



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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ARE YOUR 2016-17 DUES OVERDUE???

PLEASE BRING YOUR **\$30** CHECK TO
THE HOLIDAY PARTY OR SEND TO:

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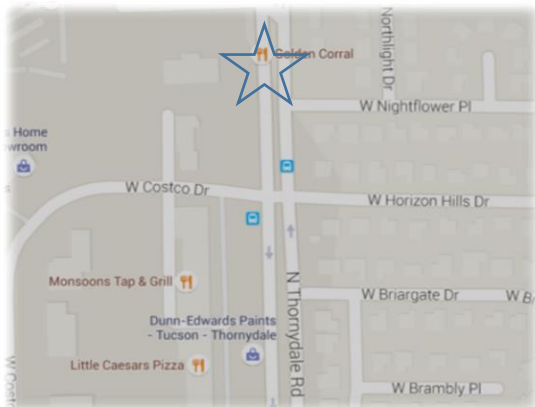
TGRS HOLIDAY PARTY & GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER 3RD

Where: Golden Corral
6865 N Thornydale Rd

When: Noon – 3:00pm
Includes lunch, brief meeting, & gift
exchange

Location: On Thornydale Rd, just north of Costco.

Our annual holiday party is on December 3rd and you can still get in on the action. It's held at the Golden Corral on the NW side of town at noon. We share yummy food and a fun gift exchange. The cost is \$11 per person for all you can eat and drink. You do not have to participate in the gift exchange, but if you wish to do so purchase a new, preferably train related item in the \$15 to \$20 range. Wrap it like any other Christmas gift and bring it to the event. You will be given a number and when it is 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 into the parking lot. If you are coming from the south, turn left at the stoplight at W. Costco Drive (W. Horizon Hills Drive on the right), then turn right behind the first building and continue on to the restaurant.



SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook

We have the Christmas party, Luminaria weekends and a long run at the VA. So, there will be no social luncheon in December. We will resume in January when everybody can tell us what train related things they got as Christmas presents. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYBODY!!!**

General Meeting

November 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order by President Glenn Mitchell. He thanked Gary and Peggy Martin for opening their home with dinner following the meeting.



A correction to last meeting's minutes was noted. The meeting time in February at RCW will be at 2:15pm. Minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer Ruth Taylor gave the treasurer's report. Checking balance \$8,300, savings \$17,245, for a total of \$25,545. Receipts from 10/14/16 were \$450, expenses were \$52, for a net of \$398. Dues paid for 2016/2017 are \$1,470 (49 members).

Vice President Willis Fagg recapped the end of the year December 3rd is the Christmas Luncheon at the Golden Corral. There will be no board meeting in December. January general meeting will at the Averill's on the 21st. Board meeting at Mitchell's on the 12th. Blackwell's will host the March meeting.

The swap meet had a lot of youngsters today, but not so many youngsters yesterday. Overall it was well attended and successful.

The VA hospital set up is on December 26th. Will run the 27th, 28th, and 29th. Tear down on the 30th. Need more people for set up and tear down.

March 4th and 5th is RITG.

March 11th is ABTO.

April is the fair set up.

Committee Reports

Website - It was announced that Jerry Tulino has incorporated a friend's list on the website for anyone that has moved or cannot attend meetings and wants to stay in touch.

Clinics - We will have a room at the RCW meeting where anyone wanting to put on a clinic, show pictures, etc. can do so after the meeting.

Social Activities - Chuck Cook announced the social luncheon is next Thursday at the Red Garter. He is also looking into other things for 2017.

Old Business

RTIG - Dennis and Willis have started a sign-up sheet to work at the RITG layouts.

Public Layouts

Tucson Children's Museum - Jerry Tulino and Gary Martin are working with the museum.

Tucson Botanical Garden - Gary Martin and Bob Conrad are keeping the trains operating.

Other - Gary Martin thanked everyone who helped make his open house a success.

New Business

Dean Meade announced that the Rose City Train Club in Portland, Oregon, will host the National Convention in 2019.

It was announced that the Apache Junction Railroad Open House is November 19th on Apache Trails Hwy in Gold Canyon.

The Mini Time Machine is featuring churches of the South West until January 8th.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Somerhalder Secretary

The 7/8n2 Symposium

By Norm Ulmer

The 7/8n2 Symposium was conducted as scheduled (15 November) at Norm Ulmer's house, and was attended by Bill Joplin, Bob Averill, Bruce Somerhalder, Glenn Mitchell, Ron Koehler, Jerry Wilson and Wayne Wesolowski. As intended, it was a round table discussion, covering not only the world of 2-foot narrow gauge modeling, 2-foot narrow gauge railroads in general, but all phases of modeling from developing plans to construction materials, glues, forming methods and tools. Each of the attendees contributed something from their personal experiences, and in the end, all seemed pleased with the group discussion.

