



TIMETABLE

JUNE 2024



No General Meeting until September



**BUT, if you get the chance, check out the
2024 schedule for the Big Boy No. 4014
as it travels west from Cheyenne,
Wyoming. The trip starts June 30th and
ends on July 26th.**

UP Steam Schedule

2024-26 BOD Members

President

Willis Fagg

Vice President

Claudia Nelson

Secretary

Charlie Weesner

Treasurer

Margaret Torres Nelson

Newsletter Editor

Jim Miller

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Jerry Tulino



At Large:

John Fennema

Wally Gazdzik

Ron Koehler

Ann Winter

May Meeting at Tucson Botanical Gardens

The Great Garden Express



VIP Event at Tucson Botanical Gardens





- **June 26 - Social Luncheon
(The Depot)**
- **July 24 - Social Luncheon
(Red Garter)**
- **August 28 - Social
Luncheon (The Depot)**



Member Spotlight



*Glenn
Mitchell*



Glenn has been around trains since he was a young boy. Growing up, he lived near a branch line of the C&O rail line and would see the trains roll by with hopper cars for coal and grain. He remembers farms along the line with grain silos for the train.

He joined TGRS in about 2002 and has served as president multiple times, once for 4 years and recently he stepped up to fill that role when our last president, Dennis Mahar, moved to Texas.

He recalled meeting club members at the Seattle convention and felt very welcomed by them, especially Gary Martin.

We have benefitted from his involvement in the club and appreciated his leadership.

G-Scale Narrow Gauge Scales

by Thomas Preisner

Summer is upon us which means it is too hot to play outdoors. However, there are alternatives.

Gn15

This is G-Scale running on HO track. It has been around since the Mid 1990's. Indoor use only recommended. See also: [Gn15 - Wikipedia](#)

Manufacturers:

Narrow Minded Railworks, UK [Narrow Minded Railworks](#)

Smallbrook Studio, UK [Smallbrook Studio](#)

[Trainshop.Co.UK](#) www.trainshop.co.uk

Ozark Miniatures, US [GN15 – ozarkminiatures](#)

Shapeways Miniatures US [Gn15 Trains - Shapeways Miniatures](#)

DeskTop Locomotive Works, Germany [1/22.5 16.5mm \(dtlw.org\)](#)

GNine

GNine is G-Scale but runs on N-Gauge track. Again, only for indoor use. It has been around for as long as Gn15, but the only manufacturer basically went out of business. However, if you are handy you can easily kitbash locos and cars for little money using existing N-Gauge products.

Also check www.ebay.com and www.ebay.co.uk as well as facebook

[GNine - Garden railway scales, N gauge trackwork](#)



Faller eTrain

Gebr. Faller Germany owns POLA whom we all know. Their eTrain started out as Hit Train in O Gauge with plastic track and battery operated locos.

Eventually it progressed to track powered locos and brass track which looks just like LGB track, only smaller because it is 32 MM - O Gauge track.

The eTrain is approx. 1:32 scale.

It can easily be found on www.ebay.com or with a much bigger variety in Germany on www.ebay.de

All eTrain products were made in Germany sometime in the 1980's and are robust yet cheap. The eTrain can be used outdoors, but I am not sure whether it can withstand the Arizona sun. Best to use it indoors.

The beauty of all 3 scales is that one can use existing cars, trucks, trees, figures structures etc., as they will supplement each of the 3 scales.



Links of Interest

The May issue of Bay Area Garden Railway Society, **Trellis and Trestle**, is available.

The **Big Train Operator Club** is a group of enthusiasts, hobbyists, and collectors who devote much of their time and energy to Large-Scale trains.



The May issue of **The Short Line** published by Jeff Damerst, one of Thomas Preisner's friends.

A young man with a YouTube channel has an interesting take on adding smoke to your loco with only water. Check out the video found by former club member Jerry Wilson.

Water-based smoke for G-scale trains

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

2024-2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

Sep 21 - Cap Pearson

Oct 19 - Koehler

Nov 16 - Fennema

⇒ Train Ticket

Trains 10:00

Meeting 11:00

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**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes May 11, 2024
Tucson Botanical Gardens**

Glenn thanked the botanical gardens for allowing us to have our meeting in their Education room.

24 club members signed the attendance sheet, including 2 new members, and 1 guest.

April minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret Torres Nelson

- **Still have to get the check to the Community Food Bank - \$700 approved last month will show up as an expense when paid.**
- **Need to visit Vantage West in-person to set up the CD that we approved last month.**
- **David Nelson will charge the club \$200 for all the containers he printed for the fair intermodal yard and loads.**
- **Our balance is net down about (\$2400) for the year.**
- **Current checking and savings balance: Total - \$17,441.54.**

VP Report – John Fennema

- **John attended the VIP reception for the new train layout at the gardens and said Michelle was very complimentary to TGRS and Gary Martin about our relationship over the years.**
- **We had a great fair. Julia (Pima County Fair director) wants us back and the scouts want to do it next year. Eight other troops are interested in offering the Railroad Merit Badge.**
- **We have dates and locations for all the meetings for 2024-2025 established.**
- **Decided there was not much to cover so canceled the June BOD meeting. The next one will be in September.**

Newsletter Report – One more issue planned from Claudia, then new editor will take over.

Committee reports

- **Membership – 74 families now with 4 signing up during the fair.**
- **Website – Emails from cox.net bouncing. Charlie noted Cox has discontinued their email server and handed it to Yahoo. He presumes a different spam-detection algorithm is causing the bounces.**
- **Maintenance/Displays – Needed to lubricate diesels at Tucson Children's Museum.**
- **Social activities – May 22, Red Garter lunch this month.**

General Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

Old Business

- Elections have been published and after asking if there are additional candidates, Glenn asked for “acclimation” vote at the general meeting. All were approved.

Following is the new BOD:

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New Business

- We have excess locomotives, that we would like to sell at a discount to a member who would use the locomotive(s).
- Veterans Administration – We have a contact to return for the Christmas modular layout display at the VA. Claudia and Willis will work with VA on choosing dates and logistics for the display.

Upcoming meetings

May 22 Lunch at Red Garter Saloon

Sept 18 Board meeting

Sept 21 Club meeting at Cap Pearson's layout



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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](#)