

NO GENERAL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

TIMETABLE



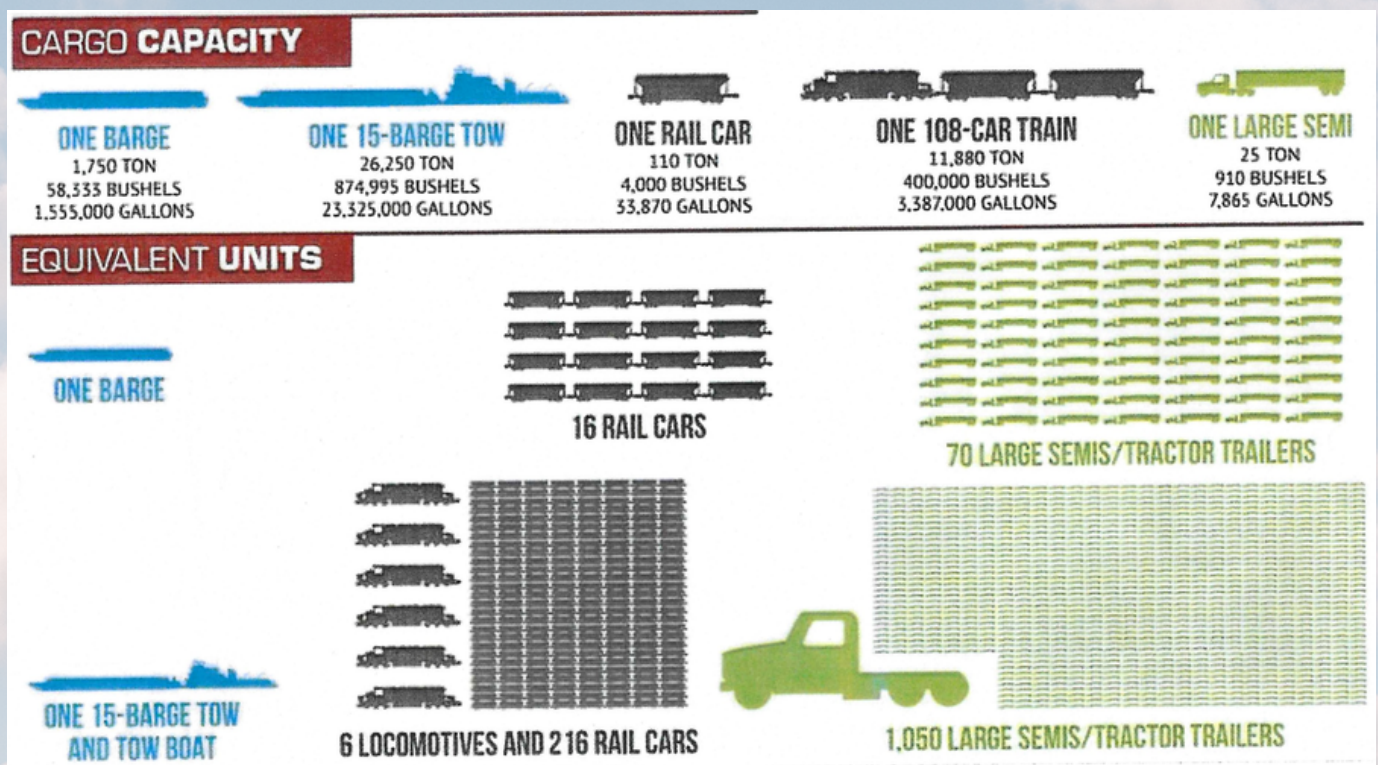
Next Meetings NEXT MEETINGS

**Luncheon September 9 at 11:30am 49ers
Country Club**

BoD September 16 at 1pm at Claudia's

A Mississippi "Tow" is awesome

Rita and I recently took a river boat cruise up the Mississippi river from St. Louis, MO to St. Paul, MN. On the cruise there was a speaker who was born and raised in Wisconsin and spent and still spends most of her life on the river. Her knowledge and love of the river is obvious when you hear her sessions. One of her presentations was about the boats that guide "tows" (a group of barges is called a "tow") up and down the river. We saw several of them while on our trip and they are usually organized in a 3 barge wide by 5 barge-long configuration. The most astounding information we learned about a "tow" is the amount of cargo that they transport. Look at the following picture and be amazed by the capacity of this method of shipping.



