



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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January 1, 2018

TGRS General Meeting at the Averill's

Date: Saturday, January 20, 2018

Time: Trains run at 9:00am
Meeting at 10:00am

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

You say you want a different place to eat – check. You say you want a different day – check. You say you want a short road trip adventure – check. (Ron, this one's for you) The next social luncheon will be on Wednesday January 17th at the [Marana Stockyards](#) and the [Feed Lot Cafe](#) (in the same building).



Get to the stockyard for some cattle sales which start at 11:00 am. We will then wander (not all at once) down to the Feed Lot Cafe (formerly Cattleman's Café) around 11:30 am. I am not reserving any tables and we will probably sit at tables of 4-8 people. They have your standard lunch fare and breakfast served any time and a very nice wait staff. The address of the stockyard building is: [14901 West Kirby Hughes Road, Marana AZ 85653](#). Directions: Take I-10 north, or they call it west to exit 236. Turn left and immediately after you pass the exit ramp, turn right on the frontage road – yes, it is one of those that goes both directions. Follow it to a left turn on Kirby Hughes Road (and no, I don't know who Kirby Hughes is). The stock yard/restaurant is a big red building about 1.5 miles on your left. E-mail me with any questions.

CLUB HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Photos courtesy of Steve Anderson



On December 2nd, we met at Golden Corral for our annual holiday lunch party. Everyone seemed to have enough to eat and no one complained of leaving hungry. Following the main portion of lunch, there was a very abbreviated business meeting (minutes following).



The meeting was followed by the gift exchange, with quite a bit of gift “stealing”

this year. Then, because we got a little ahead of ourselves, Norm Ulmer made the annual service award presentations. Overall, everyone seemed to have a good time. The general consensus was that the Golden Corral is a good venue for our party so, we’ll see you there again next year!



DECEMBER TGRS BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING **CANCELLED**

TUCSON GARGEN RAILWAY SOCIETY MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING December 2, 2017

An informal meeting at the annual Christmas Holiday Luncheon took place at the Golden Corral.

The Treasurer’s report was approved as read by Glenn Mitchell:

The items discussed were:

- Signup sheets for the VA display (12-26 thru 12-29). All members are encouraged to show up and “schmooz” with the crowd.
- The January swap meet is all set – email reminders will be sent to those who signed up.
- Luminaria Nights at the Tucson Botanical Gardens had a good turnout for the first evening. Crowd was steady and the new trolley feature was a hit.
- Volunteers are needed for Rails in the Garden!

Respectfully submitted
Gina Blackwell, Secretary



Department of
Veterans Affairs

Trains at the VA Hospital

December 26-29, 2016

Although there were not many visitors on the last day, I heard the rest of the week we had a nice turnout. Maybe it was the press we got in the [Arizona Daily Star](#) which had a great slideshow of the layout. Check it out!



Trip to Vail to look at Military Models

by Claudia Nelson

You might remember a hand-written invitation in the last newsletter from a vendor David and I met at the swap meet. We decided to take a little trip down to Vail to see what kind of layout he had. It was a beautiful day and we enjoyed the drive.



The first thing we saw was this old truck and jeep.

His trains were all non-operational...just for show, but he had lots of WWII vignettes with G-Scale men and equipment.



German town



Military figures



LUMINARIA NIGHTS AT TUCSON BOTANIC GARDENS

BY CLAUDIA NELSON

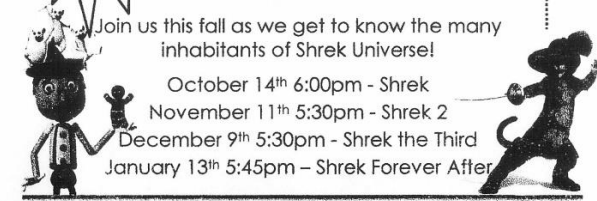
Since the temperature was quite mild the first night we saw a steady stream of visitors to the display. The children loved the trains and especially the point-to-point trolley and eggliner. Of special interest to the adults was the laser lights illuminating the tree and area behind the layout.

It was an interesting layout, some of it in a shipping container. We finished the day at [Charron Vineyards](#) for a little winetasting.

FREE SHREK OUTDOOR MOVIE EVENTS!!



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



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By Claudia Nelson



The engineer who designed the Japanese Kamikaze dive-bombing planes of WWII felt bad about his role in the war, so at its end, he decided to use his skills for peace by designing the body of the [Shinkansen](#) (Bullet Train), which has, to this day, operated with zero accident-caused fatalities.

The Old Engineer Sez: THE WORLD ONLY BEATS A PATH TO YOUR DOOR WHEN YOU'RE IN THE BATHROOM. '97

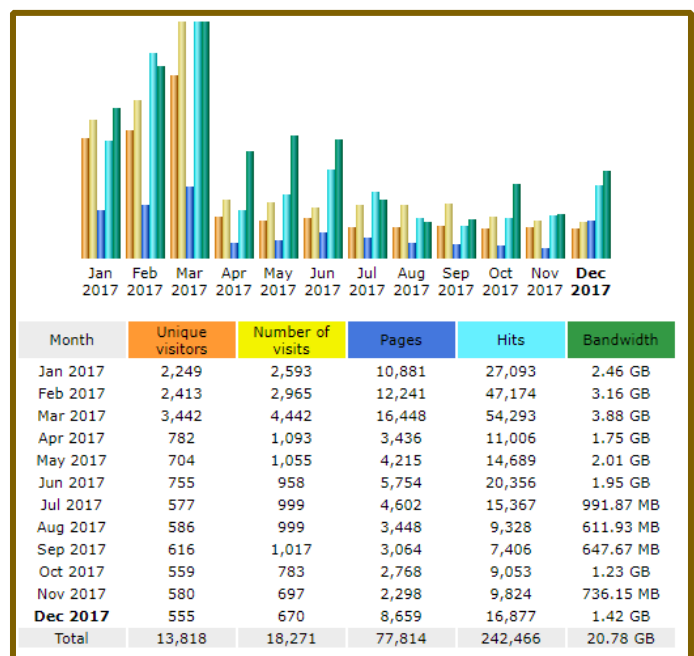
Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

THE FIRST AMERICAN RAILROAD TUNNEL: The Staple Bend Tunnel located 4 miles east of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, was opened in 1834. The runnel was 901 feet long.

Website Statistics

from our Webmaster, Jerry Tulino



TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

Calendar

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

Saturday, April 7, 2018

ABTO Tour

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

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