

The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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TGRS General Meeting at Rincon West RV Park

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2019

Time: Trains run at 12:00pm-1:00pm Meeting at 1:00pm

Where: 4555 S Mission Rd, Tucson 85746

RITG Hosts must attend to pick up RITG host supplies. If you <u>can not</u> attend meeting, make arrangements for someone to pick them up for you!

Directions to RCW RV Resort

Take I-19 S, go 1.3 mi to Ajo Way, exit 99. Turn right (W) onto Ajo Way and go 0.9 mi. Turn left (S) at Mission Rd., go 0.6 mi. Turn left at Via Ingresso (first traffic light). Take immediate first right at Gate House entrance to Rincon Country West RV Resort. Once through gate proceed down main boulevard to club layout located on left at end of Boulevard. There is plenty of parking on the left in parking spaces located all around the RCW auditorium next to the train layout.

Rincon Country West Railroad

The RCW Railroad is the ongoing project of the RCW Garden Railroad Club located at the Rincon Country West RV resort. The club has been developing its layout over the past eight winters as most of our members are "snowbirds". We have over 1000 ft. of track with five independent loops and two trolley lines. One fully automated trolley line runs three trolleys simultaneously. Throughout the winter months we run over twenty-five different locomotives on a schedule posted for the viewing pleasure of park residents and club members. Our Village of Rincon is composed of lighted, scratch built and kitbuilt structures named for existing clubs in the RCW Park (Shuffles Boarding House, Tennis Court House, etc.). Our extensive vegetation is maintained by club members and has its own irrigation system. Our storage Train Depot (built by club members) contains a work bench, shelf and track storage for trains and all our electronics.



Important Message from Willis Fagg:

I now have possible candidates for several positions but I'm still seeking members who would be interested in joining the board or becoming an officer. I am especially looking for officer candidates (president, vice president, secretary and newsletter editor).

Please contact me to "put your name in the hat".

<u>WELCOME NEW MEMBERS</u> ANDY & PAM KERR JAMES & DEBRA ELLSWORTH WESLEY & LORI WHITMAN MICHAEL & KATHY LEONARD

SOCIAL ACTIVITES UPDATE

By Chuck Cook



We had a fun time for the January outing, so let's return to <u>The Red Garter Saloon</u>, located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club. The date is Wednesday, February 20th. The food is always great, the service excellent (Adriana), and the conversation varied and fun. We will look forward to stories of trains received for Christmas, kids you saw at our many December layouts and of course your big New Year's escapades. We have to repeat that part because folks like the Mitchells failed to tell us about their big Xmas present. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose score keeping and lots of fun), or 11:45 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions. Next month we will do a weekend luncheon.

One agenda item for the February General Meeting will be a proposal for changes to the club by-laws. The proposed changes can be found at the end of this newsletter.

Just like the proverbial Phoenix

by Jerry Tulino

When one layout is dismantled, some of it rises up again to enhance another one. This is the case with Mike and Jane Dorgan's western themed railroad. Once they decided to down size and move out of their home, the task of removing the layout began. As a result, they donated much of what they disassembled to the club. Glenn and Janet Mitchell and I brought it to the Rodeo Parade Museum to update their layout. We placed many of the items there including grandstands for the rodeo arena, freight wagons, a hearse, some people, a few animals and several decorative/detail pieces such as sacks of flour and children on a swing. It all added just another bit of detail and authenticity to the display. The Rodeo Parade Museum staff wishes to thank the Dorgans for their generous and welcome gift.

PRICE LIST FOR CLUB REGALIA				
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HATS	\$12.00 EACH			
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TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

January 20, 2019

Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum



The Museum was thanked for hosting. Forty (40) members signed the attendance sheet. New members Mike and Kathy Leonard and Wes Whitman were welcomed as was a guest, "Steve".

The minutes of the December General meeting were approved as published.

<u>The Treasurer's Report</u> was accepted as read by Ruth Taylor:

Checking (as of 01/17/19):	\$ 1,602.
Savings (as of 01/17/19):	17,299.
Total on Deposit:	\$18,901.

