

The Tucson Garden Railway Society



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May 1, 2018

General Meeting Saturday, May 19, 2018

Where: Dennis & Carolyn Mahar <u>6219 E. Diablo Sunrise Rd</u>. Tucson, AZ 85756 760-519-2207

When: 9:00 am trains running 10:00 am general meeting 11:00 am run trains again

Please bring your own chair. Handicap/wheelchair accessible.

Small Swap Meet: Bring your own table if you wish to sell. Please come early to set up.

Directions: From west/downtown area- Take I-10 east. Exit 269 (Wilmot Rd). Turn right on Wilmot. Turn right on Diablo Sunrise RD. 4th house on right.

From east of Wilmot rd. Take I-10 west to exit 269 (Wilmot Rd) Turn left on Wilmot. Go under I-10. Turn right on Diablo Sunrise Rd.

FLATHEAD JUNCTION R/R:

Flathead Junction was founded in August 2016. Population is very few. Elevation is 12 inches from ground level. The town was named after Henry Ford's first V-8 engine, the Ford Flathead. Flathead Junction has two main loops, three sidings on the main lines and two sidings in the railroad yard/station. There is about 250 feet of track (24X48 foot area). There is a water feature, small canyon, and tunnel. The railroad is battery powered using a r/c system from Reed;s Hobby Shop in La Mesa, California. (about 20 years old) Most of the vehicles are early Fords, Dodge and T-bucket vehicles from 1909 to 1970. Buildings are mostly kits from Pola, Piko. If you want to run your r/c train on my layout, bring your train. Hope you enjoy my railroad as it is just getting started.

SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook

Going Back to Our Roots



No, not the black roots we had on our hair way back then-don't we wish! Going back to what I am told was the origin of TGRS. Jerry Tulino has requested a lunch visit to <u>The Depot restaurant</u>, 3501 E Fort Lowell. That is a couple blocks west of Dodge Blvd on the north side of the street. The date is <u>TUESDAY</u> May 15th. It is the usual bar food menu – I took one for the team and sampled the Green Chile Chicken sandwich. It literally had a whole chili fileted to cover the entire sandwich – yum. Try to sit all the way back in the NE corner of the restaurant. That is farthest from the outside smoking area. Same plan as usual; pool at 11 a.m., lunch at 11:45.



This year's fair didn't seem to have as many visitors as I've seen in prior years, but those that come really enjoyed our layout. Some of the comments centered around how detailed we made the layout and how much they enjoyed seeing it every year. We also might have gotten a new member or two.



This year's layout was the largest we've done (according to Dennis Mahar), a 40' X 60' spread. As in previous years, we had lots of questions about how long it took us to get it set up.





Gary's Brewery and Barry's Circus were highlights of the setup. But, the most talkedabout area was the children's layout. It was especially a hit with the kids here during special needs days. Byron got lots of feedback from the teachers about how much the special needs children enjoyed running the trains.



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ABTO TUCSON TURN-AROUND PHOTOS

Courtesy of Jim and Elaine Miller



1- Lewis



2 - Schriver



5 - Gardner



6 - Haas



3 - Superstition Mtn Museum



4 - Morris

The Old Engineer Sez: "THE ONLY DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A RUT AND A GRAVE IS THE DEPTH."

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

BLUE GOOSE: A high-rail car used by management to get out of the office and look important

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



Ferdinand Fochs Railway Car, at the same location as after World War One, prepared by the Germans for the second armistice at Compiègne, June 1940.

After WW1 the French had the railway cars that Germany surrendered in stored in a museum. During WW2 when France was preparing to surrender, Hitler ordered the walls of museum torn down and the railway cars returned to the exact spot of the 1918 armistice to humiliate the French

Calendar

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Social Luncheon – The Depot Thursday, May 17, 2018 **BOD Meeting – Mitchell** Saturday, May 19, 2018 General Meeting – Mahar Monday, June 25, 2018 Christmas in June @ Diamond Children's Hospital Saturday, June 9, 2018 General Meeting – Tucson Botanical Gardens Saturday, August 18, 2018 "Beat the Heat" Train Show – Prescott Valley Thursday, September 20, 2018 **BOD** Meeting – Mitchell Thursday, October 18, 2018 **BOD** Meeting – Mitchell Saturday, October 20, 2018 **General Meeting – Forgues** Saturday, October 20, 2018 Light the Night Walk

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TGRS Membership Application

The Tucson Garden Railway Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit 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:

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