



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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## TGRS General Meeting at the Averill's

**Date:** Saturday, January 21, 2017

**Time:** Trains run at Noon  
Meeting at 1:00 PM

**Where:** [62066 E. Amberwood Dr. 85739](#)

**Directions:** Easiest way to get there is travel north on Oracle and turn east on Eagle Crest Drive on the north end of Catalina. Take your first right on to Edwin and head east about a half mile and you will see an open gate into the Saddlebrook area on your left. You will be on Clubhouse. Take your first left on Sandcrest and follow it up the hill to where it intersects with Amberwood. We'll have the cross buck sign out. Find a spot to park in on the street and wander toward the back yard.

Bring your folding chair as our chairs are limited in number.

### [The Bobcat and Quail RR](#)

The backyard contains our railroad, The Bobcat and Quail RR has nearly 300 feet of track which meanders around the backyard. An old clear cut and sawmill greets the visitor to the backyard. A few Norwegian loggers still hang out in the area. An old west town and a Mexican town are located on the layout. The time frame for our railroad is the early 1930's situated somewhere in the four corners area.

We run battery power and you are more than welcome to bring your battery or steam powered train to run.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

*By Chuck Cook*

The next luncheon is Thursday January 19th. 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 and tell us about your holidays. 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.

### All is (was) Ready!

On December 5, several members of TGRS (Glenn & Janet Mitchell, Jane and Mike Dorgan, Phyllis Dirksen) set up a winter Christmas display for children attending St Mark's Early Childhood Center.



The trains ran Tuesday and Wednesday morning for the delight of 114+ children. Many of them were able to visit on both days. Children counted Santas and were especially delighted by Janet's flatcars loaded with Mrs. Claus' baking treats for the elves. The display featured a Holiday Parade, Santa's Workshop, and two tracks running trains pulling cars filled with Christmas cheer.



This display has been offered and appreciated for over 20 years and grew from an idea proposed by the late Lewis Sleeper.

## CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

*BY GLENN MITCHELL*

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, close to 50 club members met at Golden Corral for our annual holiday lunch party. Everyone was jovial and in a "Ho Ho Ho" mood (not to be confused with small scale trains!). It seems that everyone had enough to eat and no one complained of leaving hungry. Following the main portion of lunch, there was a very abbreviated business meeting and Norm Ulmer made the annual service award presentations.

Last, but not least, was the much-anticipated gift exchange. This year's exchange seemed to progress more rapidly than some years, because there seemed to be less gift "stealing" this time. Overall, it seems we had a good time of fun and fellowship. The

general reaction was that the Golden Corral is a good venue for our party so, we'll see you there again next year!

*Note: Since the meeting was so brief, no minutes were taken.*



Department of  
Veterans Affairs

## Running Trains at the VA Hospital

**December 27-29, 2016**

*By Claudia Nelson*

On Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, a group of TGRS volunteers brought in and set up the train layout in the VA auditorium. By Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, the trains were rolling, but we understand there were few visitors that day.

The most enjoyed areas seemed to be the circus midway (both the games and the rides), prairie dog town (a special hit with the little ones), Mexican town, and of course the winter/Christmas scene.



Several adults came in to see the trains without children in tow and seemed almost as excited as the children.



## Visitors to the TGRS web site in 2016 by Country and State

*Data from our Webmaster*

Country	State	Visitors	Last New Visitor
United States	Arizona	9,312	4 minutes ago
	California	1,360	7 hours ago
	New York	136	December 31, 2016
	Pennsylvania	106	December 8, 2016
	Texas	95	December 21, 2016
	Washington	88	December 17, 2016
	Illinois	81	December 25, 2016
	Colorado	67	9 hours ago
	Florida	61	December 7, 2016
	Virginia	54	December 8, 2016
	New Mexico	50	December 8, 2016
	Ohio	40	December 23, 2016
	Wisconsin	40	October 19, 2016
	Minnesota	31	December 27, 2016
	Oregon	31	December 24, 2016
	Nevada	29	December 20, 2016
	Michigan	26	September 26, 2016
	New Jersey	25	December 13, 2016
	Maryland	24	November 9, 2016
	Iowa	24	December 7, 2016
	Georgia	19	December 16, 2016
	Massachusetts	19	November 26, 2016
	Kansas	19	December 17, 2016
	Missouri	19	August 23, 2016
	Utah	18	November 18, 2016
	Montana	17	November 1, 2016
	Indiana	16	December 29, 2016
	North Carolina	12	April 23, 2016
	Tennessee	11	November 2, 2016
	Alabama	9	December 12, 2016
	Connecticut	9	November 23, 2016
	Kentucky	7	March 6, 2016
	Idaho	7	9 hours ago
	Nebraska	7	December 19, 2015
	Hawaii	6	February 20, 2016
	Wyoming	5	December 22, 2016
	Louisiana	5	May 10, 2016
	South Dakota	5	January 29, 2016
	South Carolina	5	June 9, 2016
	Oklahoma	3	August 7, 2016
	New Hampshire	3	March 16, 2016
	Rhode Island	3	October 21, 2016
	Arkansas	2	September 21, 2014
	District of Columbia	2	March 11, 2015
	Vermont	2	March 1, 2015
	Alaska	2	September 5, 2016
	Maine	2	September 10, 2016
	West Virginia	1	August 10, 2014
North Dakota	1	March 10, 2015	
Delaware	1	August 15, 2015	

