



TIMETABLE

NOVEMBER 2023

18 November Meeting
hosted by
Ron & Helen Koehler
39794 S. Riverwood Dr
(520) 903-8100

Trains run at 10:00
Meeting at 11:00

Please bring your chairs
and your trains!



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



Maricopa California Zephyr

Starting in January 2024 at
Butterfield Elementary School
(4th and 5th Graders)

After School
Kids Model Railroad Club

Sponsored by
Maricopa Rotary Club
Lead by Jim & Patty Van Houten

Each member of the Club
(10 kids per semester)
will get to make & detail a 30" x 18"
HO Scale Railroad Module
Similar to these shown here
as examples and will get to take home
and can attach here
to this HO Model Railroad!





EVENT REMINDER

- Nov 9 - Work Day & Clinic - Rodeo Parade Museum
- 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 - RPM
- Dec 9 - Xmas run - Fennema
- Dec 16 - Holiday Express (SATM)
- Dec 21 - Ocotillo Learning Center
- Jan 17 - BOD Meeting - Nelson
- Jan 20 - General Meeting (Averill)

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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be on
November 15th @
1:00pm - Nelson's.

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

2023-2024 Winter Meetings

Train Ticket

⇒ Train Ticket

Nov 18th - Koehler

Trains 10:00
Meeting 11:00

Dec 9th - Xmas Party (Rodeo Parade
Museum)

Meeting 11:30
Lunch 12:00

Jan 20th - Averill

Trains 10:00
Meeting 11:00

FALL RAIL FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 11, 2023, 9 AM-4 PM

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ARIZONA RAILWAY MUSEUM

330 E RYAN ROAD CHANDLER AZ 85286

SANTA FE

ADMISSION & PARKING ARE FREE!

www.azrymuseum.org 480-821-1108



HELLO

my name is...

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



The Turducken Meet

Saturday, November 4th from 9 - Noon

Formerly known as "The Turkey Meet," this is the oldest toy train swap meet in Arizona. Sponsored by the Desert Division of the Train Collectors Association

Where: EL ZARIBAH SHRINERS AUDITORIUM

552 N. 40th St.

Phoenix, AZ 85008

Exit 2 Loop 202 or McDowell Rd via Hohokam

Expressway 143

ARIZONA RAILROAD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Saturday, November 11th, 9am - 1pm

Model Train Swap Meet

Everything Trains, Fun, Food

\$5 Admission at the door

Where: Glendale Christian Church

9661 N. 59th Ave, Glendale, 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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



**HOT
SALE**

Gadsen-Pacific Swap Meet

3975 N. Miller Ave

12 Nov 2023

8:00am - 3:00pm

Ocotillo Learning Center

5702 S. Campbell Ave

21 Dec 2023

8:30am - 3:00pm



Holiday Express @ SATM

414 N. Toole Ave

16 Dec 2023

8:00am - 3:00pm

★ WANTED ★

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

Holiday **PARTY**



**December meeting and
Christmas party will be at the
Rodeo Parade Museum
December 9th @ 11:30 am
Cost \$5/person with \$\$\$
collected donated to the
museum.**

**Gift exchange < \$15, if you
want to participate.**

SEE Trains

*In the Phoenix
Metro Area*



IN THE GARDEN

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS

Open House Tours!

2023



***Sat & Sun, December 9 & 10
Sat & Sun, December 16 & 17
4:00pm - 8:00pm***

*Celebrating the holidays with thirteen homes and one museum
with G-scale garden railroads, will be on display in the Phoenix
areas and the East valley for public viewing.*

Bring the family and don't miss out on the fun!



*Your tax deductible donation will be accepted and used to support ABTO
Activities throughout the valley. ABTO members volunteer to maintain the
train layouts at The Ryan House and Cardon Children's Medical Center*

Check the Arizona Big Train Operators website for Locations, Hours and Updates

www.azbigtrains.org



Links of Interest

Fallen Flags and Other Railroad Photos

The term "Fallen Flags" describes those railroads whose corporate names have been dissolved through merger, bankruptcy, or liquidation. At one time the United States boasted nearly 140 Class I's.

The November issue of **The Garden Whistle** from the Christchurch Garden Railway Group and features news from various G scale Groups in New Zealand.

The September/October Issue of **Garden Railroading News** is posted on the TGRS website.

Proposed Changes to Bylaws

ORIGINAL

ARTICLE IV

Membership The TGRS is open to any individual 18 years old or older, and their immediate family members regardless of age. Application for initial membership is made by submitting an application form and appropriate fees. Membership shall be maintained so long as dues are kept current. Lifetime honorary memberships may be granted by a majority vote of the general membership. Any member may be expelled for cause upon agreement by a three-fourths vote of the members by secret ballot. No individual may be denied membership in TGRS by reason of his or her race, religion, creed or sexual orientation.

