



# The Tucson Garden Railway Society

# TIMETABLE

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25  
YEARS!

**No General Meeting in April -  
Pima County Fair Time**



## MONTHLY SOCIAL LUNCHEON

*By Chuck Cook*

We had a fun weekend lunch and Debbie was glad to see everybody. Luckily our next lunch falls between Fair setup and Fair run trains days. [The Red Garter Saloon](#), located at 3143 E. Speedway just east of Country Club is our destination. The date is Wednesday April 17th. 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 (2018-19)

ANDY & PAM KERR

JAMES & DEBRA ELLSWORTH

WESLEY & LORI WHITMAN

MICHAEL & KATHY LEONARD

KEN & SUSAN ALFREDO

***REMEMBER: Board of  
Directors elections at May  
meeting***

# TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

## GENERAL MEETING

March 16, 2019  
Bob and Sue Averill's Home



The Averills were thanked for hosting and providing a great lunch and snacks. Thirty-Six (36) members signed the attendance sheet but an unofficial head count totaled 48. (Please sign in!) Jim Walsh was welcomed as a guest. Guests/visitors included Craig, Paul and Ken.



The approval of the minutes of the February General meeting was postponed as there were problems with the email list and many had not received it.

The Treasurer's/Membership Report as read by Glenn Mitchell:

Checking (as of 03/15/19): \$ 1,162.  
Savings (as of 03/15/19): 17,300.  
Total on Deposit: \$18,462.

Receipts (from 02/09/19): \$206.  
(Regalia, dues)  
Expenses (from 02/09/19): 334.  
(Pencils for Fair; RITG 2020 cards)  
Net Revenue: \$ **-128.**

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)

Receipts: \$ 2,041.  
Expenses: 4,700.  
Net Revenue: \$ **-2,659.**

Newsletter Editor: Claudia is looking for photos of the layouts and any other train excursions you may have taken, even long ago.

Vice-President's Report:

The ABTO Roundabout is set for March 23 and will have 6 layouts: Sommerhalder, Koehler, Averill, Mitchell, Carmichael-Pappas, and Fennema. More volunteers are needed at the host layouts and to help serve lunch.

Setup for the Pima County Fair starts on 04/01. Detail work will begin 04/02. Dennis said that he needs night shift signups. The morning/day shift is pretty well covered but could use more. The TTOM Swap Meet taking place 04/05 and 04/06 volunteers are needed. It also means that the Children's layout is going to have to be delivered separately to the fairgrounds at a later date (if we have enough signed up to staff it). The Fair starts on 4/18 and runs through 4/28. More volunteers are needed, especially for the second shift.

The June General meeting will take place on the 8th at the Golden Corral on Thornydale at Noon, preceded by the Board Meeting at 11am.

Cap Pearson has agreed to host the May meeting.

The Leukemia Society's Light the Night event is scheduled for 10/26. The members present agreed to participate. Wally Gazdzik volunteered to chair the club's participation.

Vice-President's Report: Upcoming events include:

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). He delivered badges and parking tickets to those who have already signed up.

The TTOM 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.

The June meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Golden Corral on Thornydale at Noon. The Board meeting will precede it at 11am.

#### Old Business:

Elections: Willis Fagg has a full slate with at least 1 person per office. He will publish the slate in the May 1<sup>st</sup> Newsletter. The election will occur on 05/11 during the General Meeting at Cap Pearson's and parking will be problematic. Folks are encouraged to carpool and there may be a shuttle from the Martin's to Cap's.

Rails in the Garden (RITG) Recap: Sally reported an unofficial visit head count = 4,454 over the 2 days, and the total donations = \$2,165.85 (to be confirmed by the Treasurer). The Board agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Community Food Bank. The \$13 collected at the Rodeo Parade Museum was donated to them. Overall, there were an average total of 25 TGRS volunteers and 30 non-TGRS volunteers per day for the hosts.

