



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

TIMETABLE

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August 1, 2018

TGRS Dues Payable July 1, 2018

(for the year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)
\$30.00 PER MEMBER OR FAMILY

**Please make check payable to
TGRS and send to:**

**RUTH TAYLOR
TREASURER, TGRS
4081 S. TARANTULA HAWK PLACE
TUCSON, AZ 85735**

No Meeting until September.



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Have a great summer!

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



Due to another group having lunch at the same time; the Red Garter even brought in another waitress – now that is service. No need to change our location so we will return to The Red Garter Saloon, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club on Wednesday August 15th. 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.

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:
CONRAD & SALLY JACUNSKI
PAUL STEVENS & KATHLEEN
GARZA
WESLEY & LORI WHITMAN**

Rocky Mountaineer – July 2018

by Dottie Fagg

In July, Willis and I took an 11-day trip on the Rocky Mountaineer. We took the Golden Circle tour via Whistler and chose Gold Leaf service. The Gold Leaf service was definitely worth it, because you got to sit in a dome car, with dining downstairs. We were on the train from Vancouver to Jasper via Whistler and Quesnel. After two nights in Jasper, we took a motor coach to Lake Louise, where we spent two nights. We then took a motor coach to Banff after a stop at the spiral tunnels and Yoho Park Lake. We spent two nights in Banff before rejoining the train for our trip back to Vancouver via Kamloops. The weather was almost perfect and the scenery spectacular.



Here's a map of their different routes. Some people left the train in Jasper, others started their journey in Calgary or Banff. Whichever you choose, you'll love the beautiful Canadian Rockies.

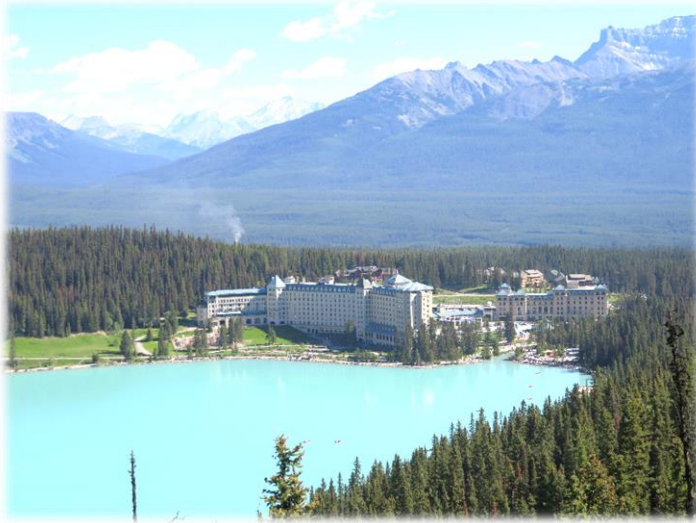


The dome cars make for excellent viewing. Not only did we see beautiful mountains, lakes and waterfalls, but we saw eagles, osprey, bears, big horn sheep, deer, elk, and mountain goats.

As the track wound around the mountains, we got a good look at the front of our train.



We stayed two nights at the fabulous Chateau Lake Louise. There were a myriad of hiking trails and several great restaurants to try.



Here we are getting on the train in Banff to head out on the last leg of our journey.



All and all it was a fun trip. The food was good, and we met some very interesting people. You can get more information about the Rocky Mountaineer by going to their website at <https://www.rockymountaineer.com>.

If you want to see more photos of our trip, you can go to our website at <http://www.km6mv.org/travel/out-and-about/rocky-mountaineer-2018/>.

My Life as a Railroader

By John Fennema

Early Railroading (Part 1)

My life as a railroader began in 1958, when according to my parents, I became very excited upon seeing my first train and eventually wanting to become a Locomotive Engineer. We lived in Anaheim, CA, and our backyard backed the Southern Pacific's Anaheim to Huntington Beach branch line. Two locals passed every day, at 10 & 11am, returning between 8 & 9pm. I would look out for them each day. Then, in 1967, my mom would drive my younger brother and me to one of Southern Pacific's outlying yards. One afternoon, while watching the switcher do its thing, the conductor came over and struck up a conversation with us. He asked if we wanted to ride in the cab. **Of course, we did!** Over that summer, we rode in the switcher cab for several hours every other Saturday, ringing the bell and blowing the whistle at the Katella Road crossing. We even spotted cars down a branch line.

Then in 1973, I ended up at the US Army Recruiting station. The Army's Transportation Corps had a railroad training center which closed shortly after I enlisted. I ended up in Communications & Recruiting for the next 21 years.

We retired to Phoenix and one Sunday in December 1994, Audrie noticed an ad that Southern Pacific was hiring for the first time in over 10 years. So, I went to the Dept of Economic Security office, where the hiring

was happening. There must have been 600 people in line, so all I was able to do was to leave a resume. Then, on Feb 4, 1995, Audrie saw another SP hiring ad, but much smaller. So off I went on Feb 6, where there were only about 60 people, I interviewed with SP Human Resources and was sent off to another room for 2 hours of testing on English comprehension, math, & figuring out what a set of geometric designs formed. After that ordeal was over, I was told that if SP was interested in me to expect a call from the local Trainmaster.