Proposed Changes to By Laws

REVISED

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SIDE TRACKED

Benson Visitors Center

LET'S GO

ADVENTURE



KGUN 9 Good Morning Tucson at the Benson Visitor Center in the Benson railway depot. It highlighted the history of the town and railroad. Part of her program was showing off the excellent G-Scale train setup (by Bob Nilson). There are trains of all gauges displayed. One actually gets to run the G-Scale train from a working diesel engine cab control setup. The train goes around the visitor center with a camera on front of the train connected to a TV in front of the cab controls. Underneath that train is another train with a roundabout just like they had in Benson. One gets a certificate for operating the train. The visitor center is filled with train history and memorabilia.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2023
Glenn and Janet Mitchell's

23 club members signed the attendance sheet
Visitors: Ed from RCW attended to the meeting

Sept minutes were approved.

Club treasurer report – Claudia Nelson reporting for Margaret Torres Nelson

- All Acct Balance \$ 19,915.73
- Suggested we spend some to advertise RITG in Desert Leaf which is distributed thru the foothills.

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,

- Swap meet at Gadsden Pacific still looking for a couple more volunteers to hand out RITG cards and sell some stuff from storage.
- Christmas party at Rodeo Parade Museum – currently Dec 2, working to move it to Dec 9. Propose \$5 per member with difference in price of meal made up from club coffers.
- We plan to support Southern Arizona Transport Museum open house Dec 16 with the children's layout.
- We committed to Ocotillo Learning center display on Dec 21 with children's layout.
- Some members reported not seeing SignUp Genius emails – which are sent from that website, not from our TGRS members list. Claudia checking into that.
- Rails in the Garden is scheduled for Mar 2-3 so we can include Rincon West and Willis & Dottie Fagg layouts. We plan to give away tickets for a drawing for a starter trainset that John is trying to identify. Proposed John contact Tom Fagan about whether we could get scouts to help staff the layouts during RITG.
- Pima County Fair open April 18-28. Julia will open the hall on Mar 30. We will have scouts help to set up the layout. We plan to do maintenance (painting, patching) before placing scenes – maybe two weeks later. The scouts are nominally tapped to make a corner module. The scouts will also operate the layout one Saturday.

Membership

·Not changed since last month – 56 members.

Public displays report

- Tucson Botanical Gardens has a paragraph in their monthly that they will open their “permanent train layout” in May, 2024. We have received no contact from them.
- We are planning work day in early November to clean Rodeo Museum display and demonstrate preventative maintenance on the engines.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Old business

- Trailer tires will be replaced – a \$900 expense.
- Rillito Nursery joint effort to be postponed until after holiday and spring activities.
- Old Tucson – tabled until we have removed the TBG layout.
- Parents and Teachers organization – Does anyone want to work on setting up connections? (No response)
- Club TV status – Donated by Clarks who are moving. We plan to get a pre-made carry-case for the unit.

New business

- Suggested that our fair exhibit should have a “modern” train. Looking at a double-stack with modern UP diesels. Convert one or two of the modules to a Port of Tucson intermodal facility. Chuck Cook was the contact who set up our tour of Port of Tucson a few years back. Membership approved a \$2000 budget to purchase equipment in this direction and tentatively arrange to have members building models of containers as a “modeling demonstration” at the fair.

- Honorary members – We’re planning to ask members to modify bylaws for awarding honorary membership from “2/3 of members” to “majority present at a meeting” with some criteria for how many need to be in attendance. The specific wording will be in the November newsletter.

Meetings

- Board meeting Nov 15, 1 PM @ Nelson’s
- General meeting 10 AM to run trains, 11 AM meeting @ Kohler’s – Please bring your trains to run on Ron’s layout.

Upcoming meetings

- Nov 18 - Kohlers
- Dec 2 (9) - Christmas Party
- Jan 20 - Averill
- Feb 24 - Rincon West
- Mar ?? - RITG
- Apr 13 - Charmichael

Upcoming Activities

- Nov 12 - Gadsden Pacific Swap Meet
- Dec 16 - SATM Open House
- Dec 21 - Ocotillo Learning Center
- Mar 2-3 - Rails in the Garden
- Apr 18-28 - Pima County Fair



Thanks to John Fennema, Thomas Preisner, Tom Fagan, Charlie Weesner, and Glenn Mitchell for their contributions.

The Timetable is published monthly by the Tucson Garden Railway Society and features news, photos, and articles from club members in Southern Arizona.

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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. Membership dues are \$30.00 per year and include up to two name badges. New members joining July thru December will be charged \$30.00. Members joining January thru June will be charged \$15.00. 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](#)