



TIMETABLE

OCTOBER 2023

**21 October Meeting
hosted by**

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**Trains run at 9:00
Meeting at 10:00**

Please bring your chairs!



2023 National Garden Railway Convention



**5 July 2023
(day 5)
selected
slides**

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2023 National Garden Railway Convention



6 July 2023
(day 6)
selected
slides

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EVENT REMINDER

- **Oct 18 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **Oct 21 - General Meeting (Mitchell)**
- **Oct 25 - Social Luncheon - Red Garter**
- **Nov 12 - Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet**
- **Nov 15 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **Nov 18 - General Meeting (Koehler)**
- **Dec 6 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **Dec 9 - General Meeting & Xmas Party - TBD**
- **Dec 9 - Xmas run - Fennema**
- **Dec 21 - Ocotillo Learning Center**



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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be on
October 18th @ 1:00pm
- Nelson's.

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

2023-2024 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

Oct 21st - Mitchell

Nov 18th - Koehler

Dec 9th - Xmas Party (TBD)

⇌ Train Ticket

Trains 9:00
Meeting 10:00

Trains 10:00
Meeting 11:00

HELLO

my name is...

**CONVENTIONS,
TRAIN SHOWS, &
SWAP MEETS**



The HOBBYISTS Park & Swap Meet

Free for buyers and sellers.

Saturday, October 7th from 7 to 9:45 AM

Open to all types of boy's toys.

A simple meet up in the parking lot of a Mesa business for a few hours. No charge for buyers or sellers. A good crowd shows up. This early morning show leaves you the rest of the day free.

Where: Field Verified Parking Lot 1764 W Broadway.,
Mesa, AZ

Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Swap Meet

Saturday, October 28th, 9am - 2pm

Model Train Swap Meet

One of the best train shows in Arizona. It's at the railroad park. There are operating live steam trains you can ride and many operating layouts to see.

Where: Adobe Mountain Desert Railroad Park
22822 N. 43rd Ave Phoenix, AZ

**Tucson Toy Train and Collectible
Show**
Sunday November 12, 2023 9am-2pm



This show will be at the Gadsden Pacific Toy Train Museum

3975 N. Miller Ave, Tucson

Free Admission

Come check out 70+ tables of
trains, toys, and collectibles.

*The GPD Museum will be open during this time
with free admission!*



**Check out our
website at
www.GPDtrains.org**

For more information or table
reservations, please email
ronstriumph@me.com or call
Ron at (520) 490-8413

WANTED

Used plastic axles
wanted, LGB preferred.
If you have some, please
contact Thomas
Preisner at
tpreisner11@gmail.com



Links of Interest



The Dead Rail Society™

No track power,
no problem!

Battery power
and radio control:
the future of
model railroading.

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

[Trains in the Garden with Dave](#)

New website from early ABTO member

Photos from last month's meeting @ the Fennema's



New Jersey Heritage Trains

Photos taken by a friend of Thomas Preisner who works for NJT



VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



Ocotillo Learning Center

5702 S. Campbell Ave

21 Dec 2023

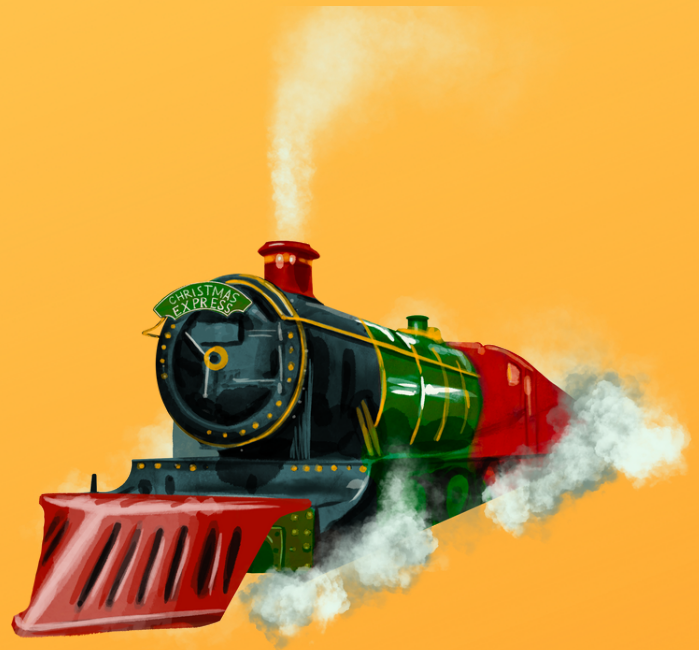
8:30am - 3:00pm

Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet

3975 N. Miller Ave

18 Nov 2023

8:00am - 3:00pm



SIDE TRACKED



Get you railroad roster ready for winter by modeling this former Canadian National double-ended snowplow.

