



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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March 1, 2019

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YEARS!

TGRS General Meeting at Bob & Sue Averill's

Date: Saturday, March 16, 2019

Time: Board of Directors Meeting at 9:30am
Trains run at 10:00am-11:00am
Meeting at 11:00am-12:00pm

Where: 62006 E. Amberwood Dr

Directions: Easiest way to get there is travel north on Oracle and turn east on Eagle Crest Drive on the north end of Catalina. Take your first right on to Edwin and head east about a half mile and you will see an open gate into the Saddlebrook area on your left. You will be on Clubhouse. Take your first left on Sandcrest and follow it up the hill to where it intersects with Amberwood. We'll have the cross buck sign out. Find a spot to park in on the street and wander toward the back yard.

Bring your folding chair as our chairs are limited in number.

The Bobcat and Quail RR

The backyard contains our railroad, The Bobcat and Quail RR has nearly 300 feet of track which meanders around the backyard. An old clear cut and sawmill greets the visitor to the backyard. A few Norwegian loggers still hang out in the area. An old west town and a Mexican town are located on the layout. The time frame for our

railroad is the early 1930's situated somewhere in the four corners area.

We run battery power and you are more than welcome to bring your battery or steam powered train to run.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

ANDY & PAM KERR

JAMES & DEBRA ELLSWORTH

WESLEY & LORI WHITMAN

MICHAEL & KATHY LEONARD

MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON – WEEKEND EDITION

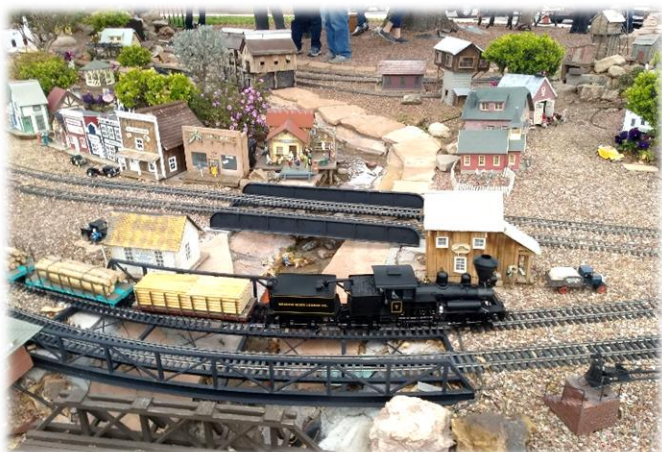
By Chuck Cook

It's that time of year again. Under the threat of sleeping in the garage, we are planning a WEEKEND SOCIAL LUNCH 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. Debbie is looking forward to seeing everybody. Our next luncheon will be Saturday March 9th. Be there at 11:00 for pool (no rules, loose scorekeeping and lots of fun), or 11:30 for lunch. Call Chuck Cook at 977-7673 with any questions.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING

February 09, 2019

Rincon Country West



The RCW club members were thanked for hosting and providing great snacks. Fifty-two (52) members signed the attendance sheet. Jim Walsh was welcomed as a guest.

The minutes of the January General meeting were approved as published and amended (the date was corrected).

Checking (as of 02/07/19): \$ 1,291.
Savings (as of 02/07/19): 17,299.
Total on Deposit: \$18,590.

Receipts (from 01/16/19): \$ 115.
(donation, dues)
Expenses (from 01/16/19): 381.
(postage, engine repairs, donation to GPDTTOM)
Net Revenue: \$ **-266.**

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)
Receipts: \$ 1,835.
Expenses: 4,365.
Net Revenue: \$ **-2,530.**

Dues paid 2018-19: \$1,493 (46 renewals and 4 new member families.)

Rails in the Garden (RITG) Update: Sally Jacunski reported that the packets are ready and could be picked up by the host families from the back of the room. The Directions sheets for the hosts to have available upon request will be delivered to each host by the start of the tour. The Karrels need a volunteer for Sunday, the Transportation Museum needs one volunteer each day. The "Save the Date" cards for RITG 2020 are ready. Sally proposed taking 1/2 page flyers to the elementary schools in TUSD to send home with students. Ten thousand would cost about \$210. This was approved.

Newsletter Editor's Report: Always looking for new articles and pictures!

Vice-President's Report: Upcoming events include:
Children's layout to St. Mark's United Methodist Church, February 11-13
RITG, March 2-3
Board and General Meeting, Bob and Sue Averill's, March 16 – followed by a sale at Rosalie Forgues' home.

ABTO Roundabout March 23.
Pima County Fair: setup begins 4/01, Fair begins 4/18, and teardown begins 4/29 (5 volunteers/shift needed – the evening shift has MANY openings) – please sign up by March 1 in order to obtain badges (if you do 4 or more shifts) and parking passes. These passes mean free entry and free parking!

The next Swap Meet is April 5-6 and the Children's Layout will be set up there. This layout will have to be delivered separately to the fairgrounds and volunteers for this will be needed.

A host is still needed for the May General meeting.
The June meeting will take place on the 8th at the Golden Corral on Thornydale at Noon. The Board meeting will precede it at 11am.

Old Business:

Elections: Willis Fagg will publish the slate in the May 1st Newsletter. He explained some of the duties of the officers and encouraged new members to get involved as an at-large member to learn more about the club.

