



TIMETABLE

MARCH 2024

**March General Meeting at
Charlie Weesner's**

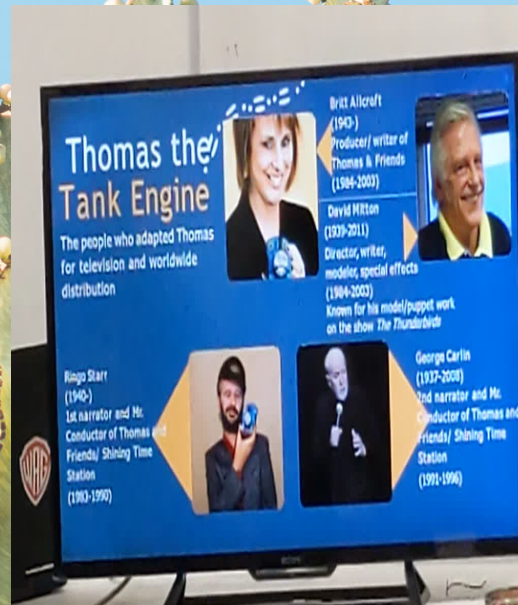
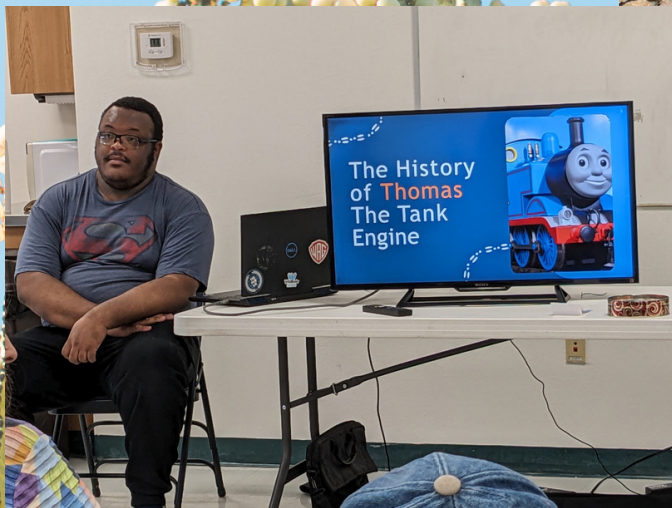
(Silver City, Deming & Pacific)

