

# Tucson Garden Railway Society



\*\*\*\*\* South Park & Western Railroad \*\*\*\*\*

Ron and Helen Koehler's RR

## TIMETABLE



Sep 17 BOD Meeting at Claudia's

October 25th General Meeting

Ron and Helen Koehlers

39794 S. Riverwood Dr.

In Saddlebrooke

Trains 9am Meeting 10am

**There are no minutes for September as there we didn't have a general meeting**

**Board of Directors meeting minutes are posted on our website**

**Welcome to our new member  
Susie Springer**

**G scale. I have wanted a train since I was a young child. I instead got a doll house. Now, I want to get into g scale sets. I have a lovely area on my property that I want to set up a garden scale train set. I am a newbie!**

**The calendar for the 2025-26 year has been updated. Board of Directors meetings will continue at the same date and time, while general meetings are now scheduled for the fourth Saturday of each month. For current times and locations, please refer to our website calendar:  
<https://tucsongrs.org/CalendarOfEvents.shtml>**

**Thanks Claudia**

*Don't forget*

## Links of Interest

GRAND CENTRAL RAILROAD.  
SURPRISE ARIZONA | WELCOME

### Railroad books

Micro Model Dispatch

The Train Shop UK

EUROPEAN TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS

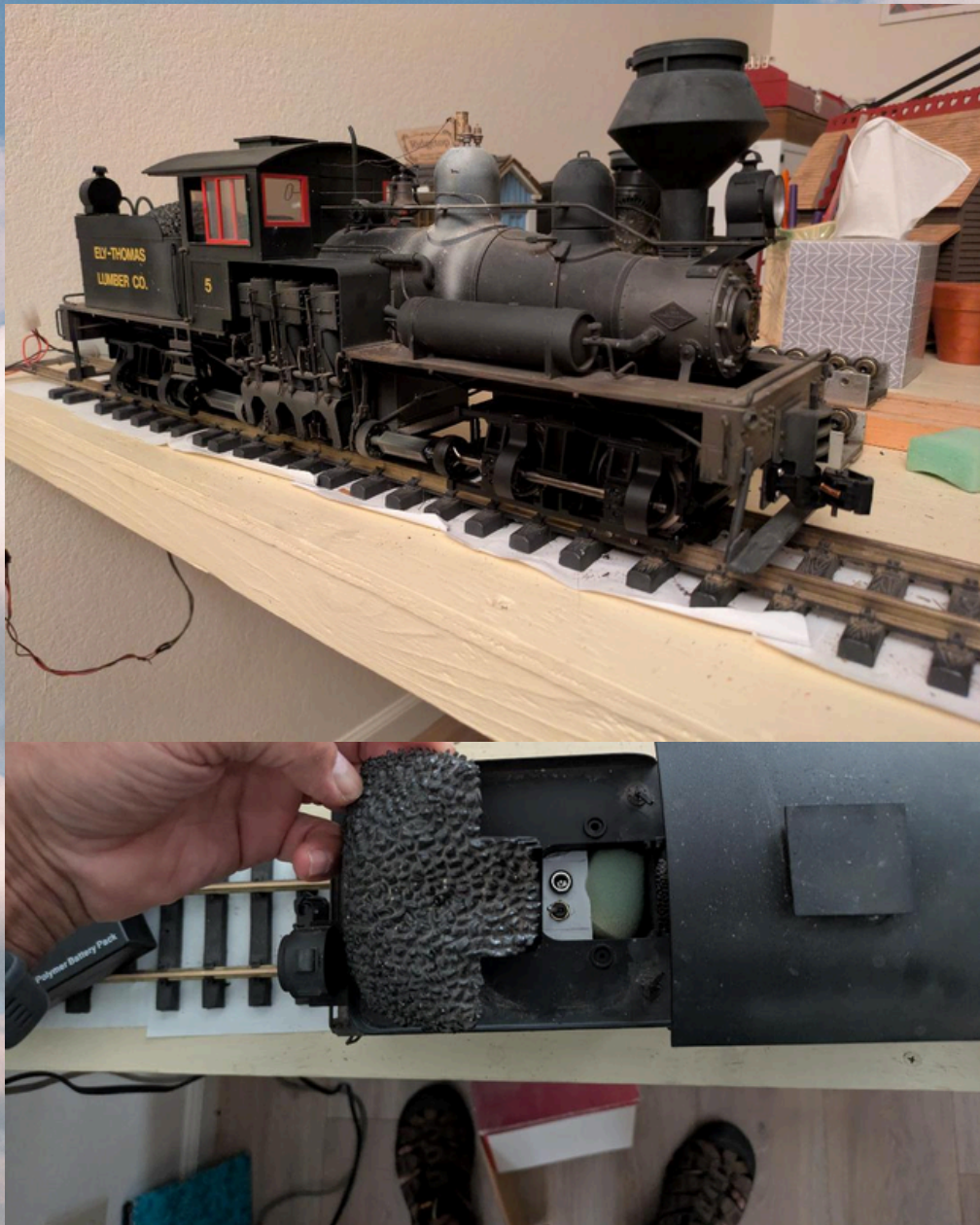
Thanks to Thomas for these links