Receipts (from 12/01/18): \$	330.		
(Christmas luncheon, shirts, donation,	dues)		
Expenses (from 12/01/18):	<u>1,081</u> .		
(trailer insurance, office supplies, Etc.)			
Net Revenue: \$	-751.		

Fiscal Year to Date Recap	(2018,	/2019)
Receipts:	\$	1,785.
Expenses:		4,004.
Net Revenue:	\$	-2,219.

Dues paid 2018-19: \$1,493 (46 renewals and 4 new member families; 15 from last year's roster are unpaid.)

<u>Newsletter Editor's Report</u>: Always looking for new articles and pictures!

Vice-President's Report: Upcoming events include:

- General Meeting, Rincon Country West, February 9
- Children's layout to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, February 11-13

- Railway Days in Chandler, AZ, February 23
- Rails in the Garden (RITG), March 2-3
- General Meeting, Bob and Sue Averill's, March 16
- Pima County Fair: setup begins 4/01, Fair begins 4/18, teardown begins 4/29 (5 volunteers/shift needed) – please sign up by March 1 in order to obtain badges (if you do 4 or more shifts) and parking passes
- The next Swap Meet is 4/6

A host for the May General Meeting is needed.

Recap of past events: The VA display was much better attended on day 2 after excellent media coverage. There was a good turnout of visitors and club volunteers. The Ocotillo Learning Center Polar Express event was cancelled due to ventilation problems.

Old Business:

Public Layout Status:

- Tucson Children's Museum no issues
- Tucson Botanical Gardens January meeting regarding changes was well attended. Some ideas have been implemented and more information and work sessions will be announced.
- Diamond Children's Center no issues
- Transportation Museum no issues
- Rodeo Parade Museum spruced up and population increase (people, horses, Etc.)

RITG 2019:

Sally Jacunski reported that we're in good shape and volunteer signup is complete. Ken Karrels and Chuck Cook are handling the press releases and advertisements. The Website is scheduled to go live today (Jan. 20) with the link to RITG. Members were encouraged to take flyers to post in doctors' offices, libraries, and other spots where they are likely to be noticed. Host packets will be distributed at the February meeting.

There was discussion about choosing a date for RITG 2020 and the weekend of March 14-15 was approved. This was done in order to have the cards printed and ready for handout at this year's event.

New Business:

Board of Directors Election: Nominations will close in April in time to be published in the May Newsletter and prior to the elections at the May General Meeting. Willis Fagg encouraged new members to become an officer or at-large member as a way to learn more about and to participate more fully in the club and its activities. Please contact Willis if you are willing to be on the ballot.

By-Laws Items: The attendance signup sheet was explained. There have been some changes suggested to the by-laws to be voted upon. According to the current by-laws, there must be at least 35 members present for a vote. Due to dwindling club membership, our usual general meeting attendance over the past year has been about 30, unless the meeting venue includes a special event and/or a meal.

Committee Reports:

Website – RITG 2019 link going live after today's meeting.

Clinics – John Carmichael has 3 openings left for his roadbed clinic; Gary Martin has scheduled a Styrofoam buildings clinic for April 13.

Social Activities – no report but the next luncheon at the Red Garter will be February 20.

Other New Business:

Bob Conrad invited members to take part in a tour of Great Britain in April. Rich Hull in Phoenix is arranging it.

2019 is the 150th Anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad. Make reservations early if you plan to attend any of the festivities.

Bob Kuyper of the Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Operating Museum gave a history of the nonprofit Museum. He also requested that we go online to vote for the Museum in the Northwest Explorer Newspaper's "Best of the Northwest 2019" competition – Places for Family Fun. He also asked us, and we agreed to take and distribute their 2019 open house calendars at the County Fair.



The next general meeting will take place at Rincon Country West on February 9. Department of Veterans Affairs

Feedback from a visitor to our VA layout:

Wanted to say I really appreciated your display at the VA Blind rehab at Christmas. I was there for a month and missed Christmas with my family. Made me think of the trains I'd had and wish I had.

Sorry, but I don't remember the gentleman's name that I was speaking too.

Thanks for bringing this display to us.

Joseph Betters (all the way from Cape Cod, MA)



Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell, Secretary

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

STANDARD GAGE: A distance of 4 feet 8-1/2 inches between the heads of the rails.



