

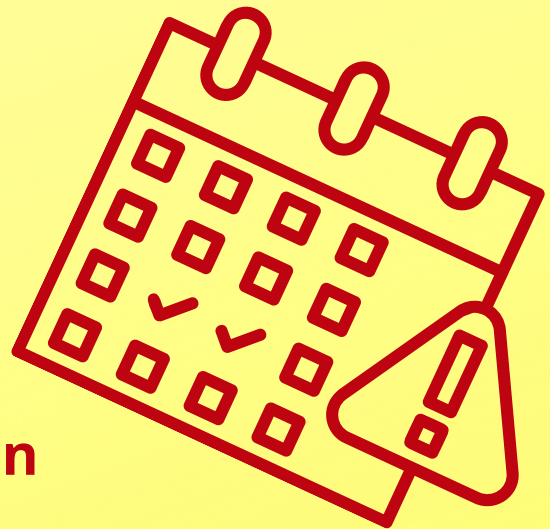


TIMETABLE

JULY 2023

**2023-24 dues are
due on July 1st.
Send a check or
use Zelle (\$30) to**

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The Reuben Wells

During our summer visit to the Indianapolis area, we took our grandchildren to the Indianapolis Children's Museum. One of the exhibits was of the Reuben Wells, a 55-ton steam engine built in 1868.



Originally 8 horses pulled one car at a time up Madison Hill. No steam engine was able to climb the 5.9% grade without slipping down the hill, as it had the steepest grade regular track in the US at that time. The Reuben Wells locomotive was built to push, not pull, trains cars up a steep hill in Madison, Indiana. The couplers holding the cars were too weak and would have decoupled if pulled. The engine was so heavy that gravity kept it on the track and prevented slippage.

Reuben Wells G Scale Model



**Model of Reuben Wells pushing a
car up Madison Hill.**

**Click on the photo to see a video of
the model train in action.**

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No July or August BOD meeting.

The next scheduled meeting will be on September 21st.

Anyone wishing to join us remotely can request the Google Meet code.

2023-2024 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

Sep 23th - Fennema

Oct 21st - Mitchell

Nov 18th - Koehler

⇒ Train Ticket

Trains 9:00
Meeting 10:00

Trains 9:00
Meeting 10:00

Trains 10:00
Meeting 11:00



- **Jul 26 - Social Luncheon - The Depot**
- **Aug 23 - Social Luncheon - Red Garter**
- **Sep 20 - BOD Meeting - TBD**
- **Sep 23 - General Meeting (Fennema)**
- **Sep 27 - Social Luncheon - The Depot**
- **Oct 18 - BOD Meeting - TBD**
- **Oct 21 - General Meeting (Mitchell)**
- **Oct 25 - Social Luncheon - Red Garter**
- **Nov 12 - Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet**
- **Nov 14 - BOD Meeting - TBD**
- **Nov 18 - General Meeting (Koehler)**
- **Dec 6 - BOD Meeting - TBD**
- **Dec 9 - General Meeting & Xmas Party - TBD**



Links of Interest

The July issue of [The Garden Whistle](#) from the Christchurch Garden Railway Group and features news from various G scale Groups in New Zealand.

[South Eastern Pennsylvania Garden Railway Society](#) has

lots of interesting links, including clubs, layouts, displays, and even tourist trains. Check it out!

[The Big Train Operator Club](#)

just completed its 45th convention in Lancaster County, PA They have members across the US and the world.

[Beat the Heat](#)

[Model Train Swap Meet](#)

Saturday, July 29th

9:00am - 1:00pm

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical
University

3700 Willow Creek Road

Prescott, AZ

[Midwest Model Train Blog](#)

has lots of interesting articles about getting youngsters interested, scratch building, and many others.

HELLO
my name is...
CONVENTIONS



38TH NATIONAL GARDEN RAILWAY CONVENTION
JULY 1 - 8, 2023
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SANTA CLARA CONVENTION CENTER

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TEXAS EXPRESS
The 2023 NMRA National Convention



August 20-26
DALLAS/FORT WORTH, TEXAS
CAYLORD TEXAN RESORT GRADEVINE



MANUFACTURERS' WEBSITES

Live Steam Station for the steamers out there, including Accucraft



For LGB collectors and aficionados, check out the **LGB website**.

Finally, the website for **Piko trains**



SIDE TRACKED

Why don't they have cabooses anymore?



Check out this [YouTube Link](#)



Thanks to Thomas Preisner for all his helpful links and information. Also, thanks to David Nelson for forwarding the YouTube caboose link.

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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. The TGRS dues are \$30.00 per year per household and are due on June 30th of each year. For new members, dues are pro-rated at \$2.50 per month remaining in the year until June 30th, the first year. 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](#)