



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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June 1, 2018

General Meeting Saturday, June 9, 2018

Where: Tucson Botanical Gardens
[2150 N. Alvernon Way](#)
Tucson, AZ 85712

When: 9:00 am trains running
10:00 am general meeting in the
Pavillion Hall

Click [here](#) for a map of the gardens.

Location: Tucson Botanical Gardens is located on the east side of Alvernon Way between Grant Road and Pima Street.



Thornville Garden Railway

Watch the train as it winds through a miniature town. Hear it chug and whistle as you stroll around the Gardens.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



We had a great time and a good crowd for our May venture to [The Depot](#) restaurant. Despite another club of folks even older than us having lunch at the same time, the service and food were quite good. The Depot was the site of one of the very first meetings of TGRS and over lunch it was fun to try to remember the very early members that started the club. For June we will return to Wednesday June 20th 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. 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.

Interesting note from our Webmaster about The Depot

(Thanks, Jerry)

We had lunch at the Depot Restaurant today. Since it was one of the original meeting locations for TGRS, a bit of the club's history was a subject of conversation. This led me to review some of the info available on the club's web site. I have included a link to the page on our web site below. On the web page "Overview of the club's history" is a document describing the founding and early years of the club. "The years 1994 thru 1996" is a link to a series of photos, articles, awards, etc., about the early years of the club. Notice the meeting agendas for May 14, 1994 and July 14th. The May meeting includes a meeting at the Udall Center and then an afternoon "get together" at the Fort Lowell Depot Restaurant. The entire July meeting was held at the Fort Lowell Depot Restaurant. There are also "signup sheets" from May and July of 1994 which list most of the original club members and there is a copy of the first club roster.

FYI – All of the material provided in the links of the info for the years "1994 thru 1996" thru "2014 thru 2015" was provided by **Phyllis Dirksen**, the club historian. Also, thanks to **Steve Anderson** for converting all the material to a digital format so that it can be placed on the web and made available to everyone.

[Click here to go to the club history page](#)

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

May 19, 2018

Dennis & Carolyn Maher's Home



Dennis and Carolyn were thanked for hosting. New members introduced were: Conrad and Sally Jacunski, Paul Stevens and Kathleen Garza. Bob and Brenda Baker were visiting. There were approximately 35 people present for the meeting.

The minutes of the March General Meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was approved as read:

Checking (as of 05/17/18):	\$ 3,656.
Savings (as of 05/17/18):	<u>17,283.</u>
Total on Deposit:	\$20,939.

Receipts (from 03/18/18):	\$ 2,304.
Expenses (from 03/18/18):	<u>1,654.</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ 650.

Year to Date Recap

Receipts:	\$ 4,436.
Expenses:	<u>5,841.</u>
Net Revenue:	(1,405.)

OLD BUSINESS: Pima County Fair attendance seemed to be down but was steady; never crowded. It was thought that the Teacher Walkout affected attendance in that school field trips had to be cancelled.

The ABTO Round-About was well attended by 21 of our club members and everyone seemed to have a good time. We will need to start rounding up hosts for our turn next spring.

Public Layouts Status:

Tucson Children's Museum: Nothing new to report.

Tucson Botanical Gardens: Need to work on the track! There is a need to redesign the entire layout for ease of care. The layout is not being properly maintained by the Gardens staff. The June meeting will take place at the Gardens and the update/upgrade discussion will continue on site.

Diamond Children's Center: Nothing new to report. Everything seems to be running OK.

Transportation Museum: No issues to report.

Rodeo Parade Museum: Closed until next year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Board approved acquiring a doodlebug for the modular layout.

Vice-President's Report:

Dennis thanked all the volunteers for their hard work at the Pima County Fair.

The next general meeting will be at the Tucson Botanical Gardens on June 9 at 10am in the meeting/conference room.

The Diamond Children's Center Christmas in June is all set – see Willis Fagg if you have questions.

The next Board Meeting will be September 20. A host is needed for the General Meeting.

The Leukemia Society's [Light the Night](#) event will be on October 20.

The next swap meet will be November 9 and 10.

The Martins will be hosting the November meeting on the 10th.

The Christmas Holiday party will be on December 1st at the Golden Corral.

Dennis reminded everyone to check the website for updates on upcoming events.

The VA hospital display dates are pending.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Claudia is looking for material to include.

Committee Reports:

Membership: There are currently 66 paid member families and 7 honorary/lifetime members per Ruth Taylor.

