



TIMETABLE

FEBRUARY 2024

**February Meeting at
Rincon West RV Park,
4555 S Mission Rd
Saturday, February 17th**

Trains run @ 11:00 / Meeting @ noon

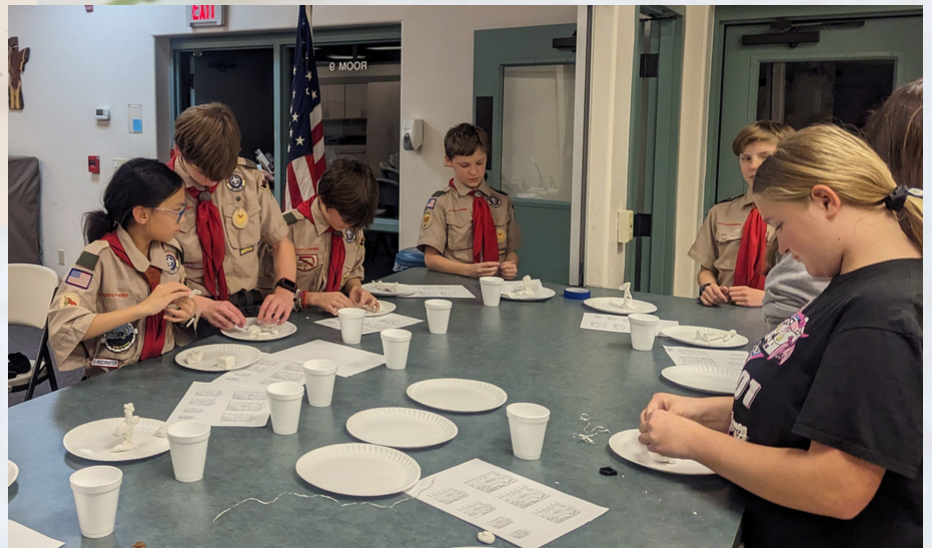
Jelonni (Genie) Goodson will give a brief talk about the history of Thomas to our club after the meeting. Genie is a young man with an intense enthusiasm for Thomas trains and a collection of HO models of the locomotives from those stories. He can regale you with histories of the spur lines that Rev Awdry did his rail-fan trips in the 30's as the basis for the stories, and the still-operating tourist lines in Wales and England.

January Event at the Tucson Wagon & History Museum (formerly Rodeo Parade Museum)



Our children's layout at the museum

The Scout Troop at Work



memories

Mike Dorgan

Michael J. Dorgan passed away, January 24, 2024. Born in Kalamazoo, MI. December 20, 1934. Graduated from St. Augustine High School and Western Michigan University. Survived by wife, Jane of 66 years and son, Robert, daughter-in-law, Cara, granddaughter, Chelsea (Kevin) & grandson, Kyle. Predeceased by son, David and sisters, Susie & Ann. Michael retired in 1995, was CEO of the Trump Company in Milwaukee, WI. At Michael's request, there will be no Memorial Ceremony.

Ibby Ulmer

Elizabeth (Ibby) Ulmer passed away December 26, 2023, after a battle with Dementia and Alzheimer's. Ibby was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on December 27, 1931 to John and Lillian Lloyd. Ibby married her high school sweetheart Norman Ulmer. They settled in Tucson, where they raised their family. Ibby is survived by her husband of 71 years, her children, daughter Michelle (David), twin sons Norman, III (Jeanne) and Lloyd, (Deborah), and daughter Lynn (David), 10 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren.

A Celebration of Ibby's Life will take place at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, February 3, 2024 at The Forum in Tucson.

Honorary Member Nominations

Gina Blackwell

Peggy Martin

Bruce Somerhalder

Ruth Taylor

Norm Ulmer



- **Feb 14 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **Feb 17 - General Meeting (RCW)**
- **March 2 & 3 - RITG**
- **March 13 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **March 16 - General Meeting (Weesner)**
- **March 30 - Pima County Fair Setup**
- **April 10 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **April 13 - General Meeting (Carmichael / Pappas)**
- **April 18-28 - Pima County Fair**
- **May 15 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **May 18 - General Meeting (TBD)**

