



VERY OLD PHOTO OF FENNEMA'S LAYOUT

TIMETABLE



**Our December meeting is our annual Christmas/Holiday
Party**

**at the The Hungry Fox cost \$16 per person
on December 7 at 12pm to 2pm**

4037 E Broadway

Broadway and Swan

Let Claudia know if you will be attending

Don't forget

December 7th Christmas/Holiday Social at The Hungry Fox

□ **Dec 11th – Board meeting @ Nelson's, noon**

□ **Jan 15th – Board meeting @ Nelson's 1 PM**

□ **Jan 18th – General meeting at Willis Fagg's layout**

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](#)

[2026 Convention Registration Form.pdf](#)

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2024
Fennema Layout

23 club members signed the attendance sheet

Steve Debord visited and has joined the club, planning to build a layout from trains bought 10 to 15 years ago.

October minutes were approved by the meeting.

Club treasurer report – delivered by Claudia Nelson

- ☐ **Balance of \$18,009 across checking, savings, and a CD**

- ☐ **Net income of about \$500 on the year due to selling trains to Ron Koehler**

Vice President report: Claudia Nelson

- ☐ **St Paul's preschool Halloween trains – Oct 24 with 4 people running the trains.**

- ☐ **Ocotillo Learning Center Christmas display of children's layout planned for Dec 19.**

Looking for at least two more volunteers.

- ☐ **VA Hospital – We have gotten no response from VA, so we've tabled that display over Christmas.**

- ☐ **Southern Arizona Transportation Museum – Awaiting Steve to get back about us participating in their Santa Claus event on December 21 with the children's layout.**

- ☐ **Rails in the Garden has been set for March 8 & 9. Business cards are available to hand out – will have them at the Christmas party. Looking like four personal layouts.**

Newsletter report:

- ☐ **Jim Miller continues to ask for articles across the membership**

Membership: With Steve Debord joining, we now have 53 regular members and .

Website - We've put up "reserve the date" for RITG on March 8 & 9.

Public displays report:

- ☐ **Children's Museum layout work with Rob Norwood, John Fennema, and Charlie Weesner to replace the turns that were worn from 15 years of operation.**

- ☐ **Rodeo Museum – Charlie visited to lubricate the engines and clean the track. Light dusting, but nothing like what we did last year.**

Social Activities:

- ☐ **Christmas Party at The Hungry Fox – noon-2 PM on Dec 7th. The cost is \$16/person, payable to the club. Let Claudia know that you're coming to get a head count.**

Old business:

- ☐ **We did not participate in the Gadsden Pacific swap meet as we understood there would not be tables tents – just vendors selling out of their trunks. Willis has suggested earlier coordination and communication so we may participate again, next year.**

From the floor:

- ☐ **Discussion about getting Tucson Botanical Gardens to be a member in the club and available for RITG tour? Claudia has suggested that she might reach out to Michelle if she'd like to participate.**

- ☐ **George Anderson has a list of equipment for sale as he's divesting of his layout.**

Meetings

- ☐ **Dec 7th The Hungry Fox, Christmas meeting**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

November 13, 2024

Nelson Residence

Board Members Present:

Willis Fagg John Fennema

Ron Koehler Wally Gadzick

Claudia Nelson Jerry Tulino

Charlie Weesner

Willis called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM with 7 board members. We approved minutes from the October board meeting.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Claudia for Margaret Torres Nelson

□ Spending to re-imburse David for 3D printed containers, RITG cards, and storage unit.

□ Income from Ron purchasing locomotives from club surplus..

VP Report – Claudia Nelson

□ St Paul's Pre-school Oct 24 – "That was fun" and seemed well-received by the pre-schoolers.

□ Ocotillo Learning Center Christmas display is slated for Dec 19. Currently have 3 volunteers, could use one or two more.

□ VA Hospital – Shelved for now due to non-response from VA staff.

□ We had an invite to participate in a Southern Arizona Transportation Museum event on December 19. We had deferred this because it was our planned set-up day at the VA. We will bring this up to the membership to see if we can staff a tent at the SATM Christmas event.

□ 2025 RITG planned for 2nd weekend in March: 8th and 9th

. Expected layouts to show:

◦ Ron Koehler ◦ Rodeo Museum

◦ John Charmichael and Phil Pappas ◦ Rincon West

◦ Willis Fagg

◦ John Fennema

Committee reports

□ Membership – Jerry Tulino – No new members this month.

□ Website – Jerry Tulino – Front page has a "save the date" for RITG information.

□ Maintenance/Displays – Charlie Weesner

◦ Children's Museum rail replacement with Rob Norwood and John Fennema.

