



## The Tucson Garden Railway Society

# TIMETABLE

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## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

*By Chuck Cook*

We had 20+ folks in October and everybody continues to be pleased with lunching at [The Red Garter Saloon](#), located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club



The food is always great, the service excellent, and the conversation varied and fun. Our next visit will be on November 16<sup>th</sup>. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose scorekeeping and lots of fun), or 11:45 for lunch. Coming in January: a weekend social lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

This year our annual Holiday Party is on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 \$12.50 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 \$15-20 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

*We still have some members  
who owe 2017-18 dues!*

If you haven't yet paid, please  
send (\$30) check to:

RUTH TAYLOR  
4081 S. TARANTULA HAWK PLACE  
TUCSON, AZ 85735

## TGRS Open House & General Meeting 11 November 2017 Gary & Peggy Martin

Address: [4625 E Cerro de Aguila,  
Tucson, AZ 85718](#)

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.

Welcome to new members who  
have joined recently:

Diane Temple & Keoe Duvall  
William, Deborah, & David  
McGeary & Carol Knowles

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 GENERAL MEETING

21-OCT-2017

Jack and Rosalie Forgues' Home

President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order and thanked Jack and Rosalie for hosting the meeting. There were no new members or guests present. Thirty-two club members attended.



The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 10/21/2017)	\$ 4,257
Savings (as of 10/21/2017)	<u>17,275</u>
Total	\$21,532

Receipts (from 09/22/17)	\$ 210
Expenses (from 09/22/17)	<u>4</u>
Net revenues	\$ 206

YTD Recap FY 2016/2017	
Receipts:	\$ 5,791
Expenses:	<u>9,109</u>
Net revenue:	\$(3,318)

YTD Recap FY 2017/2018	
Receipts:	\$ 691
Expenses:	<u>1,232</u>
Net revenue:	\$( 542)

Vice-President's Report – Calendar of Upcoming Events posted on the Website include:

- 10/21 Light the Night event at Park Place Mall by LA Fitness
- 11/04 Open House – Carmichael-Pappas (reminder to RSVP)
- 11/09 Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting – Mitchells
- 11/10-11 Gadsden-Pacific Swap Meet – same info/setup instructions as last event: setup on Friday begins at 11am, trains run 1-6pm;



# ALL ABOARD

You are invited to the 14th annual  
Open House  
AT  
Gary and Peggy Martin's  
**EAGLE MOUNTAIN GARDEN RAILROAD**

Date: **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
Place: **4625 E. Cerro de Aguila, Tucson AZ**

• **General Open House 10:00AM to 3:00PM**  
**Open free to general public.**

• **TGRS November Meeting will begin at 4.00pm**

• **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 05<sup>th</sup> with numbers who****  
**plan to attend.**

**520 299-7428 or [pgmartin5@hotmail.com](mailto:pgmartin5@hotmail.com)**



*Lacking a basic understanding of how trains work...  
(Courtesy of Dennis Mahar)*

Saturday trains run 9am to 2pm then teardown.

- 11/11 Martins' Open House and General Meeting – RSVP for dinner
- 11/30 Clean up setup prep at Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG) for Luminaria Nights (signup sheet)
- 12/01-03 & 12/08-10 TBG Luminaria Nights 4:30-8pm (signup sheets)
- 12/02 General Meeting and Holiday Party at Golden Corral – Estimated cost is \$11/person – please RSVP to Ruth Taylor as soon as possible. The wrapped, new gift exchange (\$20 limit) was explained for new members.
- 12/11 Teardown and cleanup at TBG (signup sheet)
- 12/26 Setup at Tucson VA
- 12/27-28 Run trains at VA
- 12/29 Run trains at VA until 2pm, then teardown
- 01/05-06 Gadsden-Pacific swap meet (see 11/10-11 above)
- 01/18 BOD meeting – Mitchells
- 01/20 General Meeting – Averills
- 03/03-04 Rails in the Garden (RITG)
- 03/15 BOD meeting – Mitchells
- 03/17 General Meeting – Mitchells

Upcoming events in 2018 include a possible ABTO-sponsored roundabout in March and the Pima County Fair in April. Dennis Maher has agreed to host the May general meeting.

The Newsletter Editor's Report: Always in need of articles and topic suggestions; photos too!

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Membership/Website: Claudia Nelson has the club's "lending library." Jerry Tulino is planning to add the list of books and other available items to the website for members to choose from. There was some discussion about the time on the website, Eastern Daylight versus Mountain Standard Time. Jerry will look into this, but recalls that he tried changing it some time ago and it didn't work. According to Ruth Taylor, to date we have 44 paid members.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics/Maintenance/Mentors: Jack Forgues reported on the birdhouse modification clinic and he

and Gary Martin want ideas for clinics/workshops from the members. Gary is willing to do another clinic with Styrofoam or weathering if enough members are interested. Other clinics under consideration are airbrushing techniques, sculpting, and decals. A new member has requested a mentor.