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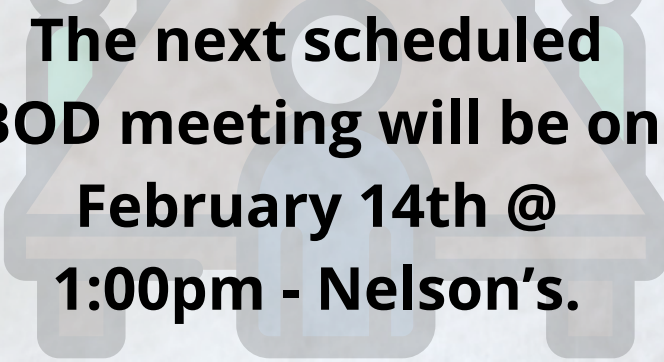
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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be on
February 14th @
1:00pm - Nelson's.
Anyone wishing to join
us remotely can
request the Google
Meet code.**

2023-2024 Winter Meetings

Train Ticket

Feb 17 - RCW

Mar 16 - Weesner

Apr 13 - Carmichael / Pappas

⇒ Train Ticket

**Trains 11:00
Meeting 12:00**

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

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



Volunteers
needed

Rails in the Garden

Saturday & Sunday, March 2 & 3

Pima County Fair

Thursday, April 18 - Sunday, April 20

field trip

We're going to visit the Xerocraft space
on Feb 10th. Let Ann Winter know if you'll
be attending.



Links of Interest

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

4Trackrr: Model train parts, customization & installation, with OEM Aristocraft and high quality 3D printed parts.

Marklin U.P. Big Boy Steam Locomotive from **Reynauld's** Euro Imports - preorder for \$6895.

The **Great Train Show** is this weekend (Feb 2 - 3) in Costa Mesa, CA

Dallas Area Train Show



On January 20-21, at the Plano Event Center in Plano, Texas was the first Dallas Area Train Show. The event center was packed full with vendors, and private vendors, plus lots of layout displays. This train show was the largest show I have ever been too. The North Texas Garden Railroad Club was present with a small version of their event display. As a new member it was first event. Dallas Texas area has several train displays and train museums. Carolyn and I plan on visiting as many as we can in the near future.

We miss our friends in Tucson, so I thought I would share a few photos from the train event which is twice a year. Two photos in part 2 are HO scale. One has the Arizona mountains similar to Gary Martin's layout.



Train Spotting



We had grey skies, rain and cool temperatures for 1 week, when it finally started to clear up a bit yesterday I went to Florence to hopefully catch their morning eastbound consist. The consist comes through at any time between 10.00 AM and 12.15 PM, that's the only known fact...And only Tuesday to Fridays because the mines in the Winkelman area don't work over the weekend, it takes them a day to produce enough copper ore to make it worthwhile for the Copper Basin Railway to send a consist west on a Tuesday morning.

It finally came thru a little before 11.00 AM and as usual I drove next to it for as long as I could with my window down before I surged ahead to stop at a trestle close to the track. I had only seconds to position myself before the consist came through.



**If you're near Bridgewater, NJ, this month,
stop by and support this worthy group
furthering the love of trains.**



Ted Blum 4-H Center
310 Milltown Road
Bridgewater, NJ 08807
Saturday - Feb. 17th: 12 noon - 7 pm
Sunday - Feb. 18th: 10 am - 5 pm

Admission
\$4.00 Adult
\$2.00 Children under 12
Concessions available all day
Children age 2 and under **FREE**
www.trainmasters.sc4-h.org

Over 1,000 feet of track with more than 30 unique displays
All types of vendors and crafters each day
Fun, hands-on play stations and crafts
Proceeds benefit Trainmasters' various college scholarship funds

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Contact our local Extension Office for information regarding special needs or accommodations: 908-526-6644.
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WANTED

- A few passenger or freight cars, they must be 2 axle and European only.
- One of these engines (they are all German steam engines): LGB 2075, 2076, 20140, 24141, 2080 - no sound, 22140
- Bachmann Trolley/street cars such as shown in the picture.



Please contact:
Thomas Preisner
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Sale



Brand new AML/Accucraft GP 60 diesel locomotive (1:29 scale, no sound).

Roadname is Rio Grande.

Engine has never run, only unpacked once to take some pictures, in the original cartons.

Only \$ 470.00.