**11,917**

Country	Visitors	Last New Visitor
Brazil	150	December 9, 2016
Canada	66	December 16, 2016
Russia	28	December 26, 2016
Czech Republic	27	December 31, 2016
Italy	21	December 21, 2016
Germany	17	December 16, 2016
Australia	15	November 30, 2016
China	14	September 28, 2016
Mexico	12	October 19, 2016
United Kingdom	12	October 4, 2016
Japan	11	November 20, 2016
France	11	August 29, 2016
Philippines	9	October 29, 2016
India	9	September 13, 2016
Netherlands	6	December 13, 2016
Spain	5	December 23, 2016
Colombia	5	December 11, 2016
Indonesia	5	October 27, 2016
Argentina	5	October 17, 2016
Ireland	5	March 8, 2016
Israel	4	November 9, 2016
Portugal	4	June 7, 2016
Switzerland	3	July 17, 2016
Ukraine	3	June 21, 2016
Poland	3	May 23, 2016
Malaysia	2	October 19, 2016
Denmark	2	October 7, 2016
Romania	2	September 10, 2016
Pew	2	July 1, 2016
Ecuador	2	July 1, 2016
Angola	2	June 26, 2016
New Zealand	1	December 12, 2016
Andorra	1	November 24, 2016
Mauritius	1	October 23, 2016
Hungary	1	October 21, 2016
Vietnam	1	October 19, 2016
Iceland	1	July 21, 2016
Iran	1	June 20, 2016
Bolivia	1	June 20, 2016
Costa Rica	1	April 27, 2016
Venezuela	1	April 27, 2016
United Arab Emirates	1	April 25, 2016
Singapore	1	April 23, 2016
Guatemala	1	April 20, 2016
Uruguay	1	April 19, 2016
Mozambique	1	April 13, 2016
Belgium	1	April 6, 2016
South Korea	1	March 31, 2016
Turkey	1	March 12, 2016

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Contribution from Phyllis Dirkson

## Guinness World Record for Longest Chocolate Structure

A train made entirely of chocolate has set a new Guinness World Record as the longest chocolate structure in the world (2012).



The sculpture, on display at the busy Brussels South station, is 112-feet (34.05 meters) long and weighs over 2,755 pounds (1250 kilos). Maltese chocolate artist Andrew Farrugia spent over 700 hours constructing the masterpiece.



He said he came up with the idea of the train last year after visiting the Belgian Chocolate Festival in Bruges: "I had this idea for a while, and I said what do you think if we do this realization of a long chocolate train, you know, because a train you can make it as long as you like.



"Actually, it was going to be much smaller than it was, but I kept on adding another wagon, and another wagon, and it's the size it is today."



After measuring the length of the train and confirming no material other than chocolate was used, officials from the Guinness Book of World Records added a new category to the collection of world records and declared the train to be the longest chocolate structure in the world.

## Trivia Corner

*Courtesy of Jerry Wilson*

**IMPACT REGISTER:** An appliance placed in a car with a shipment which is both a time clock and a measuring device to record the amount of shock the car received en route.

## TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

### Calendar

**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 - Saturday, April 6-8, 2017**  
Pima County Fair - Setup

**Thursday - Sunday, April 20-30, 2017**  
Pima County Fair

**Thursday, May 11, 2017**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Monday, May 1, 2017**  
Pima County Fair – Load Out

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**  
General Meeting – Murphy w/Lunch

**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:

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