



TIMETABLE



General Meeting September 21

Cap Pearson's

5033 N. Camino Esplandora, Tucson

Since Cap doesn't have much room for parking, most of us will be parking at the Martin's (4625 E Cerro de Aguila) and carpooling up to Cap's. For handicapped parking, he has room for about 6-7 cars in his uphill driveway.

Don't forget

Swapmeets in the Phoenix area

The HOBBYISTS Park & Swap Meet

Free for buyers and sellers.

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

Boys Toys Meet Up

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

Winter Cactus Swap Meet

Saturday, September 28th

Model Train Swap Meet

Large selection of toy and model trains in Central Phx.

Where: North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N. Central Ave, Phoenix, AZ

Garden Railways 2026 Convention

Registration forms for the 2026 convention are attached as a link, please pass onto your group members or anyone you think that will be interested in attending.

Return completed registration forms to nzgrc2026@gmail.com

[2026 Convention Registration Form.doc](#)

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Links of Interest

Garden Railway Whistle New Zealand

<http://www.tucsongrs.org/Uploads/Garden%20Whistle%20-%20July%202024.pdf>

Florida Garden Railway Society

<https://www.fgrs.org/>

Garden Railway News

<http://www.grnews.org/>

<https://tucsongrs.org/newsletters/non-2024-08-Garden-Whistle.pdf>

<https://tucsongrs.org/newsletters/non-2024-08-The-Short-Line.pdf>

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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 July/August edition has been delayed by technical issues
Garden Railroading News

From Thomas Preisner

A Garden Railway supply company in England

Garden Railway Specialists – The Comprehensive Garden Railway Service for G Scale (G45 & 64), Gauge 1, 16mm, 5 inch and 7.25 inch ride on locomotive' Enthusiasts.
(grsuk.com)

Areas with high railroad traffic density and easy access

Downtown Phoenix - BNSF and UP plus private switching/logistics operations.

Casa Grande - plenty of UP action both local as well as through trains. Has also several factories with Tracmobiles and even a 44 Tonner locomotive.

Goldfield – Arizona's only operational 3 ft. narrow gauge tourist train on a 1-1/2 mile loop, runs in summertime only when customers are there, but has potential.

Tucson - plenty of action but long drive from Phoenix Metro area.

Areas with low railroad traffic density and fairly easy access

Miami/Globe - serviced by AZER - Arizona Eastern Railway, construction on Rt. 60 for years to come, basically 1 train per day - the smelter shuttle and assembling or switching of one inbound or one outbound road train a day.

Florence - basically 1 eastbound Copper Basin Railway train per day, time of day can be any time between 10 AM and 1.30 PM.

However, there is the chance to see UP consists going east or westbound.

The tracks of the CBR and UP are very close to each other on Arizona Farms Road.

No consistent times for the UP.

Mesa/Gilbert/Chandler - Locals five days per week but not on weekends.

2-4 Phoenix thru trains daily (Mesa/Gilbert only). Inconsistent times.

There is also local action on the Tempe Branch (Tempe and West Chandler) but it is unknown how often it is served.

Misc. Status

Red Rock – Intermodal/other thru traffic is reasonably high, but no schedule and far away from Phoenix Metro area.

Shawmut + Maricopa - same as Red Rock but minus the Phoenix-Tucson trains, long drive from Phoenix Metro area.

At Shawmut trains held at the end of double track waiting for opposing traffic may be seen.

Buckeye Industrial Rail Park - long drive, no consistent schedule but could easily be combined with UP traffic west of town. Apparently only 1 regular shipper/customer in this rail park to date.

Freeport McMoRan mines - mines located at:

Bagdad, Miami, Morenci, Safford, Sierrita (southwest of Tucson) - apart from the Miami mine all other locations require some travelling

Ray Mine, Kearny, Pinal County - serviced by Copper Basin Railway.

Hayden - tailings shuttles also serviced by the CBR.

Picacho: Junction of the Phoenix line with the Sunset Route.

UP Sunset action with Phoenix trains.

Sidings for Phoenix setouts.

Overpass requires a walk to overlook mainline and wye.

Long drive from Phoenix Metro area.

GN15 Locomotives from Thomas Preisner



Mining Locomotive Ozark Miniatures



Park Lomotive



GN15 Break Vans



GN15 Bachmann Shay

Thomas Preisner wrote an excellent article in German about Ron and Helen Koehler's railroad , When we get it posted to our website I will send out the link with a computer translation into English

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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Sep 18st
@ Nelsons'

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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**JThomas Preisner for the photo
of Locomotives being refueled
and other information**

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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](#)