



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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February 1, 2018

TGRS General Meeting at Ruth Taylor's

Date: Saturday, February 17, 2018

Time: Swap meet starts at 11:00am
Meeting at 1:00pm

Where: [4081 S Tarantula Hawk Place, 85735](#)

Directions: Ruth's house is off Ajo Way on the west side of I-19. Get off I-19S at exit 99 and turn right onto AZ86 (W Ajo Way). Follow it for approximately 8 miles to S San Joaquin Rd. Turn right, then another right on W Tree Frog Trail, and finally left on S Tarantula Hawk Place..

Please bring your folding chair as our chairs are limited in number.

The meeting at Ruth Taylor's house at 1:00PM, will be preceded by a great G gauge train sale beginning at 11:00. Items will also be available after the meeting. Ruth is selling all of Chuck's train equipment which includes track, engines, rolling stock and many structures. The prices will be good, so bring money! If you have any questions email Gary Martin

SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



After a fun time at the Marana Stockyard and Feed Lot Café,



we are headed back to our roots 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 luncheon will be Wednesday February 21st. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose scorekeeping and lots of fun), or 11:45 for lunch. Postponed until March: a weekend social lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.



Ron Kohler demonstrating his new Tesla X features

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

20-January-2018

Bob and Sue Averill's Home



President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order and thanked the Averills for hosting the meeting. Approximately 25 members attended.

The minutes from the November and December meetings were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read by Glenn Mitchell:

Checking (as of 01/18/18)	\$ 4,838
Savings (as of 01/18/18)	<u>17,281</u>
Total	\$22,119
Receipts (from 12/02/17)	\$ 622
Expenses (from 12/02/17)	<u>1,092</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ (470)
Year to Date Recap	
Receipts	\$ 1,749
Expenses	<u>2,313</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ (563)

Vice-President's Report –Upcoming Events:

- 02/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 02/17 General Meeting – Taylor: There will be a swap meet for train-related items from 11am to 2pm. The General Meeting will start at 2pm.
- 03/03-04 Rails in the Garden (RITG): a signup sheet for volunteers was passed at the meeting and the updated list will be emailed to absent members to fill in vacancies. A meeting for hosts and

volunteers to take place immediately following this General Meeting.

- 03/15 BOD – Mitchells
- 03/17 General Meeting - Mitchells
- 04/02-03 Setup for Pima County Fair: to begin at approximately 9am. There will be no concession stands open, so volunteers are advised to bring water, snacks, Etc.
- 04/19-29 Pima County Fair: the shift hours will be 10:30am to 4pm (except for the special needs kids day on 04/24 when the start time will be 8:30am) and 3:30pm to 9/closing. If you volunteer for 4 or more shift days, you qualify for a badge. If you volunteer for less than 4, you will be given individual day passes. Whether or not the children's layout will be run will depend upon the number of volunteers signing up.
- 05/17 BOD – Mitchells
- 05/19 General Meeting – Mahers

The ABTO tour in the Phoenix metro area is tentatively scheduled for 04/07.

The VA visitor turnout was good, especially after the newspaper and television coverage of the event.

The Newsletter Editor's Report: Need articles and photos!

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: 68 families

Website: Jerry Tulino reported that the direct RITG link is operational. A new classified ad section is planned for buying and selling train-related items.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics/Maintenance/Mentors: Nothing new to report

Social Activities: There were 20 at the Marana Stockyards event. The next social luncheon will

be the 3rd Wednesday at the Red Garter (shoot pool at 11, lunch at noon). ABTO tour pending.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public Layout Updates: Gary Martin and the Conrads need help with maintenance and equipment repairs at the Tucson Botanical Gardens. The Children's Museum is also in need of volunteer help for possible repairs. The track and layout were cleaned and the replacement engine is running fine. Gary installed the new station at the Rodeo Parade Museum.

NEW BUSINESS:

Crossbucks, signage, and other miscellaneous items for the RITG host families will be available at the February meeting. If you are a host and cannot attend the meeting, please designate someone to pick up the supplies for you.

Jack Forgues has been contacted about "hundreds of trains in boxes" available for sale (in D.C.). The owner is working on making lists but mentioned to him that there are brass engines in the collection. He does not yet know what gauge(s).

The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on 02/15, 2pm, at the Mitchells' home.

The next General Meeting to be at Ruth Taylor's, 2pm, immediately after the club member train-items swap meet at her home.

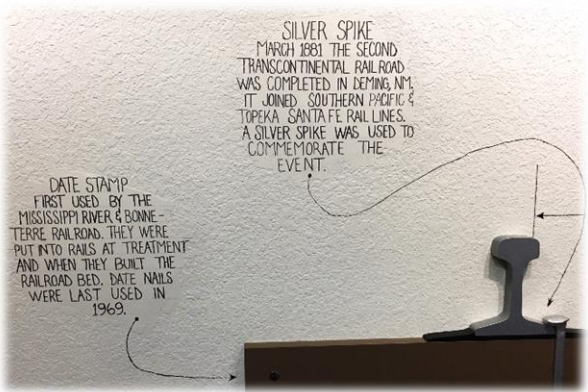
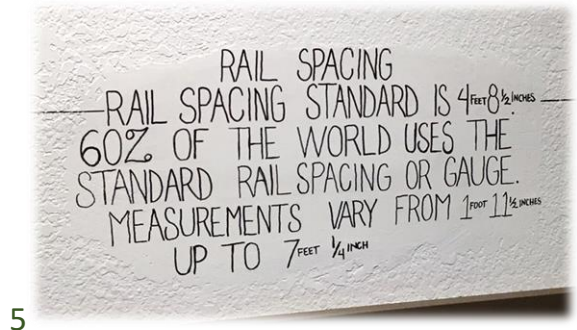
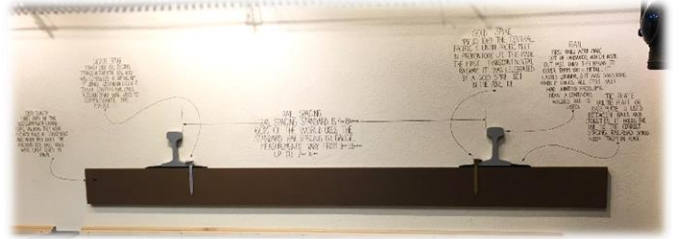
There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