By Claudia Nelson



<u>Who were the Harvey Girls -</u> <u>And Why Do They Matter?</u>

They were young, single, intelligent women who were also of "good character," and, presumably, had the sort of sense of adventure that propelled them to unknown territory in the 1880s to work as waitresses.

Their legacy: Helping to make travel in the West a lot more enjoyable by serving tasty meals in pleasant surroundings and bringing a touch of graciousness to a mostly unsettled land.



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 Old Engineer Sez: Never ask old people how they are if you have anything to do that day."



TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

President: Glenn Mitchell- president@tucsongrs.org V-President: Dennis Mahar - vicepresident@tucsongrs.org Secretary: Gina Blackwell- secretary@tucsongrs.org Treasurer: Ruth Taylor - treasurer@tucsongrs.org Editor: Claudia Nelson - editor@tucsongrs.org At Large Board Members: Bob Averill - memberatlarge1@tucsongrs.org John Fennema - memberatlarge2@tucsongrs.org Jack Forgues - memberatlarge3@tucsongrs.org David Nelson - memberatlarge4@tucsongrs.org

Calendar

Thursday, Feruary 7, 2019 **Board Meeting – Mitchell** Saturday, February 9, 2019 General Meeting – Rincon West Monday-Wednesday, February 11-13, 2019 Children's Display – St. Mark's Church Wednesday, February 20, 2019 Social Luncheon – Red Garter Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3, 2019 Rails in the Garden Thursday, March 14, 2019 Board Meeting – Mitchell Saturday, March 16, 2019 General Meeting – Averill Monday-Tuesday, April 1-2, 2019 Pima County Fair - Setup Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, 2019 Train Swap Meet Thursday-Sunday, April 18-28, 2019 **Pima County Fair** Thursday, May1-16, 2019 Board Meeting - Mitchell Thursday, June-13, 2019 **Board Meeting - Mitchell**

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:

> Jerry Tulino 6911 E. Baker, Tucson, AZ 85710

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY Amended and restated BY-LAWS Revised 28 JulyDD MMMM, 20072019

ARTICLE I

<u>General Provisions</u> The name of this organization is the Tucson Garden Railway Society, Incorporated (TGRS). The purpose of TGRS is to educate the public about large-scale model railroading. This includes, but is not limited to, demonstrating, building and operating large scale layouts. It also includes conducting classes or seminars and providing displays at non-TGRS functions.

Corporate Purpose and Place of Business The Society (TGRS) has been organized for the transaction of any and or all lawful business for which a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation may be incorporated under the laws of the State of Arizona as they may be amended from time to time, and section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and it's regulations as such Section and regulations now exist or may hereafter be amended or under corresponding laws and regulations, and regulations that may hereafter be adopted. The specific purpose of TGRS and this corporation shall be to operate exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes and specifically for educational purposes. To fulfill this purpose, TGRS will set up and display model railroads, including various industrial and residential buildings as part of the display at various venues in and around the City of Tucson and provide members of TGRS at the displays to explain how the model railroads and model buildings are constructed, and how the power that is used on the model makes the engines and display function. As part of these displays, TGRS will also have displays that explain the history of railroads and their role in the growth of America and Arizona, and explanations of steam powered engines versus diesel powered engines as well as the difference between narrow gauge railways and standard gauge railways and the historical reason for the use of narrow gauge railways. TGRS will also conduct demonstrations of model railroads and the history and use of railroads in the United States to school groups in the Tucson metropolitan area. TGRS shall not engage in any activity that would jeopardize it'sits status or classification as a 501(C)(3) non-profit corporation, or operate in a manner that would permit it to be classified as a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code and regulations that now exist or may be hereinafter adopted. The place of business of TGRS shall be Tucson, Pima County, Arizona, and whose post office address shall be an officer or director of TGRS as from time to time will be determined by the Board of Directors of TGRS.

ARTICLE II

Officers The officers of TGRS are the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. Each officer shall serve a term of two fiscal years, assuming office on July first. An officer may resign from office by submitting a written resignation to the Secretary (or in the case of the Secretary, to the President). If an Officer position becomes vacant, Ithe President may appoint a replacement officer at his/her discretion.

