



Charmichael-Pappas Layout April 2024

TIMETABLE



Sep 17 BOD Meeting at Claudia's

Sep 20 General Meeting?

Dues are due by the 1st of July

Please send checks to Margaret

Don't forget

TGRS voted to make Valerie Golembiewski an honorary member.

Garden Railways 2025 Convention
<https://www.ngrc2025.org/event-details/national-garden-railway-convention>
June 18 - 22 2025
In Sacramento, CA

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<https://4trackrr.store/shop/ols/products?page=4&tokenDirection=BACKWARD>

Model Train Swap Meet
Saturday June 7th

https://www.arizonamodeltrains.com/boystoys.shtml?fbclid=IwY2xjawKoWG5leHRuA2FlbQlXMQABHt6ce1oZc1v0C_Fl9OVgn9R47vdINSpa3pFarmQ-s77ZXXm-BJjDd9i9rdba_aem_9_1QtzaXblo2aelqYvLm4Q

Newsletters

Micro Model Railway Dispatch, Spring 2025

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/hcst6joha0rlda8hetb6z/Issue-17-Spring-2025-final.pdf?rlkey=neyafjq15pqh17qb4p9kwy1x2&st=plvalw7n&dl=0>

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https://s.ete.org/images/article_images/Members/Express/Issues/EXPRESS185w.pdf

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Charlie



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TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 14, 2025 Nelson Residence Board

Members Present: Willis Fagg, John Fennema, Charlie Weesner, Wally Gadzick, Claudia Nelson, Jerry Tulino, Ron Koehler, Margaret Torres Nelson

Willis called the meeting to order at 12:57 PM with 8 board members. We approved minutes from the March board meeting. There was no meeting in April.

Treasurer's Report Summary – Margaret ◻ Pima County Fair expense is a huge dum-dum candy purchase along with pencils and building kits for the fair. ◻ Our CD at Vantage West Credit Union has expired. A motion was brought forward to authorize Margaret Torres Nelson to select another CD for a term between 6 and 12 months for up to \$10,000 at her discretion based on rates and terms available.. This passed and discussion about making it an automatic renewal was not favorable.

VP Report – Claudia Nelson ◻ Pima County Fair – Awaiting response from Julia about attendance and schedule for next year, but it seemed fewer people than we remember. Train raffle to Alonzo who drove up from Nogales with his whole family to pick up the prize.

◻ Southern Arizona Transportation Museum "Railroad Days" display May 10 with the portable layout. There were about 400-500 people who attended.

Watermark Retirement Communities, Marana, has asked about showing our portable display on the Friday before Father's day. We're considering adding a couple of the tables we bought for Old Tucson to make a larger display and running a battery locomotive. Expect to send out a call for volunteers when more details are nailed down.

At the fair, "Sam" stopped by to ask about the Christmas display we used to have at the Veterans Hospital. He's from the Arizona Veterans Home which houses 240 patients who are mostly not ambulatory. This may be an alternate display option that's still on the VA campus.

Meetings planned for next year ◻ candidate September meeting?? – maybe Gadsden Pacific? ◻ Ron Koehler – October ◻ John Fenemma – November ◻ Christmas party – December ◻ Rob & Cathy Norwood – January ◻ Rincon West - February ◻ Charlie Weesner – March ◻ John Charmichael and Phil Pappas

May Committee reports ◻ Membership ◻ Online application guy from Sierra Vista responded that it's "just too far for me" – no longer joining.

Board of Directors meeting continued

Gave out a few cards for free membership at the fair. Hope to see them this week.

Website – next meeting more prominent on the front page□

Maintenance/Displays

TCM failures – hope to treat over-current by replacing motor blocks. Purchased, but not installed, yet. Follow-up on worn rail by replacing curved section from flex track that we couldn't do in our November repair visit.

Rodeo Museum – Glenn Mitchell fixed a derailment & the broken sound button.

Social activities

Jerry volunteers to find a range of alternate places to have luncheons.

Old Business

Golembiewski equipment – Some of it already sold. No response from Upland Trains. Probably too small a collection to interest him now. Willis to try to contact Gadsden Pacific about the stuff.

Old Tucson display – on hold pending any response from the park.

