



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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March 1, 2018

TGRS General Meeting at the Mitchell's

Date: Saturday, March 17, 2018

Time: Meeting 10:00 - 11:00am

Where: [5100 W Paseo Del Campo](#)

From the Intersection of I-10 & El Camino del Cerro (Ruthrauff):

Proceed WEST on El Camino del Cerro, go 2.3 mi. Turn LEFT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.4 mi. Turn LEFT (E) at Paseo de las Colinas, go <0.1 mi. (Rancheros jogs east several yards at Colinas). Turn RIGHT (S) at Paseo de los Rancheros, go 0.5 mi. Turn RIGHT (W) at Paseo del Campo. 5100 is the first house on right.

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

Come and see the new Turtle River Railroad layout.

SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook

We had another great crowd in February, so we will continue our lunch 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 March 21st. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose scorekeeping and lots of fun), or 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

17 February-2018

Ruth Taylor's Home

President Glenn Mitchell called the meeting to order and thanked Ruth for hosting. Chuck and Betty Haight brought 2 visitors. Chuck has agreed to be the new liaison for the Rincon Country West RV Park and club. Glenn passed around a card for Dorothy Mechigian. The funeral service for Maxine Joplin is tentatively scheduled for 2/24 at 11am.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 02/14/18)	\$ 3,910
Savings (as of 02/14/18)	<u>17,282</u>
Total	\$21,192

Receipts (from 12/02/17)	\$236
Expenses (from 12/02/17)	<u>\$373</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ (137)

Year to Date Recap

Receipts	\$ 1,934
Expenses	<u>2,358</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ (824)

Ruth also has regalia for sale and can take orders for sizes not currently available.

OLD BUSINESS: Rails in the Garden 2018 (RITG) is all set with hosts and volunteers. Additional signs are available if needed. Business cards with the dates for next year's RITG are included in the hosts' packets. Call Dennis Maher if you need anything. It appears that the Facebook link has been fixed. A Star reporter is scheduled to interview and photograph the Mitchells' layout on 2/16. The Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona has a direct link on their website to RITG. We are asking for monetary donations only this year, but donated food will not be turned away. The Food Bank has also agreed to a "photo op" when the donation is made to them.

Pima County Fair signup sheets were passed around at the meeting. Working 4 or more shifts will get you a badge. All others will get passes. There is also a special handicap parking lot pass that can be made available to members as necessary. Trailers are scheduled to be in the building on 4/2 (heavy stuff) and 4/3 (the rest). The modules should be set up and the trailers out before the 4-H setup scheduled for Saturday, 4/7. The morning shift on most days will begin at 10:30 and the afternoon shift begins at 3:30. Beginning around 2pm on 4/19, building removal will begin with module tear down on 4/20 when the trailers can be brought in.

Public Layouts: Tucson Children's Museum layout is being updated. David Nelson has researched the different scales used in model railroading and has come up with a detailed proposal.

Ruth Taylor donated a southwestern village (approximately \$700 value) to the Tucson Botanical Gardens. It will be installed after a cleanup and repair session at the Gardens' layout.

The Diamond Children's Center engine has been replaced. There are 2 backups available. There is need for a camera to be installed in a backup.

The Transportation Museum train used outside has died. The Board agreed to purchase a Thomas the Tank engine and to give them another engine previously donated to the club as a backup.

The Rodeo Parade Museum needed a backup engine and a used Mogul has been purchased for them.

NEW BUSINESS: Dennis mentioned the Million-Dollar layout seen on Strange Inheritance program. He has emailed the club members. He checked to and believes the show is to be repeated this coming Tuesday, 2/20 on the Fox Business Channel (Cox 68/1068).

Vice-President's Report –Upcoming Events:

- 02/21 Social Luncheon at the Red Garter Saloon
- 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
- 05/17 BOD – Mitchells
- 05/19 General Meeting – Mahers – a swap meet is tentatively scheduled as well.

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

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: 68 families

Website: Jerry Tulino reported that there have been many “hits” on the RITG link.