Website: No report. It was mentioned that Jerry has been posting a lot of new information and the website looks really good.

Education, Clinics and Mentor Program: No new information.

Maintenance: As above under Public Layout Status.

Social Activities: No information as to when or where the next gathering will be.

There was a general reminder to be thinking about the election of officers for next year.

Jack Forgues asked for help in obtaining engine circuit boards, Etc. No one seems to be making them any longer. Parts are getting more and more difficult to obtain.

The next General Meeting is scheduled for June 9th at the Tucson Botanical Gardens.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary

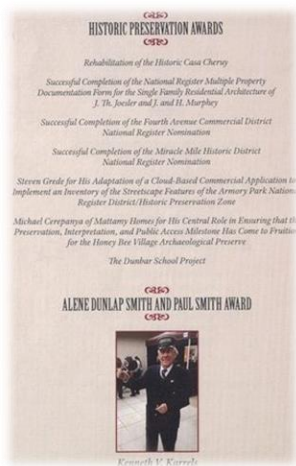
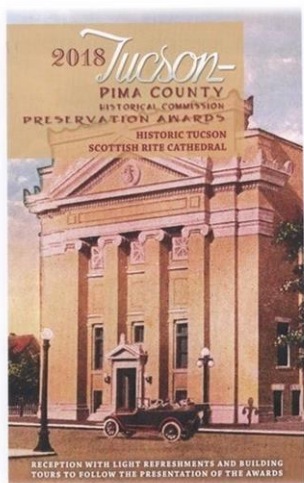
Ken Karrels Awarded the 2018 Arlene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award

(by Mary Karrels and Willis Fagg)

Tucson-Pima County Historical Commission has awarded its prestigious 2018 Arlene Dunlap Smith and Paul Smith Award to TGRS member Ken Karrels for his work with the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum. The annual presentation of Historic Preservation Awards took place Saturday, May 19 at the Historic Tucson Scottish Rite Cathedral. Gary Martin and Willis Fagg represented TGRS.




As a memento of the occasion Ken received a hand blown glass piece from Philabaum Studio with an engraved glass base. It is in a place of honor at home.



Thank You Letter from the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona

Awards were given for completion of National Register Nominations and wide ranging historic preservation projects in our community. Dave Devine delivered the introduction comments for the highest honor. Ken was selected for this honor based on "his efforts creating a museum dedicated to celebrating Southern Arizona's rich transportation history." "As chairman... (he) saw it through difficult budgetary challenges, directed development, established an active, involved board and group of truly dedicated volunteers and overseeing the museums' changing exhibits". "In addition to leading the effort to open and operate a transportation museum, Ken initiated a series of free celebrations that honor local history. In doing this, he had an eye on making the events inclusive and for all ages, intent of bringing the community together to honor our past while also having fun."



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May 3, 2018

Ruth Taylor
Tucson Garden Railway Society
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Tucson, Arizona 85735-5195

Dear Ruth & Friends,

You've just helped turn someone's life around. You've given Lily a reason to smile.



Thanks to you, Lily is no longer worried about whether there will be dinner at home tonight. Thanks to you, she can play and learn and grow.


With your gift to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona, you've brought us all one step closer to a healthy, hunger-free community. Thank you for this generous contribution raised during the 15th Annual Rails in the Garden Tour.

This Spring, we celebrate renewal. Thanks to you, families like Lily's have a place to turn when they need compassion and help.

You are making a difference! You've given fresh, healthy produce to families who can't afford it. You've helped local children have the nutritious meals they need to grow and made sure no senior sits at home alone, wondering where his or her next meal will come from.

Thank you for helping our neighbors in need.

Sincerely,



Michael McDonald
Chief Executive Officer

This is such a great event! Thanks for making us part of it. So

Gift Received: 5/1/2018 Gift Amount: \$1,500.00 Check #: 2223

No goods or services were exchanged for this gift. The Community Food Bank is a 501(C)(3) Tax Exempt Organization. Gifts are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by current law. Consult a tax advisor for details.
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Over the past 10 years (since 2009), TGRS has donated a total of \$8,671 to the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona.

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(COURTESY OF JERRY TULINO)

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Model Rail EXHIBIT

Enjoy 8,000 square feet of toy trains, from tiny Z-scale model trains to the big G-scale giants of the model train world, sample the hobby and experience the fun of model railroading. Now open year-round, admission to the The Model Rail Exhibit is FREE!




