



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

# TIMETABLE

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December 1, 2018

## TGRS Dues are Due!!!

(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

## 2028 Holiday Party at Golden Corral

The annual holiday party at the Golden Corral was a big hit, as was the buffet.



After a very brief general meeting, we got into the gift exchange.



It took awhile for everyone to get into the "thievery" mode, but once we did, the party got much more enjoyable.



## TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

November 10, 2018

Gary & Peggy Martin's Home



*Janet Mitchell had the first draw*



*Pat Sommerhalder had an early draw*



*Wally Gazdzik liked his pick*



*Bob Averill showing off his Deere truck*

Gary and Peggy were thanked for hosting. There were approximately 35 members present. Sally Jacunski was also thanked for a very well-presented demonstration of 3-D printing just prior to this meeting.

The minutes of the November general meeting were approved as published in the Newsletter.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Ruth Taylor:

Checking (as of 11/08/18):	\$ 3,574.
Savings (as of 11/08/18):	<u>17,299.</u>
Total on Deposit:	\$20,873.

Receipts (from 10/19/18):	\$ 707.
(Christmas luncheon, club shirts, dues, rebates)	
Expenses (from 10/19/18):	<u>189.</u>
(chair rental & trailer [x3] storage for 1 month)	
Net Revenue:	\$ 518.

Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)

Receipts:	\$ 1,075.
Expenses:	<u>1,323.</u>
Net Revenue:	\$ -248.

Dues paid 2018-19 as of 11/08/18: \$1,298  
(40 renewals and 3 new member families)

Newsletter Editor's Report: No new information.  
(Please send pictures and stories.)

Vice-President's Report: Upcoming events include:  
*Luminaria Nights at the Tucson Botanical Gardens* – setup on 11/29, run trains 4:30-8pm 11/30-12/02 and 12/07-12/09, tear down on 2/10.

*Ocotillo Learning Center's Polar Express Day* – 12/20 setup at about 7:30-8am; run trains from 9am to about 3:30pm for about 200 kids walking through the library where it will be displayed. Will need Christmas decorations!

*VA Hospital Display* – setup on 12/26, Run 12/27-28 (9am to 4pm), begin tear down on Saturday, 12/29  
*Board of Directors Meeting* – 01/17, 2pm at the Mitchells

*January General Meeting* – 01/19, 10am at the Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum (trains will run from 9-10am and 11-Noon.

*February General Meeting* – Rincon Country West on 02/09 in the Rally Bldg (time to be announced)

*Rails in the Garden Tour 2019* - March 02 & 03; Sally Jacunski has agreed to chair the event!! It was suggested that she may wish to set up a meeting of volunteers in early December.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

##### Public Layouts Status:

*Tucson Children's Museum:* New wheels needed - \$7.50/axle is the current price. The members approved spending approximately \$350 for wheels, Etc.

*Diamond Children's Center:* The track cleaner was run (successfully) and a small starter-set engine was running to the apparent delight of the staff and visitors. This will be left in place for a while.

*Tucson Botanical Gardens:* A special meeting for the Board and all other interested members will be held at the Gardens on November 17 at 9am. Michelle will join us.

*Transportation Museum:* A start switch was replaced and everything is doing OK.

*Rodeo Parade Museum:* Closed until next year (February). We're waiting until then to set up the donated items from Mike and Jane Dorgan.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

In lieu of an outdoor meeting in the June heat, it was proposed and approved by the members present to hold the June General Meeting at an indoor venue (such as the Golden Corral). More information will follow.

The upcoming elections were discussed briefly and Willis Fagg stated that he is still looking for Vice-Presidential candidates.

The ABTO Roundabout is tentatively scheduled for 3/23/2019 in Tucson.

#### Committee Reports:

**Website:** Kudos to Jerry Tulino for the website.

**Education and Mentor Program:** No new information.

**Clinics:** No new information.

**Maintenance:** As above under Public Layout Status.

**Social Activities:** Other than the Christmas luncheon, no social activities until after January 1, 2019.

#### Other:

Gary Martin thanked all of those who helped him with his open house. It was a good turnout and (nearly) everything went well.

Club regalia for sale (shirts and hats) – just let Ruth know your size.

A free club decal is offered to each member family (after renewal of dues).

Some upcoming events in the Phoenix area were mentioned: The Trains in the Garden Annual Christmas Tour and a Lego layout that would all be worth seeing.

