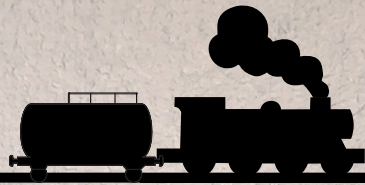




TIMETABLE

MARCH 2023



March

**NO GENERAL
MEETING**

RAILS IN THE GARDEN

MARCH 11 & 12

10 AM - 4 PM

1 - Averill

2 - Koehler

3 - Fennema

4 - Mitchell

5 - Gadsen-Pacific

6 - Carmichael /

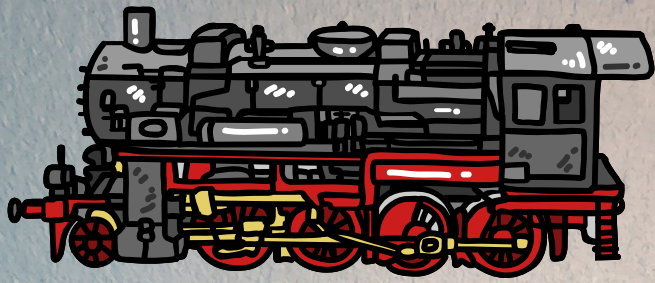
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7 - SATM

8 - Rodeo Parade

9 - RCW

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Misc Advertising Links for RITG

[Marana Style Magazine \(March edition\)](#)

[TGRS FaceBook page](#)

[Find it in Tucson](#)

[KXCI Community Radio](#)

[KOLD - The Weekend Calendar](#)

[Tucson Happenings \(FaceBook\)](#)

[Saddlebrook AZ Star Article](#)

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Rincon Country West RV Park

In 2008 / 2009, the owner of Rincon Country West RV Park gave a small plot of land to 15 residents for a garden railroad layout. Initially there was no train or track, in fact nothing but the small plot of land near the RV park office. The railroad enthusiasts first created a small circle in which to lay the track and upended a satellite dish as the base for a mountain. Then adding a cinder block tunnel they were ready to roll. The first track was a 15- by 25-foot loop, all track powered, with 1 Mikado engine and several train cars.



Many of the initial members were ex-railroaders and Chuck Height, being the youngest, was “volunteered” to maintain the track and help keep the trains running. (At that time he was the only one able to get down on his knees to fix any issues.) Glenn Mitchell, Gary Martin, and other TGRS members acted as consultants on the layout.

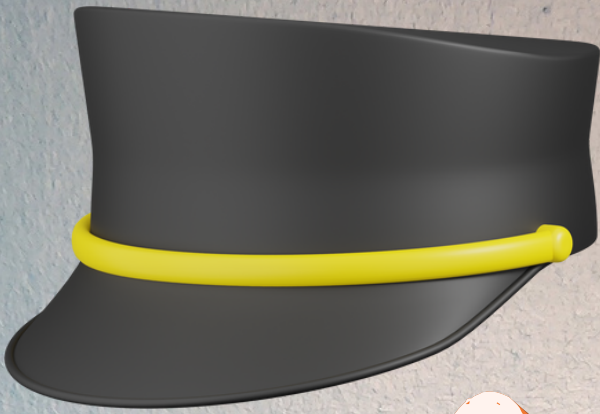
The layout became an entire park effort with some residents working on the layout's electronics and the wood shop building various structures that are still in use today.



Currently there's 1800 feet of track, a waterfall, mountain with a running river, multiple tunnels and 4 trestles, plus some of the original wooden structures.



You can also find a circus with carousel and Ferris wheel, a German garden with dancers, a teeter totter, a barnyard, and a 50s diner. And push buttons have been installed to provide sounds along the layout for the enjoyment of visitors. It has become quite the focal point for the park.