President - The duties of the President are to:

- 1. Conduct, manage and control the affairs of TGRS
- 2. Preside over all meetings of TGRS
- Establish the time and place for all general meetings and board meetings of TGRS
- 4. Serve as the official spokesperson of TGRS

- 5. Activate the message tree when necessary
- 6. Appoint committees and/or administrators as required.
- 7. Perform any other duties voted to him/her by the general members
- Fill, with approval of the Board of Directors, Board vacancies which occur between elections.

Vice President - The duties of the Vice-President are to:

- 1. Perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President
- Establish programs for the education or entertainment of the general members at meetings
- 3. Schedule and coordinate activities at non-TGRS functions
- 4. Perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the President

Secretary - The duties of the Secretary shall be:

- Maintain a roster of all members of TGRS including postal mail and e-mail addresses and telephone numbers. The Secretary may be assisted in this effort by a Membership Administrator appointed by the President.
- 2. Record and maintain the minutes of all meetings.
- Maintain all awards, citations and history of the TGRS. The Secretary may be assisted in this effort by an historian appointed by the President.

Treasurer - The duties of the Treasurer are to:

- 1. Collect and keep account of all receipts of TGRS
- Keep account of all expenditures of TGRS
- Disburse all funds for TGRS in accordance with the Approval Policy established by the Board of Directors.
- 4. Submit all necessary business and tax forms
- 5. Accept donations of money made to TGRS
- 6. Make a financial report to the members at scheduled general meetings
- 7. Prepare an annual budget for TGRS
- Make the books, accounts and supporting documents available for inspection upon request by any officers of TGRS
- Consult with the board to establish a recommended dues structure for approval by the general membership

Newsletter Editor - The duties of the Newsletter Editor are to:

- 1. Publish and mail a monthly newsletter;
- 2. Solicit articles or advertising for the newsletter from members;
- Inform all members of the time and place of all meetings established by the President;
- 4. Prepare news releases and interact with local newspapers, radio and television outlets to make the public aware of Society activities. In this effort, the Newsletter Editor will be assisted by a Publicity Coordinator appointed by the President.

ARTICLE III

Board of Directors The Board of Directors (board) shall establish the general policies and procedures of TGRS. Any policy change which affects these by-laws shall be approved by the general membership. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the Board of Directors. The board shall also perform general planning for TGRS activities. The board shall be comprised of the elected officers, plus four members at large who are elected by the general membership at the same time the officers are elected. One of the at-large members shall be the outgoing President, unless that person declines.

Members at large may resign from the board by submitting a written resignation to the Secretary. Officers who resign their office are also resigning their board positions. If an at-large Board position becomes vacant, the President may appoint a replacement at-large board member at his/her discretion.

Board meetings shall be called by the President when sufficient cause exists to justify a meeting. Board meetings shall be held at a time and place determined by the President, but may be in conjunction with regular monthly meetings.

ARTICLE IV

Membership The TGRS is open to any individual 18 years old or older, and their immediate family members regardless of age. Application for initial membership is made by submitting an application form and appropriate fees. Membership shall be maintained so long as dues are kept current. Lifetime honorary memberships may be granted by a majority vote of the general membership. Any member may be expelled for cause upon agreement by a three-fourths vote of the members by secret ballot. No individual may be denied membership in TGRS by reason of his or her race, religion, creed or sexual orientation.

ARTICLE V

Dues The dues structure for TGRS shall be established by the board and approved by the general membership. Dues are to be paid annually in advance. Dues are payable after June 1st and become delinquent on July 31st.

Unless renewed, active membership may be terminated on the last day of the month following the month the dues are to be paid. A past due member may reactivate his/her membership by paying past dues.

A member may voluntarily deactivate his/her membership by notifying the Secretary. No dues will be refunded. A voluntarily deactivated member may reactivate his/her membership by paying dues for the current year in which he/she reactivates.

ARTICLE VI

General Meetings Meetings shall be held at a time and place determined by the President. The Editor shall notify the general members of the time and place of meetings via newsletter. Meetings will normally be held monthly unless decided otherwise by the Board of Directors. All matters which require approval of the general membership shall be voted upon only at general meetings. Votes will be taken by a show of hands unless otherwise specified (i.e. secret ballot). Thirty-five (36) membersh simple majority of the current membership present at a meeting shall constitute a quorum. Members under 16 years old must be accompanied by an adult at all TGRS activities.

