



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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December 1, 2017

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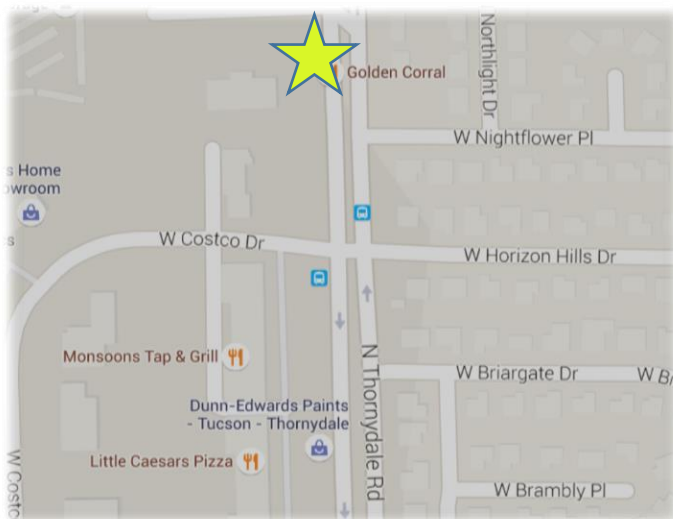
If you haven't yet paid, please bring to holiday party or send \$30 check to:

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

TGRS HOLIDAY PARTY & GENERAL MEETING – DECEMBER 2ND

- 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 2nd 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 \$12.50 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. Horizon Hills Drive / W Costco Drive, 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!**

Carmel Library Train Show

by Claudia Nelson

While David and I were visiting our son's family in Indiana we took them to the local library where the Central Indiana train clubs were having their annual model train show. The boys were fascinated, and we got a chance to see modelers from the Midwest.



They were running all gauges of trains, from Z to G and had boxcars of each size identified.



Some of the layouts were quite interesting, i.e., one HO-gauge layout was a WWII airfield with brownstones and neon signs. Plus, a G-scale car with 'Autism Awareness' decaled on the side.



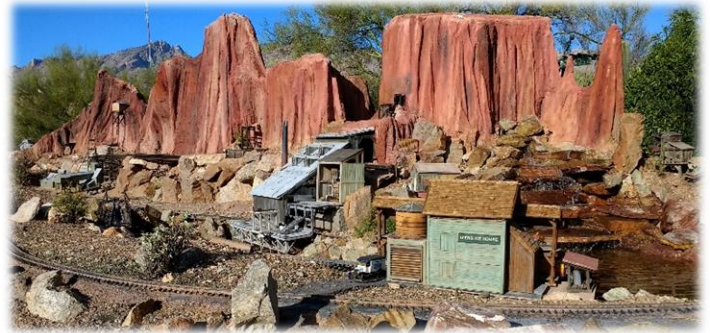
And there was a group of circus car modelers that had made replicas of antique circus cars.



TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

11-November-2017

Gary and Peggy Martin's Home



President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order and thanked the Martins for hosting the meeting. New members included the McGearys and the Knowles.

The minutes from the prior meetings of 09/23/17 and 11/21/17, were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 11/09/2017)	\$ 4,525
Savings (as of 11/09/2017)	<u>17,275</u>
Total	\$21,800

Receipts (from 10/22/17)	\$ 335
Expenses (from 10/22/17)	<u>7</u>
Net revenues	\$ 328

YTD Recap FY 2016/2017

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

YTD Recap FY 2017/2018

Receipts:	\$ 966
Expenses:	<u>1,239</u>
Net revenue:	\$(273)

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

- 11/30 Clean up setup prep at Tucson Botanical Gardens (TBG) for Luminaria Nights
- 12/01-03 & 12/08-10 TBG Luminaria Nights 4:30-8pm
- 12/02 Noon, General Meeting & Holiday Party; RSVP to Ruth, \$12.50/person in

advance or at the door, but please RSVP prior – Golden Corral on Thornydale

- 12/11 Teardown and cleanup at TBG
- 12/26 Setup at Tucson VA
- 12/27-28 Run trains at VA – will have two A-frame signs; one for each entry point
- 12/29 Run trains at VA until ~1pm, then tear down
- 01/05-06 Gadsden-Pacific swap meet (tentative)
- 01/18 BOD – Mitchells
- 01/20 General Meeting – Averills
- 02/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 02/17 General Meeting – Taylor
- 03/03-04 Rails in the Garden (RITG)
- 03/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 03/17 General Meeting – Mitchells
- 04/02-03 Setup for Pima County Fair (tentative)
- 04/19-29 Pima County Fair
- 05/17 BOD – Mitchells
- 05/19 General Meeting – Mahers