Following the discussion phase, we toured Norm's shop and witnessed a 7-ton Porter 0-4-0 saddle tank engine under construction, in what else, 7/8n2 scale.

As we broke up, Jerry Wilson mentioned that he had brought along an interesting way to battery power an engine. The example he showed us was a Bachmann 10 wheeler, into the tender of which he had installed his controls and battery pack.

What was very interesting was his adaptation of an 18 V Ryobi battery pack which he has rigged to plug into the holder receptacle from a Ryobi battery charger. The Ryobi battery is a Lithium Ion pack, and the whole thing fits nicely into the tender using a tall wood fuel load. Perhaps Jerry could be talked into giving a clinic on this system.

Superstition Mountain Museum

By Phyllis Dirksen

"Dutchman's Gulch, a journey through Arizona history via a huge Garden-scale model train exhibit designed to delight model train enthusiasts and make learning fun for history students of all ages."



A brochure for the Superstition Mountain Museum uses the previous statement to introduce a new and outstanding attraction. The Museum, 4087 Apache Trail east of Phoenix is an outdoor park-like area occupying the former Apacheland Movie Ranch. It includes a barn containing a history of actors featured over the years when this area was used as a Movie and TV production area. In addition, there is the indoor museum, an occasionally operated stamp mill, a working blacksmith, a chapel, gift shop, stagecoach, performance area and other western displays. The new, outdoor, seasonal train exhibit is by far the greatest attraction.



The 1500 feet of track is displayed on a raised horseshoe-shaped area surrounding an even higher raised viewing area. The exhibit displays the role of the railroad in Arizona during the period from 18875 to 1930. There are 7 numbered sections: 1. Native American Settlement circa 1500, 2. Southern Arizona circa 1690, 3. Roosevelt Dam circa 1905-1911, 4. Gold Mine circa 1860, 5. Silver Mine circa 1859, 6. Cattle Ranch circa 1865 and 7. Frontier Town

Circa 1864 and forward. The coming of the railroad to Arizona enabled the transport of the five "C's" - (cattle, cotton, citrus, copper and tourists to enjoy the climate).

Photography is encouraged and the exhibit is situated so that there are many opportunities for panoramic and close-up views.

The G-gauge exhibit was begun 2 1/2 years ago. The exhibit was set in motion by museum member and volunteer Barbara Jebelian, who chose to share her late husband's train collection. Many other supporters and volunteers have donated money and components. ABTO has provided much of the labor and supervision of the operation and maintenance. The exhibit is a fine representative of modeling. The railroad crew is putting out a call for volunteers. Call the museum at [480-983-4888](tel:480-983-4888) and speak with the volunteer coordinator.



The railroad held its grand opening on November 17. A good crowd enjoyed the occasion. The railroad is well worth the trip! And there are additional exhibits to enjoy.

The museum is open 9 am - 4 pm daily. Closed Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Call [480-928-4888](tel:480-928-4888) for information about when the trains are running. Admission \$5 adults, \$4 seniors, \$2 Students with I.D., Children under 17 Free.

Website: superstitionmountainmuseum.org.

12th ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS (WITH SANTA)

SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM
PRESENTS

12TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS WITH SANTA



At the Historic Train Depot

- Talk with Santa and Photo with Santa in front of Locomotive 1673
 - (the star of the movie "Oklahoma")
- Holiday Music and Join in Singing Holiday Music
- Write a letter to Santa at the North Pole:
 - With the Tucson Postal History Museum Elves' help
- Look at the museum's bilingual exhibits, new live action displays
 - With operating model trains
- Listen to a reading of the *Polar Express*
- Climb into the cab of steam Locomotive 1673
- Receive Goodies from AMTRAK
- View the Railroad art exhibits and train layout in the Amtrak Lobby
- Arts and Crafts Show

FREE FAMILY FUN AT THE HISTORIC DEPOT

DATE December 17, 2016
DAY Saturday
TIME 12 PM-4 PM
ADDRESS 414 N. Toole, Tucson, 85701
TELEPHONE 520-623-2223

PLENTY of FREE Parking around the Depot

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

TGRS LENDING LIBRARY

By Claudia Nelson

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.

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

RUN-AROUND: If it is a man's turn to work and he is not called, he may claim pay for the work he missed. He has been given the run-around.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson

[Bolivia's bizarre Mercedes bus-train](#)



The train runs in rural Bolivia, between the small towns of Sucre and Potosi, with a 4,000 ascent to the latter. Check out the video on the linked web page.

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Calendar

Thursday, December 1, 2016

TBG Luminaria Night, Clean & Set up

Friday-Sunday, December 2-4, 2016

TBG Luminaria Night

Saturday, December 3, 2016

Gen Meeting/Luncheon – Golden Corral

Monday-Wednesday, December 5-7, 2016

St. Marks

Friday-Sunday, December 9-11, 2016

TBG Luminaria Night

Monday, December 12, 2016

TBG Luminaria Night, Tear Down

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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