Mr. Morgan, the Trainmaster, called to schedule an interview for Feb 8, where I interviewed with Mr. Morgan and the Asst Trainmaster, Mr. Copeland at the Phoenix yard. After the interview, they asked me to wait outside, then Mr. Copeland asked me to go with him to Medical Clinic. One job requirement was that I could lift 80 pounds up a slight grade (the weight of a boxcar knuckle). At the Clinic, I had to lift an 80-pound bag up a slanted grade (which I did) and had a very brief conversation with the doctor. After that, Mr. Copeland told me to report to the Best Western hotel for class beginning on Feb 13, 1995. So, I went to America West Airlines, where I was a baggage handler, turned in my gear and got ready for my railroading career to begin.

Jerewater – remote and unimportant

by Chuck Cook

We owe the colorful Americanism "jerewater" to the invention of the steam engine - an advancement that significantly accelerated travel by rail but also had its drawbacks. One drawback was that the boilers of the early locomotives needed to be refilled with water frequently, and water tanks were few and far between. As a result, the small trains that ran on rural branch lines often had to stop to take on water from local supplies. Such trains were commonly called "jerkwaters" from the motion of jerking the water up in buckets from the supply to the engine. The derogatory use of "jerewater" for things unimportant or trivial reflects the fact that these jerewater trains typically ran on lines connecting small middle-of-nowhere towns.

- **Jazmyn's Lunch Break and Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches:**

(Monday, July 9, 2018 – AZ Daily Star)

On June 25, the local nonprofit charity, Jazmyn's Lunch Break, held their annual 'It's a Summer Christmas' event at Banner-Diamond Children's Medical Center. Santa Claus handed out toys and the **Polar Express Christmas Train was set up by the Garden Railroad Society to entertain the children.** Jimmy John's Gourmet Sandwiches provided sandwiches and lunch boxes to the children, their families and nurses.

Flyer for Prescott Area Swap Meet

August 10, 2018

The Old Engineer Sez: "IF GOD WANTED ME TO TOUCH MY TOES, HE'D HAVE PUT THEM ON MY KNEES."



**PRESCOTT AREA
BEAT THE HEAT**
MODEL TRAINS & OLD BOYS' TOYS

SWAP MEET

Saturday, August 18, 2018, 9 AM - 1 PM

Again at the Liberty Traditional School
3300 N. Lake Valley Rd, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

Presented By:
THE CENTRAL ARIZONA MODEL RR CLUB

Adults \$5.00 – Children 12 and under Free

Contact: Dick Gage @ 802-272-1352 or Doug Gilliatt 480-390-0320

Table Reservations \$30.00 per table in advance
**** 1 Free Admission with Each Table purchased ****

Dealer Setup Time 7-9 AM – No Early Public Admission
The CAMRRC is Not Responsible for Lost or Stolen Items

Name _____
Address _____
Phone _____ Email _____

of Tables _____ (Limit 4 per seller) @ 30.00 each _____
Helper Name _____ @ 4.00 ** _____
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Lunch Reservations (sandwich, chips, soda) _____ @ 7.00 each _____
Special Requests _____ Total _____

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CAMRRC, 514 Goshawk Way, Prescott, AZ 86301

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

THE UNDERGROUND: Also known as "the Tube," it is the first underground railway established in the world. The Metropolitan Railway opened in London on January 10, 1863. This original four miles of underground rail grew into 253 miles of railway servicing 275 stations in present day London.

SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



The fight scene on top of the train in Skyfall was actually filmed on top of a real moving train, and Daniel Craig did not use a stunt double.

**Map to
Liberty Traditional School
3300 N Lake Valley Rd
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314
(map not to scale)**

--- VERY IMPORTANT ---
DO NOT use north bound Lake Valley Rd.
Access the school from the North at
E. Lakeshore Dr. & Lake Valley Rd.
Turn South on Lake Valley Rd. to school
'PV Police will ticket people making
Left or U-turns to the School'

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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, August 18, 2018

"Beat the Heat" Train Show – Prescott Valley

Thursday, September 13, 2018

BOD Meeting – Martin

Saturday, September 15, 2018

General Meeting – Fennema

Thursday, October 18, 2018

BOD Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, October 20, 2018

General Meeting – Forgues

Saturday, October 20, 2018

"Light the Night" Walk – Park Place Mall

Friday-Saturday, November 9-10, 2018

Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet

Saturday, November 10, 2018

General Meeting & Open House – Martin

Saturday, December 1, 2018

Holiday Luncheon & General Meeting – Golden Corral

Wednesday-Friday, December 26-28, 2018

VA Hospital Xmas Display

Thursday, January 17, 2019

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, January 19, 2019

General Meeting – Gadsen-Pacific Toy Train Museum

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, February 23, 2019

General Meeting – RCW

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, March 16, 2019

General Meeting – Averill