◦ Rodeo Museum engines lubricated. Cleaned the track and mild dusting of the buildings/figures, but not nearly as dirty as our project from last year.

□ Social activities

◦ No luncheon this month or December for the holidays.

◦ Christmas party at The Hungry Fox, 4637 E Broadway Blvd, December 7th at noon.

Old Business

□ nothing covered

New Business

□ Email list exchanges on "politics in club functions"

◦ Bylaws clearly state no political topics in the club.

◦ At least four members have brought up their problems with the exchange, and two of the free members from last year's RITG have asked to be removed.

◦ Willis is preparing an email to "educate" about no politics.

◦ Jerry looked up the option – we can assign more than the two list administrators we currently have, and we can specify mailing list moderation by a list administrator before distributing to the general list.

Upcoming meetings

Nov 16 Club meeting at John Fennema's layout – trains at 10 AM, meeting at 11

Dec 7 Christmas party

Dec 11 Possible board meeting at Nelson's – noon.

Jan 15 Board meeting @ Nelson's 1PM

Jan 18 General meeting at Willis Fagg's layout



Links of Interest

ABTO - Arizona Big Train Operators (azbigtrains.org)

**See below the link for the Sept./Oct. issue of GR news.
[GRNews2024-5-SeptOct2024.pdf - Orangedox](#)**

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)

Current catalog

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e=11d57f6c44](https://mailchi.mp/431d2ed293de/grs-autumn-newsletter-updates-17225158?e=11d57f6c44)

MEAN WELL POWER SUPPLY

AS YOU KNOW, POWER SUPPLIES FOR G-SCALE ARE EXPENSIVE YET THERE IS A VERY CHEAP ALTERNATIVE WHICH IS A MEAN WELL NES-350-24 24V 350W AC TO DC POWER SUPPLY SUCH A UNIT CAN SUPPLY UP TO 14.6 AMP'S!

MANY SIZES FROM MANY SOURCES INCLUDING AMAZON

YOU CONTROL THE UNIT BY ADDING A RHEOSTAT (THROTTLE) AND A POLARITY CONTROLLER (FORWARD/BACKWARD).

BOTH CAN BE OBTAINED FOR AN EXTRA \$20.

SO BASICALLY A CONTROL BOX LIKE A BRIDGEWORKS CONTROLLER FOR \$50. WIRING IS SIMPLE.

SET POWER SUPPLY BOX TO 110V.

WIRE YOUR PLUG ONTO UNIT.

THEN YOU RUN YOUR 2 TRACK WIRES FROM THE UNIT TO THE POLARITY CONTROL, TO THE RHEOSTAT, AND OUT TO TRACK.

OVERLOOKED SOURCE OF BUILDINGS FOR G-SCALE

MANY OF US HAVE HEARD OF PLAYMOBIL, INDEED THERE ARE MANY PLAYMOBIL LOCOMOTIVES AND CARS OUT THERE, BOTH WHEN THEY WERE MADE FOR TRACK AND FOR BATTERY POWER.

PLAYMOBIL ALSO MAKES BUILDINGS!

HOW COME NO ONE USES THEM?

THE SCALE IS 1:24 SO THEY FIT WITH OUR HOBBY.

THESE BUILDINGS ARE FOUND EASILY ENOUGH ONEBAY, AND I AM SURE ON OTHER WEBSITES AS WELL.

THANK YOU
THOMAS

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IN THE HIGHLANDS AT DOVE MOUNTAIN

