



May In-Person Meeting

The May meeting will be held at Rincon West Rv Resort.

Date: Saturday May 15th
 Trains Run: 9:30 - 11:00 am
 Board Meets: 10:00 am
 General Meeting: 11:00 am

If you wish to sit by the trains, bring a chair. The meetings will be inside and chairs will be provided inside.

02 APRIL MINUTES
RED GARTER

03 TRAIN DAY
APRIL MINUTES

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LEGOS & LGB
APRIL MEETING

Tucson Garden Railway

May
2021

Welcome to all our members after a long hiatus. We hope everyone is safe and healthy.



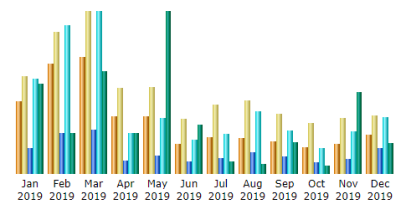
New Board Members

- 01 Director at Large
Charles Weesner
- 02 Treasurer -
Margaret Torres Nelson

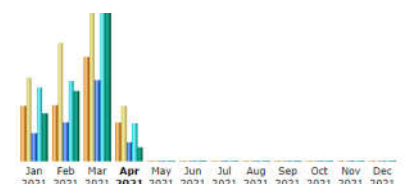
The rest of the officers have agreed to keep their positions for another year.

Web Hits Compared

Webmaster Jerry has provided us with some statistics about the visitors to our website this year compared to the Pre-Pandemic Year.



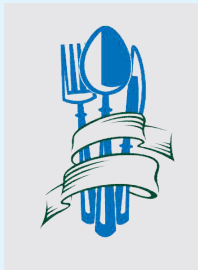
Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2019	1,131	1,523	6,805	25,464	55.08 GB
Feb 2019	1,723	2,218	11,213	40,191	25.13 GB
Mar 2019	1,817	2,588	11,906	44,899	62.80 GB
Apr 2019	901	1,343	3,704	11,041	24.88 GB



Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2021	309	467	2,807	7,415	4.40 GB
Feb 2021	313	658	3,901	8,028	6.47 GB
Mar 2021	583	917	8,135	16,526	15.18 GB
Apr 2021	218	310	1,880	3,807	1.30 GB

Red Garter Luncheon

The TGRS Social Luncheon will now be the 4th Wednesday of every month until we get to the winter holidays. Everybody loves our current location, so we will stay with 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. We will attempt to be as covid careful as possible, mask wearing and social distancing as best you can. We will

dine inside and seat 4 people per table. IF YOU ARE NOT FULLY VACCINATED, OR IF YOU FEEL ILL, PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND THIS EVENT. Arrive at 11:15 for lunch. I will get some reservations so please RSVP to Chuck if you are attending.

Everyone was excited to resume our Monthly Social Luncheons. The crew met at our favourite meeting place, The Red Garter. Wally is looking particularly triumphant.



May Meeting

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May Meeting at RCW Full information is available on the first page of this newsletter. 9:30 - Noon

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May Social

May Social - Luncheon at the Red Garter

11:15 am

April Meeting Minutes

Twenty-two (22) members signed the attendance sheet. Ron and Helen were thanked for hosting both the Board and General Meetings. There were no guests or new members presented.

The March 2021 Board of Directors/General Meeting minutes were approved as published on the website.

In Ruth Taylor's absence, the Treasurer's Report was summarized. As of 04/17/21: Total on Deposit is \$17,947; net revenues since 2 03/21/21 equal \$90 and there were no new expenses paid.

Per her request, Ruth will be resigning as Treasurer at the end of this Fiscal Year. Margaret Torres Nelson has agreed to take over and the membership in attendance agreed. Charles Weesner was also approved to fill the vacant At-Large Board position.

Vice-President's Report: There is a social planned at the Red Garter Saloon on 04/28. They will be seating 4-person tables. Please RSVP to Claudia.

The Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Museum is planning to open every Sunday from 1-4pm beginning in September. They will be charging admission and we don't as yet know

what the fee will be. They are planning to host the Swap Meet in their parking lot, most likely in November. It is unknown whether canopies will be provided.

We were reminded that May 8 is Train Day at the Transportation Museum and also that they are open 10am-4pm Tuesday through Saturday, Sunday 11am-3pm.

A visitor from Virginia has been given information on several layouts that will be open next weekend (4/23-24).

There is a strong possibility that we can have our May meetings (Board & General) at Rincon Country West; hopefully on the 15th. There are COVID restrictions in place and more information on these will follow once the date and time are confirmed.

May 8th Train Day



TGRS had a great turnout to set up the Mini Layout at the Downtown Transportation Museum for train day on May 8th.



Time is Ticking...

Have You paid your dues? The year is rapidly coming to a close. If you have not paid your dues for the 2020-2021 club year, please bring them to the May or June Meeting, or send them to our treasurer before June 15th.

Ruth Taylor
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Tucson, AZ 85735-5195



June Meeting

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June Meeting -
Location to be
determined

June Social

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June Social Luncheon at
the Red Garter

11:15 am

Newsletter Editor: Sally is putting together information for Rails in the Garden 2022 (RITG 2022) flyers. She has TGRS “business cards” with her and available for handout after the meeting. There are no RITG dates listed on them – they’re to steer people to the website for information.

Please send her pictures, stories of what you’ve been doing to your layouts during the past year.

Committee Reports:
Website/Membership: Website is running fine – hits are about average. Membership is currently 52 families.

Mentor Coordinator: Bob has been in contact with two cou-

ples new to Tucson, one has a small LGB set. He’s working to recruit them to the club.

Social: see Vice-President’s report.

Old Business: Details for the Sam Hughes Neighborhood Pump House event are still pending. Not even a potential date has been given.

The Diamond Children’s Center layout status is still unknown. There is no information forthcoming from Banner regarding the status of the gift shop or the train and equipment.

New Business: The weekend of March 5-6 for RITG 2022 was approved by the membership. It was pointed out that the toy show is scheduled to take place on 03/06 but, because it is impossible to work around all the Tucson-area events

in early March, it was decided to keep that weekend date.

Of note:

George Anderson is compiling a list of items that he plans to sell next autumn.

The new tires purchase for all 3 trailers is on hold for now as the trailers are not currently in use.

It was reported that nothing is running except the new trolley on the Botanical Gardens layout. John Fennema has agreed to follow-up.

Pending confirmation, the next meeting will be at Rincon Country West on May 15.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell
Secretary

RAILS IN THE GARDEN

To the right is a list of locations currently planned for the 2022 Rails in the Garden weekend event. If you would like your layout to be added to the list please let the committee chair Sally Jacunski know.

Martin
Koshler
Fennema
Averil
Carmichael/Papas
RCW
Rodeo Museum

Be a part of the action, Volunteer to be on the committee today. Contact Committee Chair Sally Jacunski for more details.

Save the Date
for 2022
March 5th & 6th



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HAPPY Birthday

Just a sidebar celebration of the birth of our humble editor. (HeHe). Of course there is that other tiny birthday that occurs on the 4th.

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July Social

July Social Luncheon at the Red Garter

11:15 am

LGB and LEGO, you've got to be kidding

Have you ever asked yourself whether LBG trains will work with LEGO building blocks? Probably not, but Helen and I have. A couple of years ago we got hooked on the LEGO "Creator" modular buildings and enjoy working together to build them. Unlike the POLA and PIKO buildings we are all familiar with the Lego bricks are not really designed for outdoors. No problem, we turned part of our office room into a 8 X 6 foot LEGO city. This was great but something was missing, Trains. Only problem was that the LEGO buildings are more "O" scale size and we have "G" scale trains. Not wanting to run LEGO trains which are larger than "O" scale anyway we stumbled on a very workable solution. It just so happens that LGB made some models of the Grizzly Flats trains that run at Disneyland. These are 3/4 scale and we think they work perfectly with the LEGO buildings. We hope you agree.

