



The Tucson Garden Railway Society

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June 1, 2019

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YEARS!

Time to renew your TGRS membership

(for the year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)
\$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

TGRS General Meeting at Golden Corral

Date: Saturday, June 8, 2019

Time: BOD meeting at 11:00am
Lunch around 12:00pm
General meeting around 12:45pm

Included will be a minor raffle (probably at the end of lunch, prior to the general meeting) of a couple of items donated to the club, so bring your good luck charms!

Where: Golden Corral
[6865 N Thornydale Rd](http://www.goldencorral.com)

Note: Individual payment should be made at the door, for a cost of approximately \$13 per person. When club members identify themselves, they will be directed to the reserved room.

Directions: The Golden Corral is located at 6865 N. Thornydale Rd. If you are arriving from the north, just turn right into the parking lot. If you are coming from the south, turn left at the stoplight at W. Horizon Hills Drive / W Costco Drive, then turn right behind the first building and continue to the restaurant.

There will be no social luncheon this month, according to Chuck Cook. We will let the meeting/lunch at the Golden Corral be the luncheon for June.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (2018-19)

ANDY & PAM KERR

JAMES & DEBRA ELLSWORTH

WESLEY & LORI WHITMAN

MICHAEL & KATHY LEONARD

KEN & SUSAN ALFREDO

**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
GENERAL MEETING
May 11, 2019
Cap Pearson's Home**

Receipts: \$ 4,152
Expenses: 6,505
Net Revenue: \$ **-1,171**

Dues paid 2018-19: \$1,532 (47 renewals/5 new member families)



Cap was thanked for hosting and providing a great pastries and donuts for snacks. Thirty-three (33) members signed the attendance sheet. Doris and her son were welcomed as guests.

The minutes of the February and March General Meetings were approved as published.

The Treasurer's Report:

Checking (as of 05/11/19): \$ 1,368
Savings (as of 05/11/19): 17,300
Total on Deposit: \$18,668

Receipts (from 03/16/19):
Dues and interest earned \$ 41
RITG 2019 donations:

1,970
\$ 2,011

(The official donations tally from Rails in the Garden [RITG] 2019 performed by the Treasurer was less than previously reported.)

Expenses (from 03/16/19): \$ 1,805
Net Revenue: \$ 205

(Expenses included: postage, internet domain fee, ABTO lunch, Co. Fair setup, trailer repairs, timer kit for Transportation Museum, \$1,000 to the Southern AZ Community Food Bank.)

Of note, total donations from our RITG events to the Food Bank now exceed \$9600.

Fiscal Year to Date Recap (2018/2019)

Newsletter Editor's Report:

Claudia is still looking for pictures and articles.

Vice-President's Report:

Attendance was down at the Toy Train Operators swap meet, but the kids had fun.

Attendance was also down at the County Fair. Julia is working to make sure the children attendance goes up on the scheduled school days next year, especially for Old Pueblo Hall.

The next Social will be at the Red Garter Saloon on May 15th per Chuck Cook.

The June meeting will be 6/8. The Board meeting will begin at the Golden Corral on Thornydale at 11am, lunch at Noon, and the General Meeting will follow at about 1pm. We will be celebrating TGRS' 25th anniversary.

The Diamond Children's Center will host their annual Christmas in June event on the 24th. We will deliver and set up the children's layout with a Christmas theme beginning around 8am. The event starts around 11am. Please sign up with Dennis as soon as possible if you can participate.

He is looking for a host for the September meeting, preferably indoors.

The Mitchells have agreed to host the October meeting.

The Leukemia Society's Light the Night event will be 10/26. Setup of the children's layout begins about 3pm and will run from 5-8. Hopefully, dinner will be provided.

The Martins have agreed to host the November meeting, most likely on the 9th.

Old Business:

A. Willis Fagg was thanked for getting members to agree to fill positions on the Board. There was one candidate per position. It was pointed out that not all the membership received the emailed candidate list, which was sent by . There is a glitch in the system that is being

worked on. The By-Laws provide for nominations from the floor but there were none. The proposed slate was unanimously approved by the general membership present at this meeting by acclamation. The Board members as of the 2019-2020 fiscal year are: Jim Miller, President; Claudia Nelson, Vice-President; Ruth Taylor, Treasurer; Gina Blackwell, Secretary; Sally Jacunski, Newsletter Editor. At-Large Members are: Bob Averill, John Fennema, Wally Gazdik, and Jim Ellsworth.

B. Dennis is pursuing the possibility that we may be able to store the large trailers at the County Fairgrounds as they are currently being used only twice/year. Club member access would be limited, but available with advance notice. This would be at no cost to the club. He is expecting to meet with Julia on 5/14. A signed agreement with the Fair Board would be necessary. He is also looking for a centrally located club member who has space and would be willing to store the children's layout trailer. This would save the club about \$1500/year in storage fees.

C. The Board had approved up to \$700 for a Revolution transmitter and 3 receivers (track power only) for the outside loop of the modular layout. The members present were asked if there were any objections to the expense and/or the change and there were none.

D. The members were reminded of the new password for the Members Only link on the website. This link will give access to the club roster and possibly maps beginning in June.

E. Gary Martin is in the process of planning a clean-up/renovation work day at the Gardens and is looking for volunteers. He will send out an email with the date and time.

F. The Transportation Museum is celebrating Train Day today and the 150th Anniversary of the Golden Spike celebration. There were no other updates to the public layouts.