Education: Nothing new to report.

Clinics/Maintenance (club equipment)/Mentors: The TV/DVD player will be at the County Fair. Members are encouraged to bring train-related DVDs (e.g., layouts visited, your personal layout, a train ride you took, Etc.)

Social Activities: Social luncheons will be on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at the Red Garter (shoot pool at 11, lunch at noon).

The next Board of Directors meeting will take place on 03/15, 2pm, at the Mitchells’ home.

The next General Meeting is to be at the Mitchells on 3/17.

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

Respectfully submitted
Gina Blackwell, Secretary

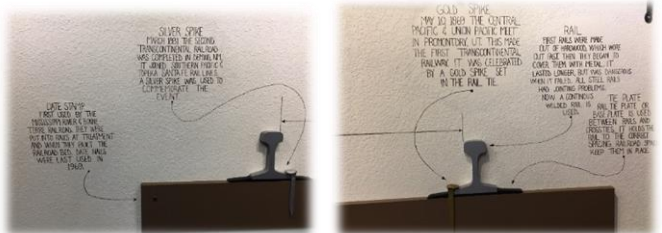


February’s newsletter had an article about the Children’s Museum. Some

of the information in it was incorrect due to confusing emails that I (Jerry Tulino) sent to Claudia Nelson. I hope this explanation clears up any confusion and also defines the credit that all parties involved deserve.

TGRS worked with the Children’s Museum, the Transportation Museum and the Rodeo Parade Museum to define similar goals and exhibits. Thru these discussions items were given or loaned to the Children’s Museum to enhance the “train room” display that we built there in 2008. The Transportation Museum gave the Children’s Museum railroad spikes, date stamps and a fabulous lantern for their display. The Rodeo Parade Museum loaned the Children’s

Museum the railroad tools that are mounted on the south wall. TGRS donated a box car in each of 5 scales to be used as a display at the museum. The Children’s Museum staff created the wall displays and cabinet display for the box cars. The following pictures highlight all of the displays that they designed and installed.



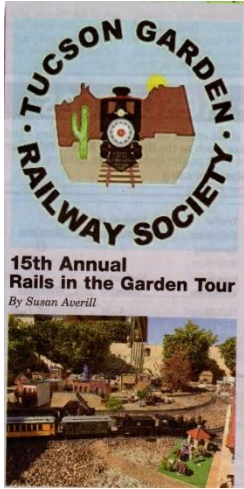
Tucson Garden Railroad Society Train Display



RITG Advertising

Saddlebrook Newsletter

(Bob & Sue Averill)



March 3 and 4 is the annual Rails in the Garden tour.

This year, the feature area is with the west and north side of Tucson. Full information and maps are available at tucsongsr.org. Four of the layouts are in the SaddleBrooke area.

Garden Railroading is a great hobby for retired people wanting to stay active and have a desire to learn or practice elements of railroading, model building, electronics, landscaping and miniature gardening. The world in your backyard beckons to challenge you. Trains run on a track nearly 2 inches wide and in scales between 1:20 to 1:29. The era and location on the planet you choose to model becomes your guide. Or you can take the no holds barred approach and just go where your mind takes you.

Here in SaddleBrooke we will have four layouts on the tour, from a medium sized layout of 300-foot to a more

robust size of 1,200-foot of track. The eras modeled vary from the early 1900s to the 1960s. Both steam and diesel engines pull the loads. One layout has live steam engines. Trains at the other locations are either track powered or battery powered.

The four layouts located in SaddleBrooke are:

- 62066 E. Amberwood Dr.

- 61786 E. Sandlewood Rd.

- 39794 S. Riverwood Dr.

- 38443 S. Viewpoint Ct.

Layouts are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 3 and 4. There is no charge to view the layouts. We do accept cash donations at each site, which go the Community Food Bank and to Tucson Garden Railway Society to support community-railroading projects we have in the Tucson. Come on out and hear that lone-some whistle blow!

tucsongsr.org
for more information!