Don't forget

Links of Interest

This link shows a video of my re-worked 2-6-6-2 as SCD&P 251. It's pulling almost twice as many cars as before on my 2% grades, and I really like the paint and weathering.

Thanks Charlie

Hello Clubs - To share with your members

The first edition of 'Garden Tracks' has been released.
It contains 5 How-To articles from 5 different clubs.
QUICK LINK TO GARDEN TRACKS #1
Garden Tr

**Welcome to new Members
(and Welcome Back to previous Members)**

**The Long Family is back in Tucson.
Michael and Angela Long and their four children**

Mahalie, Heath, Kevin, and Oliver

**Angela (Miller) is one of the TGRS Charter Members
Michael, Angela, and Mahalie were members for a year 14 years ago.**

Now that they are back in Tucson they are hoping to put in a more permanent layout

The layout in Oracle that is maintained by Craig Anderson and the children and the adults that help got hit by some flooding with the recent rains. Attached are 4 photos (courtesy of Ron & Helen Koehler) showing the damage.



Hello TGRS Members!

It's that time of year again for your TGRS due payment. As a reminder, dues are \$30 per household per year, and our membership year runs July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027.

You can mail me a check made out to TGRS at 454 E Cedarvale Rd, Tucson, AZ 85704 or you can also pay via PayPal using this link: paypal.me/treasurertgrs (please make sure to select Friends & Family as the payment type so that the club does not get charged a transaction fee).

The following members DO NOT owe dues for this year:

Honorary Members:

**Anderson, Jon & Virginia
Barnes, Patricia
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Dorgan, Jane
Fabbri, Mary Ann
Golembiewski, Valerie
Haight, Chuck
Martin, Peggy
Mills, Donna
Sleeper, Janice
Somerhalder, Bruce
Taylor, Ruth**

Active Members:

**Fennema, John
Larkin, Jeff & Debbie Finch**

If you believe that you've paid dues for this year and your name is not on the above list, please email me.

If you do not want to continue on with your membership, please let me know so that you can be removed from the membership roster.

Thanks!

**Margaret Torres Nelson
TGRS/Treasurer**

A Dining Car tour of Tucson

On a warm Wednesday morning (August 12th not August 10th as I mislead some people), 11 TGRS members converged on Bianchi's Italian on Silverbell Rd. Since they do not have a large "meeting room" we occupied a section of the main dining room. Our tables were set up with menus, silverware, napkins and pitchers of water. Bianchi's Italian is a classic "mom and pop" owned restaurant that has been here since 1977. Their menu is extensive and all of the portions appeared to be LARGE. The atmosphere is typical for this type of restaurant and the seating was comfortable.

Alyssa, our server, took drink orders as we filed in, delivered the drinks and then went around the table for entrée orders. Conversation amongst our group was very positive and covered subjects like trains, train layouts, grandchildren, travel and weather's effect on our layouts. When it was time to serve our lunches, Alyssa had the assistance of 2 of the other servers in the restaurant. They were very efficient and everyone received the correct meal, prepared the way they requested. We immediately dug in to enjoy the feast. I saw dinner salads, a "Bianchi salad" (Fresh spinach, feta cheese, bacon, mushroom, tomatoes, onion and turkey), several pasta dishes, chicken parmesan and lasagna (surprisingly no pizzas). Most of the dishes included red sauce but there was some alfredo at the table too. When the dust settled, it appeared that most plates had been "licked clean" and there were smiles all around. Overall, the consensus was positive and "let's come here again" was the prevailing opinion.



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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
in September**

2026 Fall Meetings

Next General Meeting Is October



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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. Membership dues are \$30.00 per year and include up to two name badges. New members joining July thru December will be charged \$30.00. Members joining January thru June will be charged \$15.00. Additional name badges cost \$1.00 per badge. If you are interested in TGRS please contact one of the officers at the e-mails listed above. 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. Membership application link is below:

[TGRS Membership Application](#)