The next general meeting is to take place at the Golden Corral, 6865 N Thornydale, Noon, on Dec. 1.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Gina Blackwell, Secretary*



## Tucson Botanical Gardens First Steps to Simplifying Layout

*(Pictures and description courtesy of John Fennema)*





We moved the 2 main lines out from under the tree, now have a 20" clearance, added brick as base which will eventually go around entire layout. Added switch to each mainline for a ready track for other trains to be ready to use.

Then we removed several siding/setout tracks, buildings, and 8 RR cars. Looks much cleaner now.

Thanks to the crew: Gary Martin, Bob Conrad, Dennis Mahar, John Fennema, and Ken Karrels.

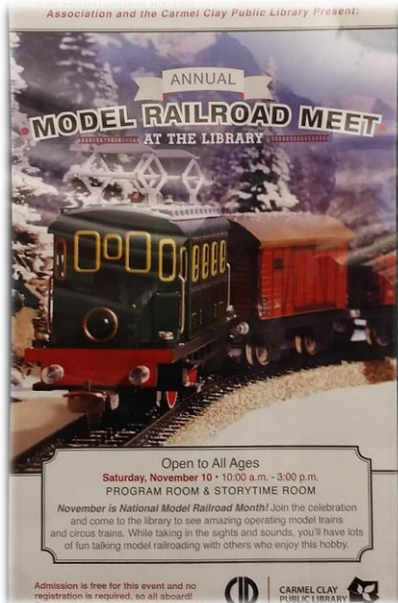
clubs were having their annual model train show (again). The boys were fascinated, and we got another chance to see modelers from the Midwest. They were running all gauges of trains, from Z to G.



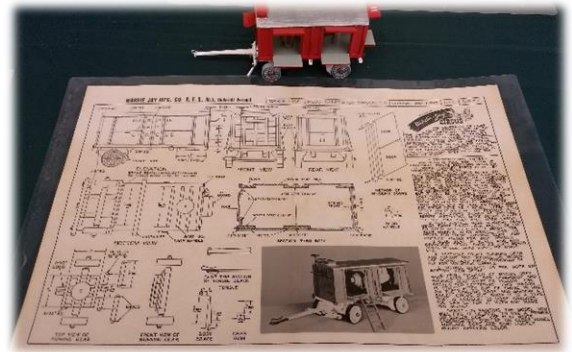
Some of the layouts were quite interesting, i.e., one N-gauge layout in what looked like a carpenter's chest with a glass top and drawers.

## Carmel (Indiana) Library Train Show - Revisited

by Claudia Nelson



I don't know how we managed to hit the correct weekend, but while David and I were visiting our son's family in Indiana we took our grandsons to the local library where the Central Indiana train



And there was a group of circus car modelers that had made replicas of antique circus cars and had found original plans.



It was a fun afternoon and our grandsons had a great time doing the scavenger hunt.

**SEE Trains** In the Phoenix Metro Area 

**IN THE GARDEN ANNUAL CHRISTMAS Open House Tours!**

**2018**

Sat & Sun, December 8 & 9  
Sat & Sun, December 15 & 16  
5:30pm - 8:30pm

Celebrating the holidays with eighteen homes and one children's medical center, with G-scale garden railroads, on display in Phoenix and the east valley for public viewing.  
**Bring the family and don't miss out on the fun!**



Your tax deductible donations will be accepted and used to support ABTO activity throughout the valley, including the maintenance of the Cardon Children's Medical Center and Ryan House Railroads.

Look for Maps, photos, & Videos on the website  
[www.azbigtrains.org](http://www.azbigtrains.org)

Free admission  

**Polar Express Night at The Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Museum**

December 8, 2018 5-9 pm

Go to [gpdtoytrainmuseum.com](http://gpdtoytrainmuseum.com) for more information 

## Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

**SUN KINK:** A condition in which high temperatures cause the rail to overexpand and push the trucks sideways. Such conditions could cause a derailment.

## SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



During the [Battle of Stalingrad](#), Soviet losses were so great that at times the life expectancy of a newly arrived soldier was less than a day, and the life expectancy of a Soviet officer was three days. Combat was so fierce that at one point a railway station changed hands 14 times in six hours. -

### 2018 Christmas Open House ABTO TRAIN Tours.

Schedule of dates and times at a glance			Sat, Dec 8	Sun, Dec 9	Sat, Dec 15	Sun, Dec 16
1 Gary & Nancy Alberti	7549 N. 28 <sup>th</sup> Avenue	Phoenix 85051	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
2 John and Pat Meyers	3235 W State Avenue	Phoenix 85051	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
3 Terry & Carolyn Fields	19020 N. 12 <sup>th</sup> Place	Phoenix 85024	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
4 John & Boots Gordon	11105 W. Olive Drive	Avondale 85392	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
5 Kelly & Cheryl Snow	14725 S. 182 <sup>nd</sup> Drive	Goodyear 85338	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	CLOSED	CLOSED
6 Cardon Children's Medical Center	1400 S. Dobson Road	Mesa 85202	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
7 Roger Crooks	1708 W. Dixon Circle	Mesa 85201	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
8 Danny Farrow	4930 E. Golden Street	Mesa 85205	CLOSED	CLOSED	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
9 Jim & Joanne Gardner	1355 S. Glenview Circle	Mesa 85204	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
10 Terry & Adrienne Haas	1861 E. Fountain Street	Mesa 85203	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
11 Don Sorenson	6130 E. Colby Street	Mesa 85205	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
12 Pam & Craig Morris	7214 E. Avesta Circle	Mesa 85208	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
13 Dick & Jane Sinta	50 South 72 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Mesa 85208	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
14 Superstition Mtn Museum RR	4087 N. Apache Trail	Apache Junction 85119	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm	9am-4pm
15 David & Sharon Kitchin	9401 E. Jadecrest Drive	Sun Lakes, 85248	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
16 Steve & Judy Lewis	925 E. Saddleback Place	San Tan Valley 85143	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30
17 Wesley & Allison Schriver	1149 E. Saddleback Place	San Tan Valley 85143	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30	5:30-8:30




**The Old Engineer Sez:** "A bulldog can whip a skunk, but sometimes it's not worth it."

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum  
PRESENTS  
a reading of  
**The Polar Express**  
Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018  
11:00 am - 12:30 pm

**AMTRAK Historic Depot**  
400 N. Toole Ave.  
(Downtown: Pennington & Toole)

Free family activities include:

- A Reading of The Polar Express by Chris Van Allsburg
- Arts & Crafts By Gail
- Fun Farm Choo Choo Rides
- Ring the bell on Locomotive 1673 (Our 117-Year-Old Steam Locomotive)
- Browse The Museum's Bilingual Exhibits

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The [2019 National Garden Railway Convention](#) will be held August 27-31, 2019 in Portland, Oregon. The convention will be held at the Double Tree Hotel in downtown Portland. With easy access to freeways and the MAX light rail, the centrally located Double Tree offers top-rate accommodations for the best convention experience. On-line website registration will open on August 30, 2018. We will offer a short ride behind the SP Daylight 4449 steam engine to our BBQ at Oaks Park on the Willamette River. We will be selling 18 one-way cab rides in 4449 for the short, two mile ride. Cab rides will sell out quickly, so plan to register early.

The convention has been moved to the last week in August, so there is no longer a conflict with the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Sacramento being held the first week in September, 2019. We are working with the planners of the NNGC, and some layouts in their pre-convention tour are expected to be included in our post-convention tour.

Registration is now open.

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum  
PRESENTS  
14th Annual  
**Holiday Express**  
Free Family Fun At The Historic Depot  
Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018 · 10 am - 4pm

- Talk with Santa and Photo with Santa in front of Locomotive 1673 (the star of the movie "Oklahoma")
- Join in Singing Holiday Music
- Write a letter to Santa at the North Pole: With the Tucson Postal History Museum Elves' help
- Look at the museum's bilingual exhibits, new live action displays With operating model trains
- Listen to a reading of the Polar Express
- Climb into the cab of steam Locomotive 1673
- Shop in the gift store
- See the Railroad art exhibits and train layout in the Amtrak Lobby
- Arts and Crafts Show



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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

**Friday – Sunday, November 30 – December 2, 2018**

Luminaria Nights - TBG

**Saturday, December 1, 2018**

Holiday Luncheon & General Meeting – Golden Corral

**Friday – Sunday, December 7–9, 2018**

Luminaria Nights - TBG

**Monday, December 10, 2018**

Luminaria Nights – Teardown

**Thursday, December 20, 2018**

Polar Express Days – Ocotillo Learning Center

**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 – Rincon West

**Thursday, March 14, 2019**

Board Meeting – Mitchell

**Saturday, March 16, 2019**

General Meeting – Averill