and snacks and drinks are available in our General Store.

Bring the kids to see the Thomas the Tank Engine and Percy train layout. They can even push the buttons and make the trains go.

For more details, go to our events Calendar at www.superstitionmountainmuseum.org

Superstition Mountain Museum
4087 N Apache Trail Apache Junction, AZ 85119-8409 480-963-8888

7/8n2 Symposium

By Norm Ulmer

There is another large scale Garden Railroad that is gaining popularity both here and abroad. It is commonly referred to as "7/8n2", which implies that the trains are in a scale of 7/8th of an inch to the foot, or, 1:13.7, and run on 2-foot narrow gauge track. But, not to worry, in this case, the track is standard G gauge track, the same track we run our LGB, Bachmann, Hartland, Aristocraft, and USA trains on. If you compare the scale - 1:13.7 to 1:20.3 or 1:22.5, you'll see that the rolling stock is about half again larger than typical rolling stock we run normally.

While not as common as 3-foot narrow gauge railroads were in this country or elsewhere, a search on Google will show there were quite a few lines in this country that ran on 2-foot narrow gauge track. Some still do. One line still operating on that gauge is the Sandy River and Rangely Lakes line in New England. LGB has sold a lot of little Forney engines which carry the SR&RL labels, even though their scale is 1:22.5, thus simulating meter gauge (39.3") track, rather than 2-foot track. The SR&RL line was both a passenger and freight line, but now is primarily a tourist line.

Another 2-foot line which has been popular with model railroaders, mostly in the smaller scales (HOn3, Sn3, etc.) is the Gilpin Tramway which operated in central Colorado during the late 1800's and early 1900's. This line mostly serviced the mining industry in and around Gilpin County Colorado, and was eventually sold to the Colorado & Southern on June 27, 1906. The line was terminated in June, 1917. At one time, the line operated 5 excursion passenger cars.

For more lines utilizing 2-foot narrow gauge track, Google "2-foot narrow gauge railroads".

7/8n2 can be a fun and whimsical railroading experience. A very fine source of what can be done in this scale, I refer you to a website entitled www.7/8thsinfo. There you will find many articles and discussions on engines, both live steam and electric, rolling stock of every description including sugarcane cars and slate wagons from Wales, etc. The smaller cars and engines can operate easily on any G scale layout. Some of the larger cars such as the Sandy River and Rangely Lakes require a 10 - 12-foot radius track layout. I've kept my models small enough to negotiate 5 - 6-foot radius track layouts.

While there are very few manufacturers producing 7/8thn2 items, there are two with whom we are familiar. Ozark Miniatures (www.ozarkminiatures.com) has a limited line of parts for the scratch builder and a few kits in this scale. Another vendor is The Train Department (www.thetraindepartment.com). They handle parts, kits and small live steam engines in this scale.

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

FUSEE: Combustible torches which burn for ten to fifteen minutes as warning signals to other trains when touched off, placed, or thrown on the ground by train service employees.

Second Saturday Cinemas at SATM

Southern Arizona Transportation Museum



FREE FAMILY FUN!

Event starts Saturday November 12

- Arts and crafts station and FUN FUN train rides at 4:30pm
- 1673 locomotive cab tour
- Popeye showing starts at 5:30pm

Location:

- 414 N Toole Ave, Tucson AZ 85701
- Phone number: 520 623 2223
- Email address: SATM1673@outlook.com
- Website: tucsonhistoricdepot.org



Coming in December at the Depot – 12th Annual Holiday Express with Santa Saturday, December 17th, 12-4PM

(MORE INFORMATION IN THE DECEMBER TIMETABLE)

CONGRATULATIONS TO BOB MURPHY FOR BEING FEATURED IN THE OCTOBER 30TH SUNDAY ARIZONA STAR. THE BUILDINGS HE CREATES ARE TRULY FANTASTIC. CHECK IT OUT!

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson

One L O N G Train Journey (Yixinou) connects Madrid, Spain to China's Zhejiang Province, breaking the 2014 world record for a train that ran across Russia to North Korea.



The train runs through 8 countries: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Belarus, Poland, Germany, France, and Spain, and covers about 13K kilometers, taking 21 days to make the trip.

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TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

Calendar

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

Thursday, May 11, 2017
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Thursday, June 8, 2017
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

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The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a 501(c)(3) 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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