Welcome

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**April BOD meeting will
be Wednesday, April
5th, 1:00pm at David &
Claudia Nelson's.**

2023 Meetings

Train Ticket

⇒ Train Ticket

April 8th - Somerhalder

**Trains 9:00
Meeting 10:00**

May 16th - Gadsen-Pacific TTOM

**Trains 10:00
Meeting 11:00**

June 7th - Ronald McDonald House

**Meal Prep 4:00
Serve 6:00**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 11&12 - RITG**
- **March 22 - Social Luncheon (Red Garter)**
- **April 1, 3 & 4 - Pima County Fair Setup**
- **April 5 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **April 8 - General Meeting (Sommerhalder)**
- **April 20-30 - Pima County Fair**
- **May 10 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **May 13 - General Meeting (GPTTOM)**



WANTED



**Member willing to
take on the role of
club President???**



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Donations for new
childrens' layout
{vehicles, train
cars, people,
animals, etc.}



**Close to
g-scale**



Links of Interest

The HOBBYISTS Park & Swap Meet
The First Saturday Of Each Cooler Month
4 March 2023, 7:00 - 9:45 am
1764 W Broadway Rd.
Mesa, AZ.85202

ArizonaModelTrains.com

Newsletter from
Northern Colorado Garden
Railroaders

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[GE Dash-9 g-scale locomotive review](#)

Tucson Garden Railroad Society General Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2023

Rincon Country West

27 club members signed the attendance sheet.

Club treasurer, Margaret Torres Nelson, reported a balance of \$19,500 in checking and savings with a net \$ -122 for the year at this point. We have 49 families in our membership at present.

Vice President, John Fennema, reported on Rails in the Garden publicity and the Pima County Fair, as well as the search for a new president.

John thanked Dennis for his service as president. Dennis is moving to Texas, and come April 1, we need a someone new to serve as president. Charlie Weesner has been accepted as the new secretary following Sue Averill's resignation.

John noted Claudia Nelson has contacted KOLD, KVOA, and KXCI and Phil Pappas and John Carmichael opened their layout for Tucson Weekly to write and photograph. RITG will be listed in the Saddlebrook newspaper. The Kohlers are still 1 person short – hoping to set up the kids layout and supervise kids playing with un-motorized trains.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

The County Fair setup is April 1, 3, & 4. We are setting a deadline of March 31st to get a badge for the fair so visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/> to sign up for shifts in setup, tear-down, running trains, and greeting our visitors. We expect to have the children's layout setup so that kids can push around trains and cars inside our modular layout, as well. Glenn Mitchell has agreed to supervise setup, again.

The simplified, temporary Tucson Botanical Gardens layout has been running more reliably thanks to Gina, Dennis, John, and Charlie. Glenn Mitchell installed a counter and we got 163 button presses in the first week of counting.

Passing mention of other topics – Requested 4-4-0 model for Ken Karrels to loan to a mural-painter for the Southern Arizona Transport Museum (Charlie has one). We canceled the joint event with ABTO. The board agreed to pay for six months of mailing list management for the RITG list, pending a more-thorough review of our options going forward from there. There was a discussion of the McCormick-Stillman Park in Phoenix, and Willis has a DVD on the Disney connection with the Sante Fe to establish the train in Disneyland.

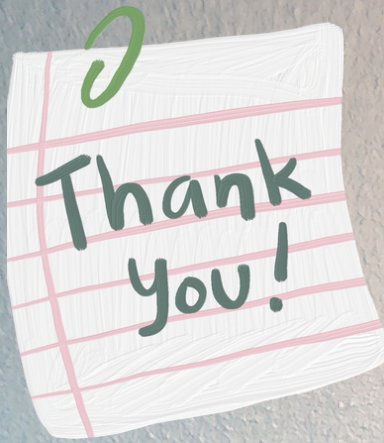
Upcoming meetings:

March – none due to RITG

April 8 – Bruce Sumerhalders 9 AM run trains, 10 AM meeting

May 13 – Gadsden Pacific 10 AM run trains, 11 AM meeting

Charlie Weesner, Secretary



Thanks to Peter Firos for the donation of 200 feet of long, curved stainless steel track and to John Fennema for photos of the February meeting at RCW. Also, thanks to Chuck Cook and Sue Averill for helping to advertise RITG. Finally, thanks to Thomas Preisner for keeping us updated on newest rolling stock.

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[TGRS Membership Application](#)