



TGRS Bulletin

April & May, 2022



No April General Meeting

We will hold our next (May) meeting at John Carmichael's & Phil Pappas' house on Saturday, May 7th. Trains will run at 9 am, the meeting will start at 10 am, with board elections held for 2022-2024. Please try to make the meeting.

Open House on the Turtle River Railroad (5100 W Paseo del Campo 85745)

Friday, April 15th from 5:00PM 'til about Dusk (7:00 - 7:30PM ish and Saturday morning, April 16th from 9:00AM 'til 11:00AM (Janet & Glenn Mitchell).

Friday evening we will be running a couple of lighted trains and a few of the buildings are lighted as well. After dusk / about sunset should be a good time for those lighting effects. If you plan to attend Friday evening, we suggest you bring a flashlight as we have no street lighting in this area. Saturday morning we hope to have the automated ore trains and trolleys operating and it shouldn't be too warm at that time of day.

Upcoming TGRS Events

15 Apr—16 Apr	Open House @ Mitchell's
21 Apr—1 May	Pima County Fair
3 May	BOD Meeting (ZOOM)
7 May	General Meeting @ Carmichael & Pappas (elections)

There will be **NO** social luncheon for the month of April in favor of socializing at the Fair. See you there. (CJC)



Proposed Slate of Officer (2022-24)

President: Dennis Mahar
Vice-President: John Fennema
Secretary: Sue Averill / Peggy Martin
Treasurer: Margaret Torres Nelson
Newsletter Editor / Social Media: Claudia Nelson
Webmaster: Jerry Tulino
At Large: Bob Averill
Wally Gazdik
Gary Martin
Charlie Weesner

We are always looking for newer members to volunteer for the board. Please email a board member if you're interested.

This year's [National Garden Railway Convention](#) will be in Denver, CO, June 19th to 25th.

Let us know if you'll be attending.

BOD Meeting: The May BOD meeting will be via **ZOOM** on Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 PM. A link will be emailed before the meeting for those interested in joining .

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2022
John & Audrie Fennema's Home

Twenty-Four (24) club members signed the Attendance Sheet. Claudia Nelson, filling in for Jim Miller, Thanked the Fennemas for hosting and for providing delicious snacks.

The February 2022 General Meeting minutes were approved as published in the bulletin.

Treasurer's Report: Margaret Torres Nelson was absent but provided a written update. Claudia reported that there are 46 families paid up for the current fiscal year.

As of 03/22/2022,

Checking Acct. Balance	\$ 3,054.60
Savings Acct. Balance	<u>15,859.54</u>
Balance Total	\$18,914.14

Fiscal Year to Date Recap,

Receipts/deposits	\$2,443.00 (dues, regalia, equipment sales, Etc.)
Expenses	<u>1,429.35</u> (storage, insurance, supplies, Etc.)
Net revenue	\$1,013.65

Vice-President's Report: Donations received at the Rails in the Garden (RITG) 2022 event totaled \$1,416.15 of which \$800 will be donated to the Community Food Bank. It was decided that the other non-profit locations on the tour (Transportation Museum, Rodeo Parade Museum, and Gadsden-Pacific Toy Train Museum) would be allowed to keep the donations received at their locations. There was a suggestion made to move the event to later in March, but this decision was tabled until next fiscal year. It has also been suggested that the posters for RITG be made more generic so that they can be re-used. Gary Martin suggested that we make better use of free advertising, like the Desert Leaf.

The next General Meeting will be May 7 at Carmichael/Pappas. John Carmichael has offered to share his collection of train music with the membership – just provide him with a 4 gig flash drive.

The Mitchells have offered their patio for the June General Meeting, if an indoor venue is unavailable.

Claudia had flyers for the ABTO layout tour taking place this weekend.

Maintenance Update:

The Rodeo Parade Museum staff wanted the moo and mariachi sound systems changed and/or repaired. Glenn Mitchell took care of it.

Old Business:

Dennis Maher reported that he should have the badges and parking passes available at the Fairgrounds when we set up. The new date for the setup is Saturday, 4/02, to get the trailers in an unloaded. They have to be out by 04/04. The tires on the trailers will need to be replaced soon. There is a new parking area and entry way for the volunteers and Dennis will send a map with explanations.

New Business:

Gary Martin reported that the Tucson Botanical Gardens wants the club to remove the current layout so they can plant trees. The area that was initially offered was not acceptable and then there was an offer made of the area where we used to set up the trains for Luminaria Nights (pre-permanent layout). This is under consideration as a temporary measure but is shaded by messy eucalyptus trees. The Gardens management has a plan to have a designer come in and plan something much more detailed and more in keeping with the natural look of the Gardens. Apparently, the person they are hoping to get designed the garden railway area in the Chicago Botanical Gardens. Any design change would not begin before 2024 at the earliest. Gary and the other club members who work to maintain the layout will work with the Gardens' staff. We have been asked to remove the current layout by the end of July.

Other Items of Note: Gary has taken out the lower portion of his layout and has lots of items to sell. Contact him directly.

Respectfully submitted,
Gina Blackwell, Secretary