



# TGRS Bulletin

## March 2022



### March General Meeting

We will hold our next meeting at John & Audrie Fennema's (7594 W. Talavera Way) on March 26th. We will run trains from 9 am and start the meeting at 10 am. Please bring a chair and any RC trains you'd like to run on his layout.

### Rails in the Garden:

Thanks to everyone who either opened their layouts or volunteered during Rail in the Garden. Our visitors (over 2100) donated more than \$1400 for the food bank and supporting our community layouts. I'd call this year a success!

### Upcoming TGRS Events

23 Mar	Social Luncheon @ Red Garter
26 Mar	General Meeting @ Fennema's
26-27 Mar	ABTO Open House Tour
31 Mar—4 Apr	Pima County Fair—Setup
27 Apr—May 1	Pima County Fair

Our next social luncheon will be on Wednesday, February 23rd at the Red Garter Saloon, 3143 E Speedway. It's a chance to visit with club members and eat some great food. Hope to see you there!



Tucson Weekly interviewed Chuck Cook and went to John Fennema's layout for an article in their magazine.

Check it out here: [Tucson Weekly](#)

We've also got over 5200 hits on our Facebook page that advertises Rails in the Garden. I wonder if that impacted the number of visitors this year?

There are a couple of G-scale train tours coming up: [ABTO](#) will have their Spring Open House tour Mar 26 & 27 (see last page of this newsletter) and this year's [National Garden Railway Convention](#) will be in Denver, CO, June 19—25. Let us know if you'll be attending.

**The 2022-24 BOD elections are coming up at our May meeting. If you'd like to run for a board position, please contact me and I'll make sure you get on the slate. It's a great way to help our club and have some fun .**

**BOD Meeting:** The March BOD meeting will be via **ZOOM** on Tuesday, Mar 23rd at 7 PM. A link will be emailed before the meeting for those interested in joining .

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY  
GENERAL MEETING  
February 19, 2022 at Rincon West RV Park

RCW members were thanked for hosting and for providing delicious snacks. A total of 25 members signed in.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved as published in the Bulletin.

Treasurer's Report Margaret Torres Nelson gave the following report:

*As of 02/15/2022,*

Checking Acct. Balance   \$ 2,828.31

Savings Acct. Balance    15,859.42

Balance Total             \$18,687.79

*Fiscal Year to Date Recap,*

Receipts/deposits   \$2,100.00 (dues, regalia, etc.)

Expenses             1,312.64 (storage, insurance, supplies, etc.)

Net revenue         \$ 787.36

There are currently 44 family members who have paid their 2021-22 dues, with a total of 55 members.

Vice-President's Report: Reminder about the Martin's open house this coming Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> where we will not be having a meeting, unless there is some issue to discuss. John Fennema has kindly agreed to host the March meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup>. No meeting in April, because of the fair, and Phil Pappas and John Carmichael will host the May meeting on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It's doubtful that we will have an in-person meeting in June, because of the weather..

Rails in the Garden 2022 (RITG) 03/05-06 is set to go. Sally has put together bags for each host and Dennis Mahar will bring signs to the Martin's open house for anyone needing them. We have a few flyers and info cards left, for anyone who needs them. We have just enough volunteers to staff all the sites (except the Gadsen-Pacific TTM), and Chuck Cook has sent in all the print notifications.

The signups have been coming in for the fair and we're doing okay. Since we won't be putting up the children's layout this year, we will need fewer volunteers for each shift, however there are still several slots needing help. Remember, if you sign up for 3 or more slots you will get a badge and parking pass. This year's badges will not have photos, so you won't need to get to the fair early to get your picture taken.

Of note, the Barry Blackwell celebration of life is scheduled today, for all of you who have RSVP'd. It's from 3-5pm at the Viscount Hotel on Broadway.

Newsletter: No report. Claudia is sending out bulletins in lieu of the Newsletters. Jerry was requested to change the 'Latest Newsletter' to point to the latest bulletin. Please send her news items, articles and pictures. There was much discussion about publishing a monthly newsletter and the consensus seemed to be that we need to have one.

Committee Reports:

*Clinics:* There was a request made at the meeting for Gary to sponsor a clinic on creating buildings, but Peggy Martin asked that we wait until after RITG to request.

*Maintenance:* Charlie is doing repairs at the Botanical Gardens, which seems to be working currently. However he thinks there might be problems with the Bridgeworks power supply, but is in a 'wait and see' mode.

*Mentor:* No new requests.

*Social:* The next lunch at the Red Garter is Wednesday, 2/23.

Old Business: (covered in the above items – nothing additional was brought forth)

New Business/Items of note: No one has stepped up to lead a search committee for the BOD elections for next year. During the meeting Sue Averill and Peggy Martin volunteered to run for Secretary and the current at-large members agreed to continue their roles. Seems like some arm twisting will be occurring...

The next General Meeting is scheduled for 03/26, at John Fennema's. More details will be available in the upcoming Bulletin.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Claudia Nelson* for  
*Gina Blackwell*, Secretary

# See Trains



*in the Garden 2022*

*Spring Open House Tour*

**Sat. March 26th**

**Sun. March 27th**

**12:00PM-4:00PM**



*This Spring there will be seven homes open showing their G Scale Garden Train Layouts in the Phoenix area open to the Public.*

*Your tax deductible donations are accepted and used to support ABTO train activities and the maintenance of the train layouts at Cardon Children's Medical Center and Ryan House.*

*Please checkout the ABTO website, [azbigtrains.org](http://azbigtrains.org) for addresses and up-to-date information*

1/ John & Boots Gordon	11105 W. Olive Drive	Avondale 85392
2/ Brian & Jeanne Soncrant	8152 E. Kilarea Avenue	Mesa 85209
3/ Terry & Adrienne Haas	1861 E. Fountain Street	Mesa 85203
4/ Jim & Joanne Gardner	1355 S. Glenview Circle	Mesa 85204
5/ Don Sorenson	6130 E. Colby Street	Mesa 85205
6/ John & Janet Vogt	1341 E. Folley Place	Chandler 85225
7/ Steve & Judy Lewis	925 E. Saddleback Place	San Tan Valley 85143