11330 E Concho Circle, Tucson 85749

Run trains at 10am, meeting at 11am

Please bring chairs

February Event at Rincon West RV Park



Presentation by Jelonni Goodson on the history of Thomas the Tank Engine

New Honorary Members

Gina Blackwell

Peggy Martin

Bruce Somerhalder

Ruth Taylor

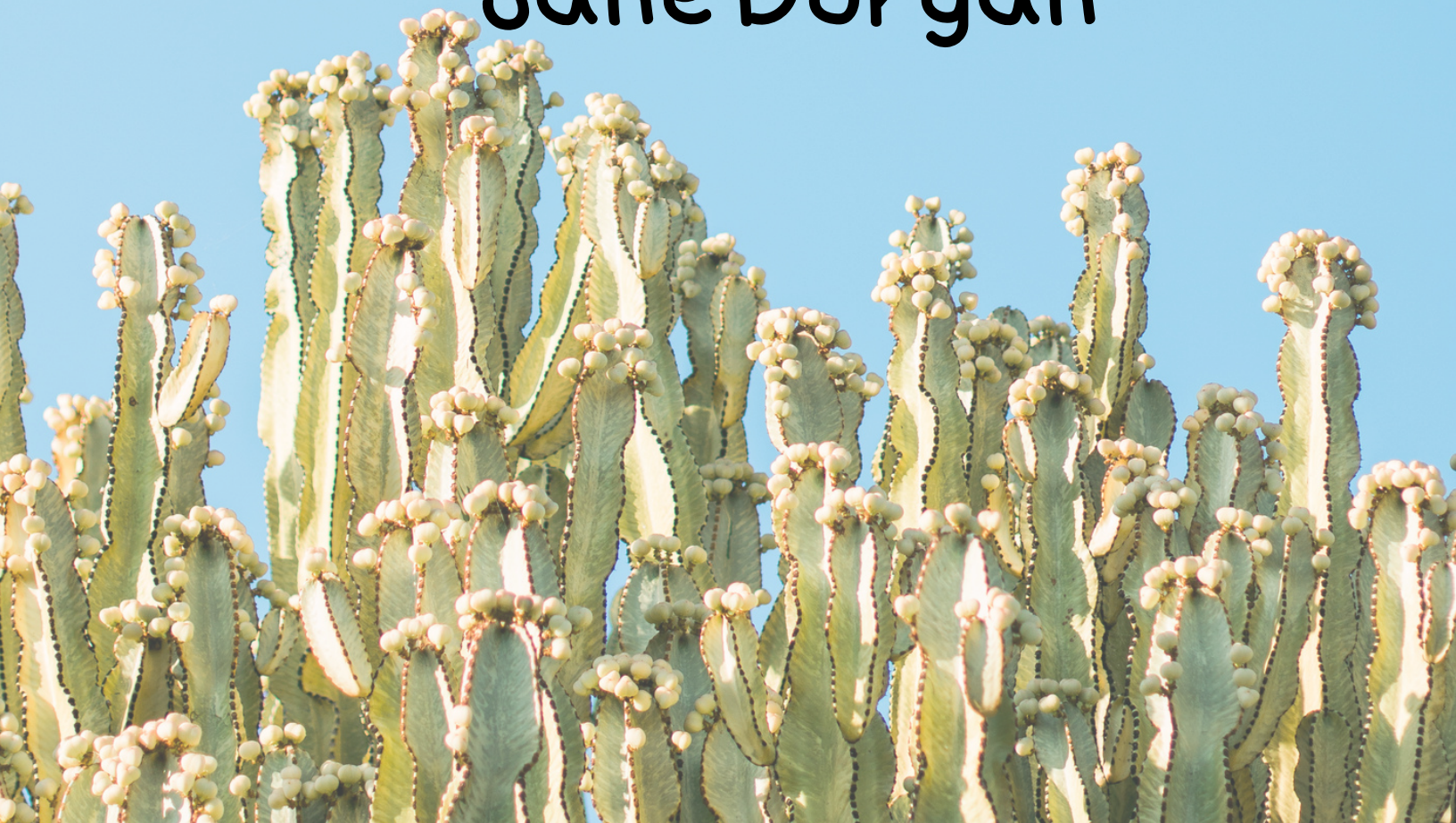
Norm Ulmer



Honorary Member Nominations

Chuck Haight

Jane Dorgan





EVENT REMINDER

- **March 2 & 3 - RITG**
- **March 12 - BOD Meeting - Nelson**
- **March 16 - General Meeting (Weesner)**
- **March 30 - Pima County Fair Setup**
- **April 1 to 17 - Ongoing Fair Setup**
- **April 10 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **April 13 - General Meeting (Carmichael / Pappas)**
- **April 18-28 - Pima County Fair**
- **May 8 - BOD Meeting (Nelson)**
- **May 11 - General Meeting (Tucson Botanical Gardens)**

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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be on
March 12th @ 1:00pm -
Nelson's.

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

2023-2024 Spring Meetings

Train Ticket

Mar 16 - Weesner

Apr 13 - Carmichael / Pappas

May 11 - Tucson Botanical Gardens

⇒ Train Ticket

Trains 10:00

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Pima County Fair

Thursday, April 18 - Sunday, April 28

Open Board Positions

President

Vice-President

At Large





Links of Interest

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

The latest issue of **The North Texas Garden Railroad Club** newsletter was received from Dennis Mahar who joined it after moving to Texas from Tucson.

The latest issue (January/February) of **Garden Railroading News** is online and on our website.



RITG Articles & Interviews



AZ Daily Star



Marana Style



DON'T
miss it!

LGB Balloon for sale

Thomas Preisner has a vendor he knows from the Mesa swap meet who has an LGB hot air balloon for sale. These balloons are made of wire and canvas and are VERY rare, they were never sold but were given to LGB dealers only. Back 20-25 years ago they commanded premium prices between \$900 - \$1200 IF one was for sale which was very very rare.

Contact: Keith Olmanni
602-421-0786 (cell)



SIDE TRACKED

This train goes nowhere.
Now it's a luxury attraction



Kruger Shalati: The Train on the Bridge is a luxury hotel made up of renovated carriages spanning a historic bridge in the middle of Kruger National Park, in South Africa.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

General Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2024

Rincon Country West

26 club members signed the attendance sheet, no guests

January minutes were approved.

Club treasurer report

- All Acct Balance **\$ 16,845**
- Moving accounts from BofA to Vantage West due to new fees being charged. We will not be able to Zelle, but Margaret will correct the PayPal account to permit electronic payments.

Vice President report – John Fennema

• Rails in the Garden – two weeks

- Still short of 6 volunteer-days
- We have a Marana Style article and Daily Star article lined up, TV shoot planned for Fennema's layout.

• County fair

- Mar 30 setup layout (with scouts)
- Buildings – later. We want to paint and repair modules before buildings are put in place.
- Sign-up email is out. Two shifts to staff most days. If you register for 3 shifts, you get a pass and parking in “green” lot next to the building.
- Rillito Nursery will supply potted plants for the front siding of the layout
- Tear-down April 29th

Newsletter report – Claudia says she's getting articles

Membership – 2 new members for the year,

Website is now a “Rails in the Garden” site. 21 asked to be added to our email list. Email sent to 1261 names, 601 have opened it, and 193 have clicked on the link to see our information. Positive vibes at this point.

Public displays report

- We are taking out the TBG layout on March 20.
- Presented a summary of the “8 loops” of track to be installed.

Social Activities – Ann Winter

- Monthly lunch at Red Garter, Feb 28th at 11:15
- Xerocraft tour – 5 showed up (vs 14 expected, but it was raining) Remarkable equipment available for monthly membership fee. Use any tool as much as you need – CNC milling, jewelry and glass-works, 3D printing, laser cutter.

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Old business

•Lifetime members voted and approved:

- Ruth Taylor
- Gina Blackwell
- Peggy Martin
- Bruce Somerhalder
- Norm Ulmer

•In March, we propose two more:

- Chuck Haight
- Jane Dorgan

New business

•Positions open for Pres, Vice Pres, and board member at large.

•In the event we have no one step up, the board is developing a plan to relinquish our 501(c)3 status.

•Hope we get interest in the “one year free” membership at RITG and county fair.

•Jeloni Goodson gave a presentation on the history of Thomas the Tank Engine – from Rev W. Awdrey’s railfan interests to his first published book in 1946 thru the process Britt Allcroft of making a TV show from it.

Meetings

•BOD – Mar 12

•Mar 2-3: Rails in the Garden

•General meeting Mar 16 @ Weesner’s house





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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:

[Tucson Membership Application](#)