NMRA 90th anniversary display – looking for some photos to show garden train layout. Claudia plans to have portable layout for 3 weekends: November, December, February.

New Business

Retaining new members and getting them active in the club ◦ Ron is open to hosting a “new member get-together” ◦ Note the enthusiasm from letting a kid blow the whistle and run the throttle using Blunami at the fair.

Phil Pappas taking over RITG, specifically publicity. Suggest we discuss a budget for this at the September board meeting.

Portable layout – Need to get acrylic 8” or 12” to outline the table at shows to slow children's’ hands reaching the layout when running. Need to develop a shadow for Jerry on the website & mailing lists.

Upcoming meetings May 17 Club meeting at Charmichael/Pappas trains at 8, meeting at 9 Sept 17 Board meeting @ Nelson’s 1PM May 28 Luncheon to be announced.

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY General Meeting Minutes May 17, 2025

Chamichael / Pappas Layout 22 club members signed the attendance sheet

**Randy Foreman is visiting the meeting from ABTO
Called to order at 9 AM with thanks to John & Phil for hosting
March minutes were approved by the meeting.**

Club treasurer report – Margaret Torres Nelson □ Balance is about \$15,500 between savings and checking □ We’re about \$2300 negative for the year □ CD from last year matured and Margaret will be rolling that into another CD

Vice President report: Claudia Nelson

□ Pima County Fair – by John Fennema ◦ Attendance at the fair was down, but we don’t have numbers from the fair, yet ◦ Alonzo from Nogales won the raffle for a train set give-away. He’s 10-13 years old and came up with his entire family to get the set. ◦ Thanks to Ann for another great scavenger hunt.
◦ Jim Miller found we were allowed to the employees commissary to avoid expensive fair food. Pretty good, and we hope to have access again next year.
◦ John plans to arrange the county fair again, next year. We’re very impressed with the job he’s done.

□ At Southern Arizona Transport Museum, we showed the portable layout for “Train Day.” Ken Karrels estimates 400-500 people.

□ Email from former president Dennis Mahar that he’s moving back to Tucson in September. Newsletter report:

Jim Miller □ Still looking for articles and photographs.

Membership/Website : Jerry Tulino was absent.

Public displays report:

Charlie Weesner

□ Glenn Mitchell repaired the push-button at Rodeo Museum as well as fixing an uncouple-and-ram derailment of their layout. When they open in the fall, we need to investigate this more.

□ Children's Museum failures to be addressed by replacing motor blocks on two of the engines – part of the expenses from the past year. Also replaced gentler curves for rail wear.

Social Activities: □ Jerry Tulino has volunteered to “identify new places” to have our luncheons. **Old business:**

□ Old Tucson – Haven't heard back since they asked for proof of insurance.

□ NMRA 90th Anniversary at the Mini Time Machine Museum ◦ We plan to set up portable layout in November, December, and February for weekend publicity.

New business:

□ Watermark Communities has asked us to bring in the portable layout for Friday before Father's day. Some staff hope to get enthusiasm for a more-permanent display that might be on the RITG tour.

□ During the fair, Bill from the “Arizona VA Home” asked about a Christmas display at their facility. Gina Blackwell notes that the VA Home is off-limits to VA hospital personnel, so this may not reach the groups we used to show at Christmas.

□ Phil Pappas addressed next year's RITG organizing. March 7&8 have no conflicts.

The club voted to approve a \$750 expenditure for publicity. The club also approved that donations during the open house be split 50/50 for the following year publicity and Community Food Bank.

◦ Contact Phil by June 30 that you expect to be on the route next year. Please provide Phil with a paragraph about your layout and a photo for publicity

◦ Plan to start publicity by October 1. ◦ Anyone who has contacts in the media is invited to give them to the committee, as well. ◦

Members of the committee, in addition to Phil, are ▪ Wally & Julie Gadzick ▪ John Fennema ▪ Peggy Martin ▪ John Charmichael ▪ Rob Norwood

□ We voted to make Valerie Golembiewski an honorary member.

Meetings □ September 10, 1PM TGRS board meeting @ Nelson's house □
September 13 , tentative meeting if we can arrange an indoor facility.

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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Sep 17, 2025
@ Nelsons'**

2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

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Sep 20 general meeting?





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[TGRS Membership Application](#)