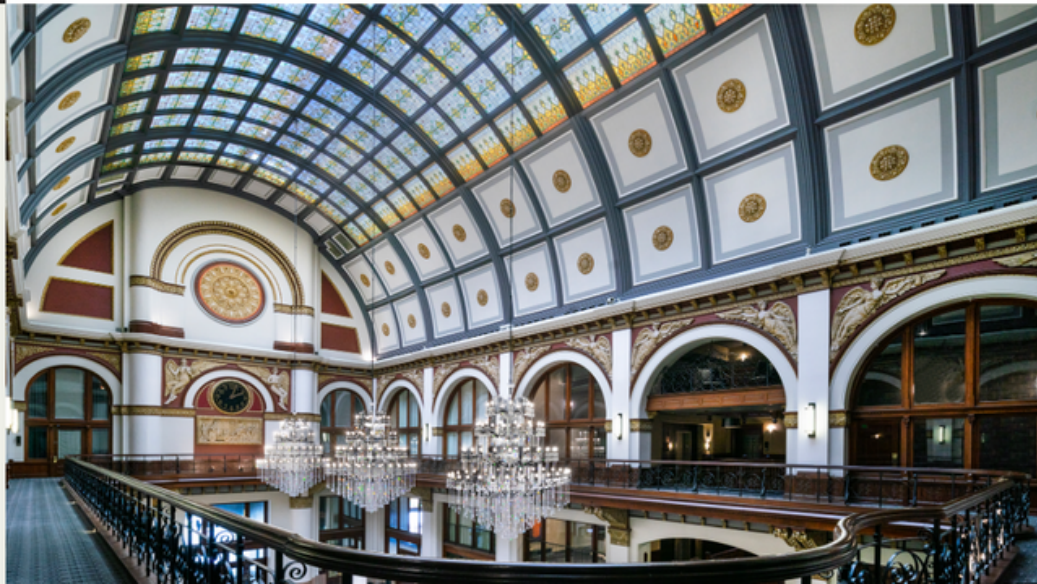
Regular cost from any dealer is \$ 650.00 plus shipping plus tax.

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SIDE TRACKED



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TRAIN STATION IN NASHVILLE)
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EPICENTER OF AMERICAN TRAVEL.
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MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC HOTELS OF
AMERICA DESIGNATED BY THE
NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC
PRESERVATION AND IS LISTED ON THE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC
PLACES.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
January 20, 2024
Tucson Wagon and History Museum

23 club members signed the attendance sheet, no guests
November minutes were approved.

Club treasurer report

- **All Acct Balance \$ 17,724.46**
- **Net for the fiscal year is \$ (2113.62)**

Vice President report – John Fennema,

• Rails in the Garden

- **We need more volunteers to support our hosts (17/day).**
- **Publicity from Marana Style article, Daily Star article planned for Feb 26th**

• County fair / Scouts

- **Mar 30 setup layout**
- **Maintenance for “a couple weeks” before placing buildings and trim**
- **Rillito Nursery will supply potted plants for the front siding of the layout**
 - **8 planters, 31 inch with “colorful flowers”**
 - **Details to come**

Newsletter report – Claudia is always looking for articles

Membership – Thomas’ friend Klaus has joined for 57 total members now.

Website is now a “Rails in the Garden” site. First RITG reminder email to 1261 names. 34 were rejected email addresses, 550 have opened it, and 150 have clicked on the link to see our information. 8 more have asked to be added to the list.

Public displays report

• We will be taking down the TBG layout in March – sometime after RITG. John Fennema and Charlie Weesner will be making arrangements with Michelle at the gardens.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Social Activities – Ann Winter

- Monthly lunch at The Depot, Jan 24th at 11:15
- Planning a club tour of Xerocraft for February 10 – ½ tour, ½ question session. Xerocraft is a “makerspace” in downtown Tucson. They have tools to help people “make things” from software to a forge to make horseshoes. We’d expect TGRS members to be interested in the 3D printers and CNC milling machines.

Old business

- Modular layout for the fair
 - Scout section in northeast corner – tents and a flagpole – associated with the Scouting merit badge.
 - Work proceeds towards a modern train and intermodal terminal module.
 - We hope to do repair work on the modules at the fair grounds after we have it set up and before the fair opens.
- TBG gave us outlines of the plans for the coming Applied Imagination layout with 8 independent loops running trains in an area “about the size of our modular layout. John will be arranging a meeting to work thru a transition.
- A proposed list for the first round of additional honorary lifetime members will be published in the February newsletter for voting at the February meeting.

New business

- Elections for the board are coming up. Nominations need to be published in the April newsletter with a vote at the May meeting. Let John or Glenn know if you’re interested in serving on the board.

Meetings

- BOD – Feb 14
- General meeting Feb 17 @ Rincon West with a presentation by Jelonni (Genie) Goodson on the history of Thomas the Tank. Also we hand out info packets and signs for the RITG hosts.
- Mar 2-3: Rails in the Garden
- BOD – Mar 13
- General meeting Mar 16 @ Weesner’s house



**Thanks to John Fennema,
Charlie Weesner, Dennis Mahar,
Jerry Tulino, and Thomas
Preisner for their contributions.**

**The Timetable is published monthly by the Tucson Garden
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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](#)