New Business:

John Fennema has agreed to chair the Volunteer Awards Program. He explained how pins and vests and patches are earned and

awarded. He acknowledged the hard work Norm Ulmer had done to set it all up.

Jim Ellsworth reported that Anthem, AZ has a week-long event in June at which he would like to dispense club information. He was given a box of save-the-date cards for RITG 2020.

We are looking for a volunteer to be the club historian. Phyllis Dirksen had this title unofficially until 2014. Responsibilities would include updating the scrapbook, the display poster, Etc. Members were asked to consider this and it would be addressed again in October.

Other:

Members were asked to please send RITG 2019 pictures to Sally.

We hope to add the KOLD video coverage of RITG 2019 to the website.

Hosts for the ABTO roundabout received packets of pictures from ABTO.

There was a really good article with pictures by Wayne Wesolowski about Gary Martin's red mountain construction techniques in Garden Railways Magazine.

The next General Meeting will be at the Golden Corral, June 8th following lunch at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Blackwell

Secretary

2019-2021 ELECTED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Jim Miller

Vice-President: Claudia Nelson

Treasurer: Ruth Taylor

Secretary: Gina Blackwell

Newsletter Editor: Sally Jacunski

At-Large Members:

Bob Averill

Jim Ellsworth

John Fennema

Wally Gazdik,

Looking Back ...and Ahead

by Glenn Michell

It has been my pleasure to serve TGRS as president these past four years. It has been a period of business as usual AND of getting back to some of the basics of garden railroading. First, I'd like to thank everyone that has helped me with the details of keeping the club running. Of course, that means practically all of you club members because you've all helped in some way: serving on the Board of Directors, hosting meetings, helping with the club layouts at our various locations/events, hosting and helping with Rails in the Garden, presenting material at a clinic or attending a clinic, helping a fellow member or spouse when they've had to give up their layout, helping a new member with ideas and finding equipment, etcetera, etcetera. Anyway, you get the idea!

TGRS is remaining stable in the hobby. We've lost some longtime members who have decided it was time to leave the hobby and a few key members that are no longer with us. On the other hand, we have had several new members join us, some with previous garden railroading experience.

As we proceed into the future, I would like to see the club sharpen its focus a little and concentrate on the things we like to do. These are a couple of areas that I would like to see the club put effort into:

- 1) Support new members - we need to do more and spend a little

more time keeping in contact with new members over the first year or two of their becoming members. Make sure they feel welcome. Learn how their expectations and interests match up with club goals and activities. Do they need help with planning or physical help with a project, and can the club realistically assist them? Basically, be conscious of including new members.

- 2) Remember to include the "modeling" part of model railroading - in the recent past we have done a better job at sharing our modeling skills and interests with the club. Hopefully we can continue this trend of having clinics and presentations on modeling subjects on which we have expertise, interest or curiosity. Maybe there are other ways of exchanging ideas like small group get-togethers to cover a specific topic (i.e. the recent demos/discussions about the LocoLink upgrade).
- 3) If displaying garden railroading to the public is a club goal, we should continue to support, maintain and improve our layout at the Tucson Botanical Garden. I expect more people view that railroad than all the other club layouts combined. Yes, it does take some work and time, but it is worth the effort when

you see how visitors enjoy it and hear the questions many ask about garden railroading. We have a general plan for improvement that I'd like to see us complete.

Well, this is getting way too serious! I believe that we enjoy each other's company so let's have fun running trains. If not running trains, let's just have fun!

Jerk Water Towns *by Chuck Cook*

I think several months ago I said the term above was given to railroad towns that were so small that they did not have a water tower. The train crew was then relegated to a bucket brigade and had to "jerk" the water up to the water tank. I picked up a VERY old copy of Model Railroader at the last open house for Gadsden Pacific TTOM. In this they said that the trains had scoops that could be lowered from the train and "jerk" water from water below. So, of course I googled and found this complete explanation. He prefaced this by saying that if you thought about it, no way could you get enough water for a steam locomotive via a bucket brigade.

"It turns out that steam locomotives did rely on "jerk water" to refill their tenders, but they did it without stopping at all. According to an article published in 1982 by the New York Central System Historical Society, several large rail systems that relied on steam locomotives outfitted them with remotely operated water scoops that could be lowered as the train passed through a

station, scooping water from a shallow metal trough mounted between the track rails and passing it to the engine's water tank. Such systems were apparently introduced around 1860, and, according to the article, there were still 19 such watering stations on the line between Harmon, NY, and Chicago in 1948. In the 19th century, this process was called "jerk water," but by the early 20th it was known more felicitously as "scooping water," and just before World War II it was possible for a train to travel at 60 miles per hour while "scooping" water."

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

Trivia Corner

Courtesy of Jerry Wilson

KICK: To uncouple a car or cars while in motion, allowing them to roll to a stop.

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By Claudia Nelson



Big Boy Locomotive

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Union Pacific has announced its long-awaited [schedule](#) for steam operations this summer, featuring the return of Big Boy 4-8-8-4 No. 4014.

There are seven Big Boys on public display in various cities around the country. They can be found in St. Louis, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Omaha, Nebraska; Denver, Colorado; Scranton, Pennsylvania; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Cheyenne, Wyoming.



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.

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PRICE LIST FOR CLUB REGALIA

PINS	\$5.00 EACH
DECALS	\$1.50 EACH
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 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, 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