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: Need articles and photos!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership/Website: Please pay your dues! You can mail your check to Ruth. Jerry Tulino is planning to change the website at the first of the year to include a direct link for Rails in the Garden direct link. According to Ruth Taylor, to date we have 47 paid member families.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics/Maintenance/Mentors: Clinics under consideration are airbrushing techniques, sculpting, and decals. Mentors need to be matched to current requests.

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: Tucson Botanical Gardens engines need repair. A plaque commemorating Dick Izen's contributions and support is in the works for the Children's Museum.

The next General Meeting (abbreviated) is to be at the Holiday Party, Golden Corral on Thorneydale, at Noon on December 2nd.

There is no BOD meeting set for December. The next scheduled BOD is January 18, 2pm at the Mitchells' home.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell,

Secretary

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

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.

What's going on at the Depot?

FREE SHREK OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENTS!!

KIDS ACTIVITIES START 1HR BEFORE MOVIE!

2nd SATURDAYS DOWNTOWN

Join us this fall as we get to know the many inhabitants of Shrek Universe!

October 14th 6:00pm - Shrek
 November 11th 5:30pm - Shrek 2
 December 9th 5:30pm - Shrek the Third
 January 13th 5:45pm - Shrek Forever After

FUN FARM CHOO CHOO RIDES
 ARTS & CRAFTS BY GAIL
 POPCORN & SODA AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE HICKS FAMILY FOR SPONSORING OUR 2ND SATURDAY FAMILY NIGHTS*

TUCSON'S HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DEPOT
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ABTO Annual Christmas Open House

SEE Trains IN THE GARDEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Open House Tours 2017!

Sat & Sun, December 9 & 10
Sat & Sun, December 16 & 17
5:30PM - 8:30PM
 For weather closings, check the web site

Celebrating the holidays, fifteen homes and one medical center with G-Scale garden railroads will be on display in the Phoenix metro area for public viewing.



Your tax deductible donations will be accepted and used to support ABTO activities throughout the valley, including the maintenance of the train layout at the Cardon Children's Medical Center in Mesa AZ.

See the Arizona Big Train Operators web site for MAPS, Photos & Videos
www.azbigtrains.org



SOUTHERN ARIZONA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM PRESENTS

13TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY EXPRESS WITH SANTA



FREE FAMILY FUN AT THE HISTORIC DEPOT

DATE December 16, 2017
 DAY Saturday
 TIME 12 PM—4 PM
 ADDRESS 414 N. Toole, Tucson 85701
 TELEPHONE 520-623-2223

- Talk with Santa and Photo with Santa in front of Locomotive 1673 (the star of the movie "Oklahoma")
- 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
- Shop in the gift store
- See the Railroad art exhibits and train layout in the Amtrak Lobby
- Arts and Crafts Show

Sponsored by Las Doñas de Los Descendientes del Presidio de Tucson

PLENTY of FREE Parking around the Depot

www.TucsonHistoricDepot.org

Thank-You from Light the Night



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
 2919 E. Broadway Blvd. Ste. #225
 Tucson, AZ 85716

November 13, 2017

Dear Tucson Garden Railway Society,

Thank you so much for your participation at our annual Light The Night event in Tucson. Our annual event raises funds for research for a cure for leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma for our patients, families and community. This year more than 3,000 participants gathered in support of lives touched by blood cancers. Together, we raised over \$250,000 here in Tucson.

Let us share how your donation can make a positive impact in the lives of our patients. Bella was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) when she was only 3 ½ years old. Bella was lucky to have the support of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS). She bravely endured 5 phases and 2 ½ years of chemo as her parents hoped for treatments to come to an end someday. In the 1960's, the survival rate for ALL was only 3%, and today, it is over 90%. Without support from companies like yours, Bella would not be CANCER FREE today!

Steve (Bella's father) and LLS are thrilled to announce that Bella is 100% cancer free and is enjoying her time as a happy and healthy 5th grader! Her strength inspires us every day to continue our efforts and fund research to find a cure so that children just like Bella can one day be cancer free.