2018 Rails in the Garden Tour

featured in the Tucson Star Newspaper

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

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

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

PRESENTS

The Silver Spike Festival

Celebrating

The 138th Anniversary of the Railroad to Tucson

Saturday, March 17th, 2018 at 10:00am

Music at 9:30am



Mayoral Proclamation

Display of the Original Silver Spike

Reenactment by the descendants of 1880

Fourth U.S. Calvary Regiment Band

Honorees to the Silver Spike Hall of Fame

Craft Show & Vintage vehicles



FREE Family Fun In front of Locomotive 1673

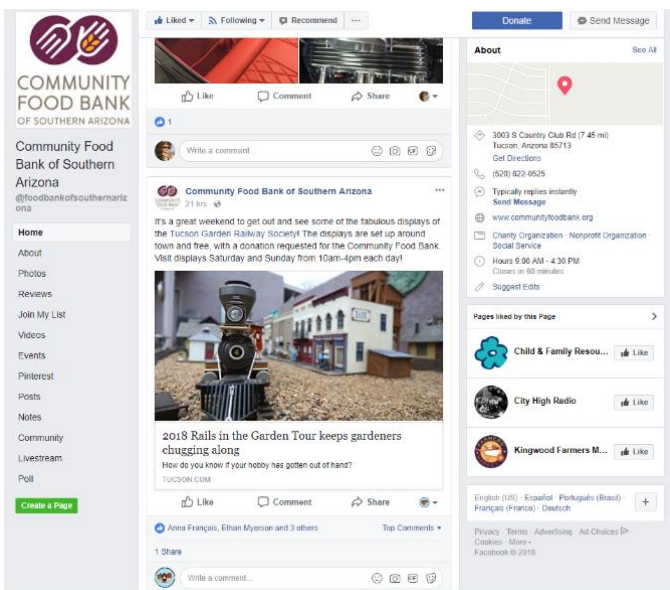
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(Facebook Page)



Free Family Movie Night



2nd SATURDAYS DOWNTOWN

KIDS
ACTIVITIES
START 1HR
BEFORE MOVIE!

Cars: Sat, Feb 10th @ 5:45pm
(RUNTIME: 1HR 57MIN, RATED: G)

Cars 2: Sat, March 10th @ 6:15pm
(RUNTIME: 2hrs, RATED: G)

Cars 3: Sat, April 14th @ 6:45pm
(RUNTIME: 1HR 49MIN, RATED: G)

*Sponsored by the Hicks

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By Claudia Nelson



Ten Miles in One Day

On April 28, 1869 ten miles and fifty-six feet of track was laid in one day. The accomplishment was in response to a \$10,000 wager Charles Crocker made with Thomas Durant of the Union Pacific that his workers were capable of doing what seemed impossible. A squad of eight Irish rail-handlers and a small army of 4000 workers, mostly Chinese, accomplished the feat, working between 5 a.m. and 7 p.m., with a mid-day break after laying six miles of track. In the end 25,800 ties, 3,520 rails (averaging 560 lbs. each), 55,080 spikes, 14,050 bolts, and other materials, totaling in weight 4,462,000 pounds, were laid down.

The teamwork that went into laying ten miles plus of track in one day was tremendous. It was like a choreographer orchestrating a complex dance sequence. Everyone moved with a rhythm. The accomplishment has not been matched even in modern times.

The names of the eight Irish workers were recorded by the railroad, and they were hailed in a parade in Sacramento. None of the Chinese workers' names were recorded; they were forgotten so they remain nameless.

The Old Engineer Sez: "WHEN I'M FINALLY HOLDING ALL THE RIGHT CARDS, EVERYONE WANTS TO PLAY CHESS."

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

HOG LAW: The federal statute which provides that all train and engine crews must be relieved of duty after 12 hours of continuous service.

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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
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TGRS Membership Application

Calendar

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 19-20, 2018

Pima County Fair

Thursday, May 17, 2018

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, May 19, 2018

General Meeting – Mahar

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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