ABTO Roundabout: Volunteers are needed to help the hosts. It was suggested that someone at each layout call the next host on the tour to give them a heads up when the visitors have left.

By-Laws amendments: The vote was unanimous to amend the By-Laws as proposed by the Board.

Public Layouts: No new issues to report.

New Business: (see Committee Reports)

Committee Reports:

Clinics – (1) John Carmichael’s roadbed clinic was well attended and had great reviews.

(2) Gary Martin has scheduled a Styrofoam buildings clinic for 10am April 13 but has mislaid the sign-up sheet. Please contact him for a spot.

Social Activities – the next luncheon at the Red Garter will be February 20.

Other New Business:

Ken Karrels mentioned some upcoming lecture events at the Transportation Museum and that Big Boy is coming back.

Sally is making beautiful new cages for the circus animals on the children’s layout using 3D printing.

Mary Ann Eberbach is planning a G-gauge items sale. Date to be announced.

Dean Mead encouraged members to attend the 2019 National Convention in Portland, OR.

The next general meeting will take place at Bob and Sue Averills’ home on March 16.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell, Secretary



30-Ton Side Dump Ore Car in Ajo (Glenn & Janet Mitchell)

Celebration of Life for Jack Forgues

by Peggy Martin

Tucson Garden Railway Society member, Jack Forgues, died December 12, 2018. Jack had been a TGRS member since 2006. A “Celebration of Life”, was held on January 26th, at Vistoso Funeral Home.



Jack was born in the Los Angeles area, on December 17, 1941. In the 1960’s, he served in the United States Navy. Three Navy personal were



at the services and presented Rosalie with the American flag. One of the Navy personal played “tapes” on the bugle. It

was a moving tribute to Jack.

Jack’s creativity in Garden Railroads was displayed throughout his beautiful layout with exceptional engines, rolling stock, and structures. Jack was always a willing participant in all TGRS major and minor activities. Jack will be greatly missed.

Following is an appropriate poem read at Jack’s service:

"The Train of Life"

Some folks ride the train of life looking out the rear,
Watching miles of life roll by and marking every year.
They sit in sad remembrance of wasted days gone by,
And curse their life for what it was and hang their head and cry.
But I don't concern myself with that, I took a different vest,
I look forward to what life holds and not what has been spent.
So strap me to the engine, as securely as I can be,
I want to be out on the front, to see what I can see.
I want to feel the winds of change, blowing in my face,
I want to see what life unfolds, as I move from place to place.
I want to see what's coming up, not looking at the past,
Life's too short for yesterdays, it moves along too fast.
So if the ride gets bumpy, while you are looking back,
Go up front, and you may find, your life has jumped the track.
It's alright to remember, that's part of history,
But up front's where it's happening, there's so much mystery.
The enjoyment of living is not where we have been,
It's looking ever forward to another year and ten.
It's searching all the byways, never should you refrain,
For if you want to live your life, you gotta drive the train.

- By Mary Hardin

What is it???

from Bob Averill



While hiking in the vicinity of the old Rollins Pass railroad bed this past summer, I came across this item on the ground. Above it, ties from the old Denver, Northwestern and Pacific Railway were strewn about on the scree slope. I suspect it might have been a spacer or a washer associated with a spike. But who knows?

This railroad line over the pass was a temporary way to get to the west slope until the Moffat tunnel was built, which opened in 1927. Lots of great hiking and scenic vistas abound from the Rollins Pass area the next time you have a yearning to hike the high country in Colorado.

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

BACK TO THE FARM: Laid off because of slack business.

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By Claudia Nelson



What was the name of the famous luxury train from the 1930s-50s?

"The Chief" by the Santa Fe. It ran from Los Angeles to Chicago. (Later "Super Chief" was added to the fleet and became the standard for Santa Fe) It was the train that started it all for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway (commonly known as the Santa Fe). The Santa Fe would be renowned for its vaunted streamlined passenger fleet but the train, inaugurated in the mid-1920s began a legend that lives on to this day.

The Old Engineer Sez: Respect old people: they graduated high school without Google or Wikipedia!



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
The Silver Spike Festival
Celebrating
The 139th Anniversary of the Railroad to Tucson
Saturday, March 16th, 2019 at 10:00am
Music at 9:30am



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PATCHES	\$2.00 EACH
HATS	\$12.00 EACH
SILK TOUGH SHIRTS (LIGHT IVORY COLOR)	\$22.00 EACH
DENIM SHIRTS (SHORT OR LONG SLEEVE)	\$26.00 EACH

NOTE: Shirts are available in ladies' or men's sizes. (Size 2X and up are an additional \$3.00 per shirt)

Contact Ruth Taylor phone or email for purchase
(520-908-1312) taylor1985@comcast.net

TGRS Officers and Board of Directors

Calendar

Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3, 2019
Rails in the Garden

Saturday, March 9, 2019
Social Luncheon – Red Garter

Thursday, March 14, 2019
Board Meeting – Mitchell

Saturday, March 16, 2019
General Meeting – Averill

Saturday, March 23, 2019
ABTO Tour of TGRS Layouts

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, May-9, 2019
Board Meeting - Mitchell

Saturday, May 11, 2019
General Meeting – Pearson

Saturday, June-8, 2019
Board Meeting/Club Social - Golden Corral

Thursday, October-17, 2019
Board Meeting - TBD

Saturday, October 19, 2019
General Meeting – Mitchell

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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

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