On behalf of those that LLS serves, thank you so much for your setting up the model train display that delighted our guests. Your support brings hope for a brighter tomorrow to all those facing blood cancer. Please accept this letter as our formal acknowledgment of your generous gift.

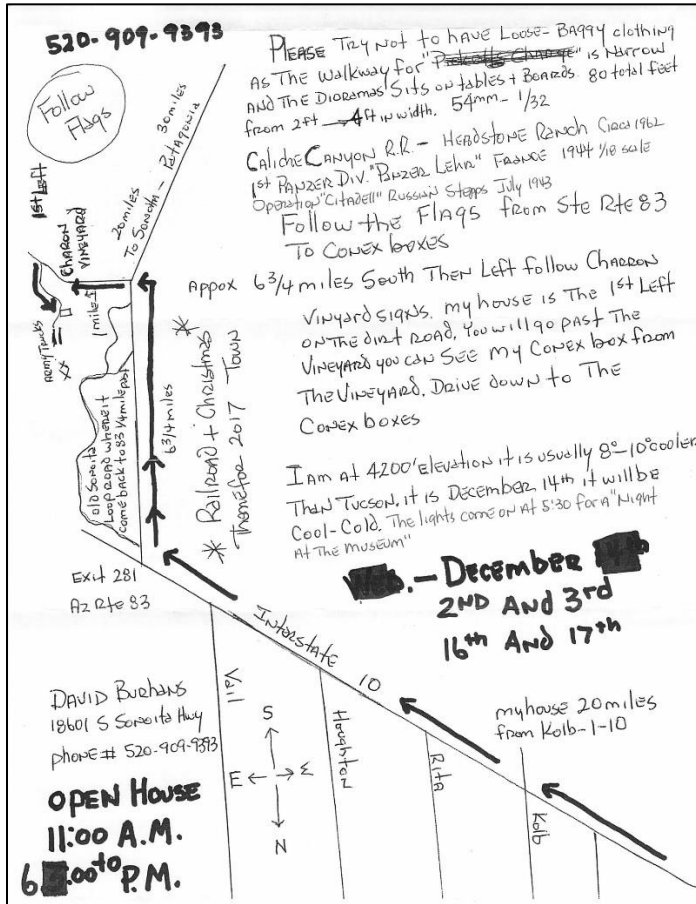
Relentless for a Cure,

Christina Stucki

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 Campaign Manager
 Light The Night Tucson
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<http://www.lightthenight.org/az/>

For the purposes of Internal Revenue Service regulations, this letter will serve as official acknowledgment of your contribution. We affirm that The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society did not provide any goods or services in whole or partial consideration of this contribution. The Federal Tax Identification number for LLS is 13-564916.

Open House in Vail – Trains and Militaria



I received this information from David Burhans, a vendor we met at the last swap meet. He is heavily into military modeling, as well as having several train layouts. If you're interest in going, I can email you a full-sized invitation. -cn

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.

Sidetracked

by Claudia Nelson



AUBURN UNIVERSITY

The Wreck Tech Pajama Parade

The Wreck Tech Pajama Parade originated in 1896, when a group of mischievous Auburn

ROTC cadets, determined to show up the better-known engineers from [Georgia Tech](#), sneaked out of their dorms the night before the football game between Auburn and Tech and greased the railroad tracks. According to the story, the train carrying the Georgia Tech team slid through town and didn't stop until it was halfway to the neighboring town of [Loachapoka, Alabama](#), The Georgia Tech team was forced to walk the five miles back to Auburn and, not surprisingly, were rather weary at the end of their journey. This likely contributed to their 45-0 loss. While the railroad long ago ceased to be the way teams traveled to Auburn and students never greased the tracks again, the tradition continues in the form of a parade through downtown Auburn. Students parade through the streets in their pajamas and organizations build floats. This tradition was renewed in 2005 with Georgia Tech returning to Auburn's schedule after nearly two decades of absence

The Old Engineer Sez: "IT'S HARD TO MAKE A COMEBACK WHEN YOU HAVEN'T BEEN ANYWHERE."

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

Calendar

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

Monday-Tuesday, April 2-3, 2018
Pima County Fair setup

Thursday-Sunday, April 19-29, 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