Common Model Rail Scales

NAME OF GAUGE	RATIO	FOOTAGE	TRAINS
STB (Standard) Gauge	1:29	92	2
G (Garden) Gauge	1:29	660	6
O Gauge	1:48	667	26
S Gauge	1:64	131	5
HO Gauge	1:87	961	25
HO MiniKit	1:87	222	8
N Gauge	1:160	101	6
Z Gauge	1:229	39	4
TOTAL	—	2,859	82

Model Rail Scavenger Hunt

Can you find these hidden items?

- Radio Station
- Diners
- Superhero




Like what you see?

Get involved in Kansas City's largest model rail exhibit and favorite holiday tradition!

DONATE
All donations go toward supporting The Model Rail Exhibit. Donate online at UnionStation.org. Have an item you would like to donate? Call 816.450.2090 for more information. Items donated are not guaranteed to be on display at all times.

VOLUNTEER
The Model Rail Exhibit is designed, built, and maintained by volunteers, and we have a place for everyone from all scale railroads to general helpers. For more information, or to complete a volunteer application, please visit unionstation.org/volunteer or call 816.468.2000.



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The Old Engineer Sez: "FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED. FUNNY, I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ABSENT-MINDED."

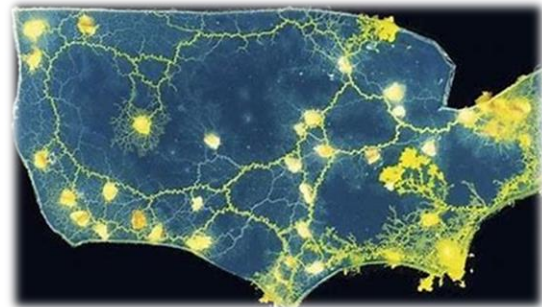
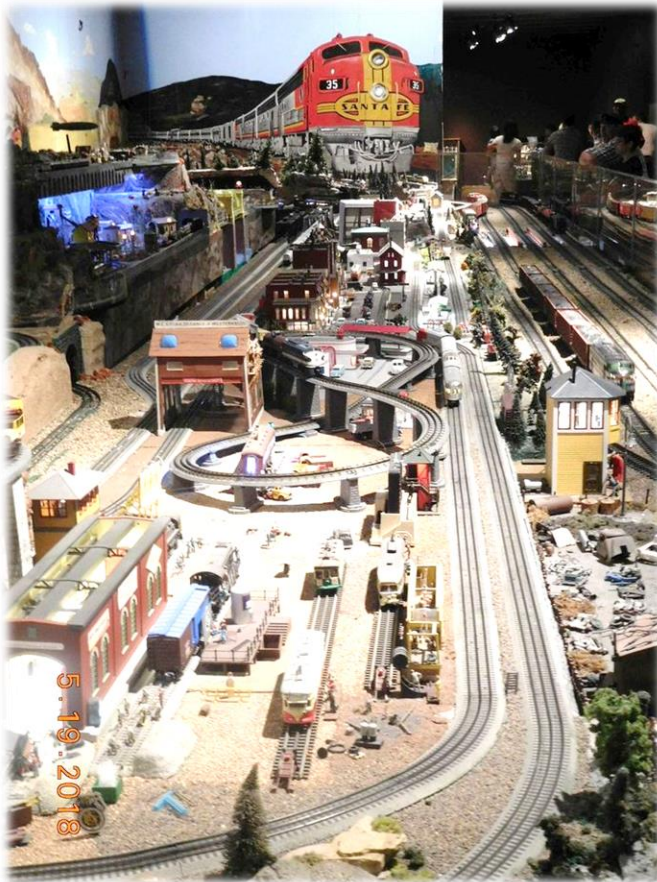
Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

CORNERED: A term used when a car has been struck by another car because it was not in the clear.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



Slime mold drawn map of US rail system

When placed on maps using food sources as cities, slime molds have almost perfectly replicated major train systems in Europe, the USA, Tokyo, and Canada.

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

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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

Calendar

Saturday, June 9, 2018

General Meeting – Tucson Botanical Gardens

Monday, June 25, 2018

Christmas in June @ Diamond Children's Hospital

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

Friday-Saturday, November 9-10, 2018

Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet

Saturday, November 10, 2018

General Meeting – Martin

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Holiday Luncheon & General Meeting – Golden Corral

Wednesday-Friday, December 26-28, 2018

VA Hospital Xmas Display