## What's on your workbench

Here's a Bachmann shay that I've converted to battery/Blunami with new power trucks and, of course Kadee couplers. This was George Fitzner's locomotive which wasn't working when I bought it from his son. Of course, it also has the flickering firebox and LED headlight/backup light.

The second picture shows lifting the coal load to access the charge port for the battery and the switch to turn it on.

Charlie



## September Social Luncheon

A relatively small group of 10 TGRS members gathered at the Café Santa Rosa to enjoy a Mexican feast. We had a "special" area reserved for us and it accommodated the entire group very comfortably.

The unique item on their menu is the Popover (Indian Fry Bread). It can be used simply as a substitute for a tortilla and served as an "Indian Taco", or as a base to hold red or green chili or a wrapper for a burrito. The ultimate presentation is as a dessert with honey or powdered sugar or cinnamon and sugar as a topping. Since there were enough of us present, we were able to sample it in several of its forms including, of course, the dessert variety.

Although the service was a bit sporadic (we ordered so many fry breads they cam in "waves"). The reviews for all of our meals were very positive and, when asked "would you come back here again" the overwhelming reply was "YES".

Although I attempt to provide photographic coverage of the event, I was too caught-up in my fry bread and completely forgot to take any photos.

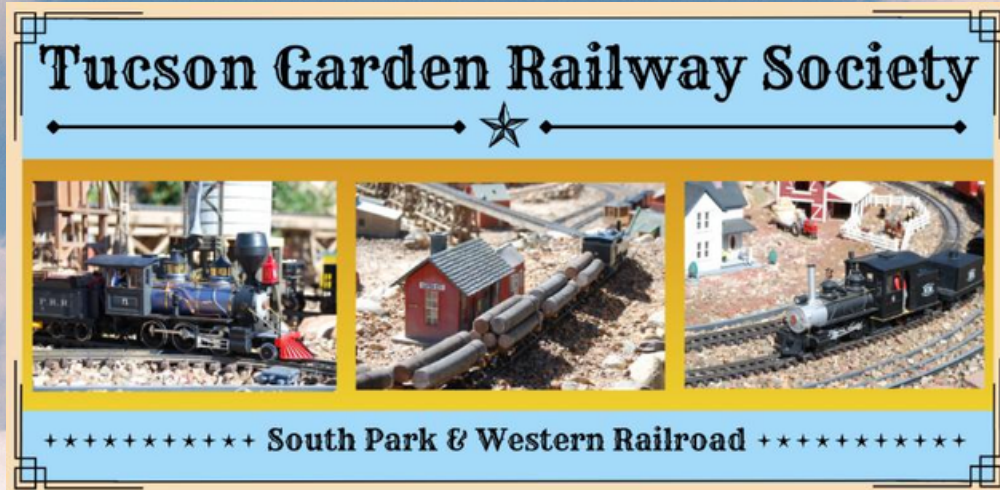
Next month's cuisine is Bar/Grill and the location will be disclosed on or about Oct. 8th.