The President shall conduct the meeting (or in his/her absence, the Vice-President). The meetings may be held in conjunction with social activities or other TGRS activities. The President may also request volunteers for ad hoc committees at meetings.

The President may request financial reports, other officers reports or ad hoc committee reports at general meetings. Annual reports shall be given at general

meetings by the Treasurer and Vice-President when scheduled by the President.

When entertainment or educational programs are scheduled for meeting by the Vice-President, he/she shall notify the Newsletter Editor in sufficient time for the general members to be notified in meeting announcements.

Special meetings of ad hoc committees may be held at such time and place the committee chairman may decide. The general membership need not be informed of ad hoc committee meetings. Participation in ad hoc committees by general members will be on a voluntary basis.

ARTICLE VII

Elections All officers and board members of TGRS shall be elected by a vote of the general membership. The President shall appoint an ad hoc nominating committee at the March general meeting of each odd numbered year. (If there is no March general meeting, by March 12).

The nominating committee shall nominate, as a minimum, a sufficient number of candidates to fill all of the offices of TGRS. The nominating committee shall also nominate four at-large board members. The nominating committee shall solicit nominations and volunteers from the general members. All candidates must be active TGRS members.

A list of nominees shall be submitted to the general members in April. Nominations from the floor will be accepted during April, and thereafter the nominations shall be closed.

A newsletter listing all nominated candidates shall be distributed prior to the May general meeting.

A vote of all active members present shall be taken for each office at the May general meeting. The candidate receiving the most votes assumes the office. In the event of a tie vote, a candidate will be selected by chance drawing.

ARTICLE VIII

<u>TGRS Property</u> TGRS may acquire property related to its purpose. A property custodian shall be appointed by the President. The property custodian will maintain a list of all TGRS property and keep a record of the physical location of all TGRS property.

It shall be the responsibility of individual members to notify the property custodian when they relinquish possession of TGRS property.

ARTICLE IX

<u>Conflict of Interest</u> The Directors and Officers of TGRS may not be interested directly or indirectly in any contract, written or verbal, appointment of an advisor, agent or the hiring of any employee relating to or incidental to the operations conducted by TGRS.

ARTICLE X

 $\underline{Fiscal\ Year}$. The fiscal year shall commence on July 1st of each year and end on June 30th of the following year.

ARTICLE XI

<u>Prohibition Against Financial Gain, and Dissolution</u> No member, director, officer, or employee of, or member of a committee or person connected with TGRS or other private individual shall receive at any time any of the donations, earnings or pecuniary profit from the operations of TGRS; and no such person or persons shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of TGRS's assets upon the dissolution of TGRS.

All members of TGRS shall be deemed to have expressly consented and agreed that upon dissolution or winding up of the affairs of TGRS, whether voluntary or involuntary, the assets of TGRS, after all debts have been satisfied, then remaining in the hands of the Board of Directors shall be distributed, transferred, conveyed, delivered and paid over, in such amounts as the Board of Directors may determine or as may be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction upon application of the Board of Directors, to organizations organized and operated exclusively as 501(C)(3) non-profit corporations as determined in the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Code law) as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Superior Court of the county in which the principle office of TGRS is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for 501(C)(3) purposes.

ARTICLE XII

Prohibited Acts No substantial part of the activities of TGRS shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and TGRS shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Not withstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, TGRS shall not carry on any other activities not to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(C)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code

ARTICLE XIII

By-Laws These by-laws become effective when approved by a majority vote of the general membership. Any changes made to these by-laws must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present **provided there are at least thirty-five** (06) members present at a regular monthly meeting which has been previously designated in the newsletter as one at which the proposed changes will be discussed and voted upon.

Certificate of Secretary

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify:

- That I am the present duly elected and acting Secretary of Tucson Garden Railway Society, an Arizona non-profit corporation; and
- That the foregoing By-Laws, comprised of 4 pages, constitute the By-Laws of said corporation as duly adopted at a meeting of the members of the corporation held on the 28th day of July, 2007.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name this 30^{th} day of July, 2007.

Ellen Stoesser