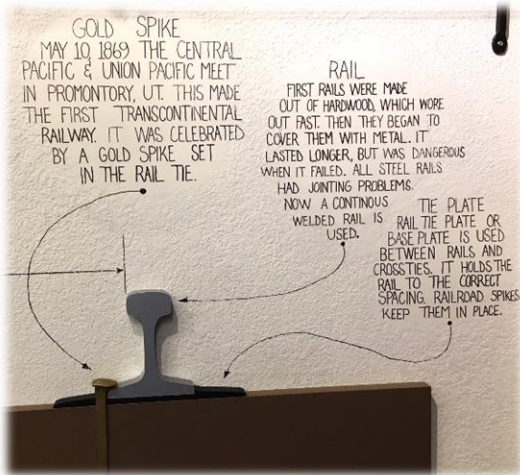
Respectfully submitted
Gina Blackwell, Secretary



Below are some photos from the Tucson Children's Museum taken by Joel Trupiano, the

Director of Exhibits and Facilities (our contact there). We (TGRS / Jerry Tulino) provided the pieces of rail, the date stamps and spikes. They (the museum staff) created the display on the wall. The tools were donated by the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum (Ken Karrels).





Nice ad in the AZ Daily Star for TGRS and Rails in the Garden from the Tucson Rodeo Parade Museum. Thanks, Jerry, for spotting it!

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TUCSON RODEO PARADE MUSEUM
Providing even more great history of Southern Arizona.





Videos showing equipment from Tucson's "Power from the Past" in use. If you've never seen a century old John Deere Corn Binder work, or, a New Idea Manure Spreader do its thing, here's your chance!

**How about a fully functional 1880's chuckwagon?
It's a new 2018 display!**

More? An 1880 model train layout from the folks at The Tucson Garden Railway Society, videos of the history of The Overland (Butterfield) Trail, Tucson's railroad history, Tucson's first airport (hint: It was the Rodeo Grounds), The Tucson Rodeo & Parade, Maximilian and Carlotta, etc., AND MUCH MORE! The best 2 hours you'll ever enjoy!

Museum is in historic TUCSON RODEO GROUNDS,
4828 S. 4th Avenue, Tucson, AZ
N.E. corner of 4th Ave. & Irvington Road.
(ADA accessible parking & facilities)
520-294-3636 or
<http://www.tucsonrodeoparade.com/> or trpc@tman.com.

Hours: 9:30 am - 3:30pm, Mon. thru Sat.
Check website for reduced hours
Feb. 16-26th (Rodeo Week)
Adults: \$12.00 Seniors: \$9.00 Children: \$2.00
Military (and family) with ID, 50% discount.

SPECIAL EVENT NOTICES:

Feb. 22, 2018: 93rd Tucson Rodeo Parade. Free app download >>>

March 3-4, 2018: Rails in the Garden tour. Details at <http://tucsonrodeoparade.com/index.shtml>

March 15, 2018: The National Stagecoach and Freight Wagon Association (NSFWA) CONVENTION will be held at Museum. Admission fees found at their website. <http://www.stagecoachfreightwagon.org/>

During Rodeo week, Feb. 19-25 the Museum operates on reduced hours please call 520-294-1280 for more info

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Southern Arizona Transportation Museum Lecture Series

When: Sundays at 3pm (see dates below)

Where: Southern Arizona Transportation Museum, 414 N Toole Ave

Phone: (520)623-2223

Admission: Free

Andy Odell: Feb. 4 -- Arizona Mineral Belt Railroad

Phil Wendstrand: Feb. 11 -- Chasing the Butterfield

Tom Peterson: Feb. 18 -- Motoring in Territorial Arizona

Gene Caywood: Feb. 25 -- Hooves and Rails, Story of Tucson's Street Railway, 1897-1906

Richard Dick: Mar. 18 -- Train to Tombstone and Ft. Huachuca Branch

The Old Engineer Sez: "IT'S NOT HARD TO MEET EXPENSES...THEY'RE EVERYWHERE."

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

WEEDBURNER: A flame thrower vehicle which rides on the trucks and is used to kill weeds along the truck right-of-way.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



207th Street Yard from the southwest – note the Museum cars.

In 1993, a [16-year-old Brooklyn teen](#) pretended to be a subway conductor and drove a train for over 3 hours, safely picking up and discharging passengers at normal station stops along the route, before getting caught.

Calendar

Thursday, February 15, 2018

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, February 17, 2018

General Meeting – Taylor

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 Website: TucsonGRS.org

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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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