The ABTO Roundabout set for March 23 will have 6 layouts: Sommerhalder, Koehler, Averill, Mitchell, Carmichael-Pappas, and Fennema. Volunteers are needed at two host layouts (Averills, Fennemas) and to help serve lunch. Dennis plans to call to alert each host when the group is heading their way.

Public Layouts: No new issues to report.

#### New Business: (see Committee Reports)

#### Committee Reports:

Clinics – (1) Gary Martin has scheduled a Styrofoam buildings clinic for 10am April 13

(2) Willis Fagg is willing to do a clinic on the Loco link series if there is enough interest

(3) Ron Koehler and Wally Gazdzik are putting together a roadbed work session

Social Activities – the next luncheon will be April 17 at the Red Garter Saloon. Chuck Cook also asked if there was interest in getting group excursions together for the U of A mirror lab and/or a trip to Mt. Hopkins. He will get more information to us at a future meeting.

#### Other:

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

Members were reminded to contact Gary Martin before they buy any G scale items. He has many items for sale from the club and from members' estates. Glenn Mitchell showed an LGB engine donated to the club that is also for sale.

Members were reminded that Rosalie Forgues is having a big sale immediately following this meeting.

The next general meeting will take place at Cap Pearson's home on May 11.

*Gina Blackwell, Secretary*



# Do You Know How Eloy Got Its Name?

by Chuck Cook

A friend of mine (did not even know I was a railroad buff) asked if I knew how the town of Eloy got its name. I did not. He said it was a railroad town named the acronym for East Line Of Yuma.

Southern Pacific Railroad built the first railroad across Southern Arizona in 1878/1880. It was known as the East Line of Yuma. In 1902 they added a siding and section house six miles west of Picacho and named the siding Eloy, the acronym for the East line of Yuma. During construction of the railroad it was easier, and faster, to handprint E.L.O.Y. on construction drawings and maps, rather than writing out "East Line of Yuma", each time the railroad made reference to, or revised a drawing.

Naming of sidings, section houses and train stations by the railroad was always done prior to construction, so as to know where to ship the necessary switches, rails, ties, spikes and equipment. Railroad sidings were also pre-named, mostly after railroad presidents, engineers, wives, girlfriends and/or geographical sites.

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# Some Rails in the Garden Photos and A Website Comment

## Blackwell:



## Mahar:



*Even hot rodders love trains!*

Carmichael/Pappas:



*To all who were at last weekend's events:*

*I thoroughly enjoyed the thee places I saw. The greeters, volunteer, owners, and others could not have been nicer to me. AND WHAT A SHOW!!!*

*Thank you.*

*Myrna Zimblar*

## Trivia Corner

*Courtesy of Jerry Wilson*

**TRACKAGE RIGHT:** Right obtained by one railroad to operate its trains over the tracks of another railroad.

## SIDETRACKED

By Claudia Nelson



### Ten Miles in One Day

In 1869, Chinese and Irish laborers working on the Central Pacific Railway managed to lay down 10 miles of tracks in just one day. This accomplishment has not been matched even in modern times.

**The Old Engineer Sez:**  
**Both young children and old people have a lot of time on their hands. That's probably why they get along so well.**



## Matthew Welsh Obituary

Following is a link to the obituary for former TGRS member Matt Welsh. Matthew's Visitation and Mass will be on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church, 1800 S. Kolb Rd Tucson, AZ. Internment will be at Our Lady of the Desert Cemetery where Matt will join his Mom and Dad.



In lieu of flowers, one of the suggested donations was to TGRS.

Link to [AZ Daily Star](#)



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.

## 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

**Monday-Tuesday, April 1-2, 2019**

Pima County Fair - Setup

**Friday-Saturday, April 5-6, 2019**

Train Swap Meet

**Wednesday, April 17, 2019**

TGRS Social Luncheon – Red Garter  
Bar and Grill

**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

**Saturday, October 26, 2019**

Light the Night Fundraiser