Photographed in 2009 at the New Brunswick Railway Museum in Hillsborough, NB.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

General Meeting Minutes

September 23, 2023

John & Audrie Fennema's

21 club members signed the attendance sheet

Bert & Jane Wight joined TGRS since the last club meeting. Bert was present.

Klaus Pietrczak attended as a guest of Thomas Preisner

Club treasurer report – Claudia Nelson reporting for Margaret Torres Nelson

- All Acct Balance \$ 20,304.16

YTD Income (since July 1) \$ 710.00

YTD Expense \$ 234.40

- 56 members, 6 of whom are honorary. 40 have paid dues for the coming year

Newsletter report – Claudia Nelson

- Still encourages members to write articles about their trains and travels.

Webmaster report – Jerry Tulino

- Still working

Vice President report – John Fennema,

- NGRC report – Bob Northington of Prescott Model RR Club hopes to start a G gauge group. He probed about TGRS supporting a 2028 convention to be held in Arizona. The club voted that this is too big a project for our current group to support.

- Ocotillo Learning Center – Plan to display the children's layout (running battery) planned for Dec 21st. A sign-up genius will be circulated for 4-6 people (min) to staff this.

- Light-the-night event – The board feels this event is not a good fit for rail enthusiasm or member recruitment. If a group of 4 or more can arrange, we'd be happy for you to take the children's layout.

- Pima County Fair – Tom Fagan has indicated he can recruit workers thru Boy Scouts of America Troop 157 while offering the RR merit badge to the scouts. We hope to get them to help with setting up the layout and running it on a weekend. They have to "build something" for the merit badge and Tom/John suggested they might build a module for the fair layout with a Boy Scout Jamboree suggested.

- Coordinate "some involvement" with Gadsden thru Craig Anderson. Form a committee to see if there's places we can interact – as a possible source of members for TGRS. Some members have expressed misgivings about the level of involvement this would entail.

- Gadsden Pacific swap meet is scheduled for Nov 12. We have 2 tables, and expect to set up the children's layout, running on batteries. We hope to sell some of the things from our shed. A sign up will be open for members to support the display.

Membership

- The club approved a plan to give a free year membership in TGRS for anyone who applies at the RITG and Pima County fair.

- The club will move to sending the "new member package" thru email rather than distribute paper handbook.

- Suggestion to approach Old Tucson about building a garden train display at their facility.

- Suggestion to contact sales companies at Train-Li, Bachmann, and Piko to get a list of people who buy G scale trains in southern Arizona. This task has been delegated to Thomas Preisner.

Public displays report - Charlie Weesner

- Dave, the railroad guy at Tucson Children's Museum, has retired. This will drive more visits for minor maintenance in the future.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

- TBG layout shut down for the monsoon. It's back running, now, with 6-8 button-presses per day – down from 40-50 in the spring.

Mentor / clinics topics thrown open for discussion

- How to use an airbrush
- Building trestles
- How to program LocoLinc – hands on at member's layout. (some electronics related to our trains)
- Clinic at Rodeo Museum when prepping engine for another season of operation

Old business

- We need a “point person” to coordinate RITG and Pima County Fair activities. Most pressing item is advertising. Volunteers?

New business

- Club plans to assemble a “media presentation” center with a 32” TV and protective carrying case. Marvin Clark indicated he has a TV to give away.
- We think we should plan a work session to repair & upgrade the modular layout sections for the fair.
- Contacted Rillito Nursery (Orange Grove & La Cholla) to see about interactions – clinic on RR-appropriate plants, maybe a weekend setup of temporary display in their sales area?
- Consider presenting a session at the fair demonstrating some part of garden RR as a hobby. ◦ Electronic programming for functions and sound? ◦ How to start with an inexpensive train set?
- Reach out to PTO's for school out-reach and chances to promote model trains?
- ABTO is participating at McCormick-Stillman RR Park on Sept 30-Oct 1 for “Railfan Days”
- Suggestion to apply for a “club discount” at one or more retail operators. Preisner suggests Black Forest (<https://www.blackforesthobby.com/trains/>) which sells hobby supplies over the internet from Scottsdale.

Meetings

- Board meeting Oct 18 @ Nelson's
- General meeting Oct 21 @ Mitchell'



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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](#)