Trainz.com

Customer Inventory List Template

Qty	Manufacturer	Model	Description	Notes	Condition	Box	Operational?	Scale
ENGINES & TROLLEYS								
1	Aristo Craft	80202	C-16 Consolidation 2-8-0	#270 Locomotive & Tender	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Delton	2225	D&RG 2-8-0 Consolidation	"Special Run" Depot G Charcoal	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Delton	2251	Ford Inspection Truck	Red & Black	Like New	✓	✓	G
1	Bachmann	90038	4-6-0 "Chattanooga" Set	No Track or Transformer	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Bachmann	93938	Open Street Car	"United Traction"	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Bachmann	93939	Closed Street Car	"United Traction"	Good	✓	✓	G
1	LGB	2030	Steeple-Cab Electric	Blue & Cream w/Red Pantograph	Like New	✓	✓	G
ROLLING STOCK								
1	LGB	4032	White Euro Van - Ventilated	Nestle Chocolats	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	LGB	3019	Green Postal Euro Van	Interior Compartment, Rear Marker Lights	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	LGB	31430	Trolley Trailer	Summer Sightseer	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	LGB	4065	Rio Grande Bobber Caboose	Black w/White Lettering	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	REA	42202	Wester Pacific Bobber Caboose	Orange w/Black Lettering	Good	✓	✓	G
1	REA	42202	Wester Pacific Bobber Caboose	Low Side, 2 Axel	Fair	✓	✓	G
1	Aristo Craft	40002	AT&SF Gondola 20 foot	"The Andersons" by Cooper & Oshemo	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Aristo Craft	41200	2-Bay Covered Hopper Car w/Custom Logo	Gray w/Black Lettering	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Kalamazoo	1864-1	Yuma Prison Car	2 Car Set	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	AMS	AM32-110	Short 4-Wheel Flat Cars	Green w/Yellow Lettering	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Delton	3281	C&S Combine	Green w/Yellow Lettering	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Delton	3282	C&S Postal Baggage	Green w/Yellow Lettering	Excellent	✓	✓	G
1	Bachmann	92502	4-Wheel Side Dump Ore Cars	Box of 3	Very Good	✓	✓	G
1	Bachmann	98570	Wood Ore Cars	Painted, Unlettered	Good	✓	✓	G
2	Bachmann	8-87405	D&RG 401 Gondola	Box Car Red, White Logo	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Lionel	8-87500	D&RG 7500 Flat Car	Gray w/Black Stakes & Lettering	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Lionel	8-87702	Santa Fe Caboose	Red w/Yellow Logo & White Lettering	Good	✓	✓	G
STRUCTURES								
1	Piko	62035	Co-op Grain Elevator	Partially disassembled for storage	Good	✓		G
1	Piko	62034	Co-op Storage Warehouse	Partially disassembled for storage	Good	✓		G
1	Pola	G 920	Coaling Station	Good	Good	✓	✓	G
1	Pola	G 939	Crane	Partially disassembled for storage	Good	✓	✓	G

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Confidential

From Thomas



Goldfield, AZ

Hello good People,

The cool weather finally started here on Tuesday.

I had not been to Goldfield, a former gold mining town, since August due to the heat. So come early Tuesday morning I was champing at the bit to get out of the house and over to Goldfield which is only about a 15 minute drive from our house.

Goldfield is the home of the ONLY 3 foot narrow gauge railroad in Arizona.

The KEY is to get there EARLY.

Never go on a weekend when the place is teeming with tourists !

There are parts of the railroad which are of much interest to a railfan, but if tourists are around it is very hard to enjoy them.

While the Superstition Mountain RR has no yard or anything like it, there are several tracks close to the entrance where they store all of their locos of which they currently have probably close to 10 (I did not count).

They buy used mining locos with Deutz diesel engines (Deutz is a German company), enlarge the cab and add a fake smoke stack to make the locos look like a steam loco (the tourists don't care).

Apart from these delights, there is the fantastic location of Goldfield in the desert with a great view of the Superstition Mountains and located not far from the town of Apache Junction (technically it is part of Apache Junction).

Not to mention all of the interesting stores in the town.

One can take desert tours by jeep, on at least 2 occasions I saw cowgirls and cowboys ride their horses into the town..

**The narrated train ride gives one a 360 degree view of the area.
It is well worth the money.**

**Take it easy
Thomas**

The Southern Arizona Transportation Museum

PRESENTS

19th Annual Holiday Express

Free Family Fun At The Historic Depot

Saturday, Dec. 21, 2024 · 10am - 2pm

- **STOP** to talk with Santa and Photo with Santa in front of Locomotive 1673 (the star of the movie "Oklahoma")
- **LOOK** at the museum's bilingual exhibits, new live-action displays with operating model trains
- **LISTEN** to a reading of *The Polar Express*
- Write a letter to Santa at the North Pole with the help of the Tucson Postal History Museum elves
- Join in singing holiday music
- Climb into the cab of steam Locomotive 1673
- Shop in the museum gift shop
- Plenty of free parking
- Fun Farm Choo Choo



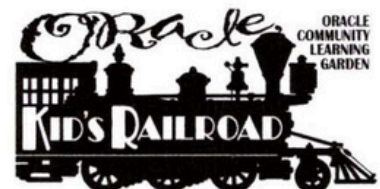
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**Kid's Run Trains Free
Donations Appreciated**

**Sunday afternoon
1:00-4:00**

November - March

**Oracle Community
Learning Garden**

North of Mt. Lemmon Hwy
& John Adams

Kid's 5-105 yrs

**Parent or guardian must
accompany all children.**

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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Nov 13th
@ Nelsons'**

2024-2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

**Dec 7 - Christmas/Holiday Party
at The Hungry Fox**

**□ Jan 18th - general meeting at Willis
Fagg's layout**

⇒ Train Ticket





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[TGRS Membership Application](#)