Social Activities: There was an impressive number attending the latest social luncheon at the Red Garter again. The next social luncheon will be 11/16 (shoot pool at 11, lunch at noon).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Public and Modular Layouts: Trolleys have been repaired for the modular layout. The water feature and engine motors have been repaired at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. There may be a "cleanup" crew request sent out in the near future for the Diamond Children's Center train and tracks. The new station for the Rodeo Parade Museum is ready to install. Gary said he would check their rolling stock to see what they have on hand and whether they need any backups or replacements.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Rails in the Garden Committee: Dennis will be sending out an email about setting up the committee and requesting volunteers.

The next BOD is November 9, 2pm at the Mitchells' home (Gina to bring the cookies).

The next General Meeting is to be at the Martins' home on November 11, 4pm (after their Open House).

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gina Blackwell, Secretary*

## **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.

# WEBMASTER UPDATE

by Jerry Tulino

It has been brought to my attention that the display of the events in the calendar incorrectly shows the time as "EDT" (Eastern Daylight Time). The time displayed is the correct "MST" (Mountain Standard Time) and not "EDT". There is no need to "convert" the time displayed to Arizona time. The time displayed is our local time. Unfortunately, there is no way to display the "MST" label instead of the "EDT" label. (See example below.)

## Monthly Meeting- Forgues

Description:	General Meeting Location: Jack Forgues 9:00 am to 10:00 am run trains 10:00 am to 11:00 am meeting Saturday, October 21, 2017
Date:	
Time:	10:00am-11:00am EDT ←
Duration:	1 hour
Category:	Monthly meeting*
Created by:	Calendar Maintenance
Updated:	Friday, July 7, 2017 9:18pm GMT
Attachments:	None

## Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

**EXTRA GANG:** The crew of track laborers assigned to maintenance work at various points on a railroad right-of-way. These employees may live in camp (bunk) cars where they are provided lodging and meals at a nominal cost.

**The Old Engineer Sez: "MY WILD OATS ARE MOSTLY ENJOYED WITH PRUNES AND ALL-BRAN"**

# Sidetracked

by Claudia Nelson



Dinky train to Princeton

## The Great Dinky Robbery

The **Great Dinky Robbery** was an incident on May 3, 1963, in which four men boarded the Dinky and abducted four passengers. Princeton was not yet co-educational, and weekend dates from women's colleges usually arrived by train. On a Friday evening, four Princeton University students, in Western attire and riding horses, ambushed the train as it was arriving at Princeton station. A convertible was parked across the track, forcing the Dinky to come to an abrupt halt. The men, including [George Bunn Jr.](#), who was armed with a pistol loaded with blanks, boarded the train and persuaded four female passengers to leave with them..

### PRICE LIST FOR CLUB REGALIA

PINS	\$5.00 EACH
DECALS	\$1.50 EACH
PATCHES	\$2.00 EACH
HATS	\$12.00 EACH
SILK TOUGH SHIRTS (LIGHT IVORY COLOR)	\$22.00 EACH
DENIM SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG SLEEVE)	\$26.00 EACH

**NOTE:** Shirts are available in ladies' or men's sizes. (Size 2X and up are an additional \$3.00 per shirt)  
Contact Ruth Taylor phone or email for purchase  
(520-908-1312) [taylor1985@comcast.net](mailto:taylor1985@comcast.net)

## TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

# Calendar

**Saturday, November 4, 2017**  
Open House – Carmichael/Pappas

**Thursday, November 9, 2017**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Friday-Saturday, November 10-11, 2017**  
Gadsen Pacific Swap Meet

**Saturday, November 11, 2017**  
General Meeting & Open House -  
Martin

**Friday-Sunday, December 1-3, 2017**  
Luminaria Nights - TBG

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**  
General Meeting & Holiday  
Luncheon – Golden Corral

**Friday-Sunday, December 8-10, 2017**  
Luminaria Nights - TBG

**Tuesday-Friday, December 26-29, 2017**  
VA Hospital Christmas Display

**Friday-Saturday, January 5-6, 2018**  
Gadsen Pacific Swap Meet

**Thursday, January 18, 2018**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Saturday, January 20, 2018**  
General Meeting – Averill

**Saturday, February 10, 2018**  
General Meeting – Taylor

**Thursday, February 15, 2018**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Saturday-Sunday, March 3-4, 2018**  
Rails in the Garden Tour

**Thursday, March 15, 2018**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Saturday, March 17, 2018**  
General Meeting – Mitchell

**Thursday-Sunday, April 13-29, 2018**  
Pima County Fair

**Thursday, May 17, 2018**  
BOD Meeting – Mitchell

**Saturday, May 19, 2018**  
General Meeting – Mahar

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## [TGRS Membership Application](#)

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  
6911 E. Baker, Tucson, AZ 85710