## Web Site Home Page Redesign

The home page of our web site has been redesigned to make the most visited links more easily accessible. With these changes you can get all of the information about the next meeting and luncheon right on the home page. Also, the main menu itself has been reorganized into logical groups (see screen print below) making it easier to identify the link for a particular item.

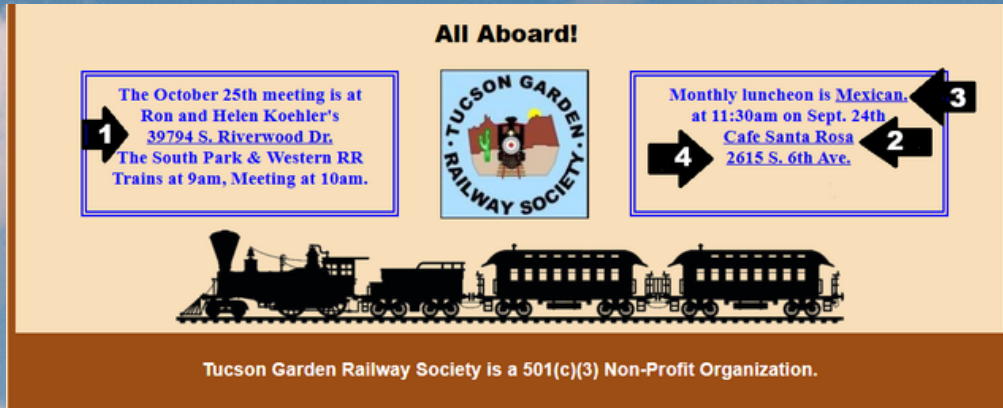
The new graphic at the top of the page contains photos of the layout at the home of the upcoming meeting. Also, if you click anywhere on the graphic, you will be taken to the latest set of photos from that person's layout.



The text in the center of the home page describes some of our history and also contains an active link to the Rails in the Garden web page.

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The bottom of the page displays information about the upcoming meeting and the upcoming monthly luncheon. A link to the location of the upcoming meeting is included (as link 1 in the screen print). The information about the luncheon includes links to the menu of the restaurant (link 3), their web site (link 2) and the location (link 4). Finally, if you click on the big train graphic at the bottom you will be taken to the home page of the Southern Arizona Transportation Museum.



**This is the reorganized menu...**

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## Home Calendar of Events

**Rails in the Garden**  
**Layout Displays**  
**Wanderings**  
**Community Projects**  
**TGRS in the News**

**Newsletters**  
**Information**  
**Links of Interest**  
**Downloads**

## TGRS on Facebook

### How to Join

### Contact Us

## Club Roster

## What's New

**Thank you to Margaret Torres-Nelson for the great new home page graphic, Ron Koehler for the updated description and history of the club on the home page and to the Board of Directors whose input, review and lively conversation helped finalize the design.**

**No Minutes for August as we had no meetings**

# All Gauges Tucson Model Train Swap Meet

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | 10:00 am–2:00 pm  
*at the*  
Gadsden Pacific Division Toy Train Operating Museum  
3975 N. Miller Ave, Tucson



## Free Admission!

Come check out 70+ tables of  
trains, toys, and collectibles.

The GPD Museum will be open  
during this time with *free admission!*



Check out our website at [www.gadsdenpacific.org](http://www.gadsdenpacific.org)  
For more information or table reservations,  
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**The next scheduled  
BOD meeting will be  
on Oct 15, 2025  
@ Nelsons'**

## **2025 Fall Meetings**

### **Train Ticket**

**Oct 15 BOD meeting at Claudia's**

**Oct 25 general meeting  
Ron and Helen Koehler's**

### **⇒ Train Ticket**





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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](#)**