

Tucson Garden Railway Society



Rose Garden Railroad

John Fenema

TIMETABLE



Nov 19 BOD Meeting at Claudia's

General Meeting

November 22nd

John Fennema's

7594 W. Talavera Way 85743

Trains 9am Meeting 10am

Board of Directors meeting minutes are posted on our website

**Welcome to our new member
Mark Marine
Corona Da Tucson**

**Sahuaro Loop RR
Usually 50s era but not always**

**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

Below a magnificent display of aurora borealis on October 3, 2002, the multiple headlights of SD40-2 765 illuminate BC Rail's Fort Nelson Subdivision right-of-way a short distance north of Klua, during the JN train's long journey to the railway's northern most terminus.

Thanks to the Center for Railroad Photography & Art



Don't forget

Links of Interest

[Center for Railroad
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[Thanks Jerry](#)

[Charming Picturesque Train Stops](#)

[Railroad books](#)

[Micro Model Dispatch](#)

[The Train Shop](#) UK

[EUROPEAN TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS](#)

"Which train REALLY likes toffee ? The Choo-Choo train"

Thanks to Thomas for these

What's on your workbench

The club had a worn building at the Tucson Botanical Garden display - the Piko gravel works. That building is becoming the Santa Rita mine - as you can see in these photos. That grey piece is molded to be a doorway, but I haven't chosen a color for the door and trim versus the building. Painting the roof is on the agenda, as well as the derrick and wheel for a mine elevator going into the hillside.

Charlie Weesner



October Social Luncheon

On Wednesday, October 22nd 12 club members gathered at our “old watering hole”, the Red Carter Bar and Grill. The bar had the tables setup for exactly 12 attendees and the waitress was friendly, efficient and accurate. It appeared that the “Red Garter Burger” was the meal of choice although there were some other entrees consumed. The food was good, as expected, and everyone was satisfied with their choice. As opposed to our previous trips to the Red Garter, there was no pool playing. As usual the conversation was lively, sometimes humorous and often train related. One topic that was discussed was the selection of the restaurant in Saddlebrooke for the luncheon next month. I was concerned that the drive might scare some people away but that does not seem to be the case. Overall the opinion was very positive and we expect to see many members at that luncheon. We will have a private room if we have at least 12 attendees. If not, we will simply eat in the public restaurant area. Don't forget, we are moving the luncheons to the 2nd Wednesday of the month so the November event in Saddlebrooke will be on the 12th at 11:30am.

BONUS: If you have Blunami equipment, Ron Koehler will be making his layout available after lunch for any club members that wish to run their trains (no track power).



**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2025
Koehler Layout**

11 club members signed the attendance sheet

Called to order at 11 AM with thanks to Ron and Helen for hosting.

Two new members were introduced

- **Susie Springer – Catalina area**
- **Mark Merine – Coruna de Tucson area**

May minutes were approved by the meeting.

Club treasurer report – Claudia for Margaret

Balance is about \$15,000 between savings and checking

Storage unit monthly cost went up

CD roll-over hasn't happened, yet

Vice President report: Claudia Nelson

**John and Claudia have set up the portable layout with circus equipment prepping
for Mini Time Museum display – listed below under NMRA**

We will have a table at the Gadsden Pacific swap meet – November 9

Newsletter report: Jim Miller

**Still looking for articles and photographs. Take a picture of your current in-
process model project and file it with “What’s on Your Workbench”**

Membership/Website : Jerry Tulino

- **two new members – listed above. Now have 62 families, including legacy
members**

Public displays report: Charlie Weesner

- **Children’s Museum – no news implies the train is running**
- **Rodeo Museum – Need to arrange a visit to lubricate and clean track before the
season opens**

Social Activities:

- **Luncheon November 12 at Mountain View Bar and Grille**
- **Christmas party planning – likely to be at Rodeo Museum (now called Wagon and
History Museum)**

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Old business:

- **Old Tucson – Dropped from our planning – no response from staff at Old Tucson.**
 - **NMRA 90th Anniversary at the Mini Time Machine Museum**
 - **November 1&2 - Circus train**
 - **December 6&7 - Christmas train**
 - **January 9&10 - Rodeo train**
- **2026 Rails in the Garden – We’ve lost our chairman and two layouts from the tour. We need someone to step into the role to lead publicity and coordinate layouts being shown.**

New business:

- **Fair equipment update – Board authorized \$1500 to convert all fair equipment to Blunami and budget covers battery operation. The first conversion is on the layout today with battery power.**
 - **Celebration of Life for former member Rick Gast is November 1 at 1 PM at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church – on Pima near Wilmot**
- **Next spring we elect new officers. We especially need candidates for President and Vice President.**

Meetings

- **November 12 – Luncheon 11:30 AM Mountain View Bar and Grille**
 - **November 19 – 1 PM TGRS board meeting @ Nelson’s house**
- **November 22 – Club meeting Fennema’s house @ 10 AM, trains run at 9 AM**

Adjourned 11:57

Celebrating 90 Years

MODEL RAILROADS



October 28, 2025 – February 23, 2026

THIS EXHIBIT IS THE RESULT OF A **COLLABORATION** BETWEEN **THE ARIZONA DIVISION** OF THE **NMRA** AND THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:

- GADSDEN PACIFIC TOY TRAIN OPERATING MUSEUM
- TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
- ARIZONA SOUTHWEST MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY TUCSON N-TRACK

TOGETHER, THEY'VE CREATED A TEMPORARY **RAILROAD EXHIBIT** FOR VISITORS TO EXPLORE AT **THE MINI TIME MACHINE MUSEUM OF MINIATURES**.

TRAIN WEEKENDS ↓



Meet Modelers | See Demonstrations | Learn About Scale & Design

Nov 1-2 | Dec 6-7 | Jan 9-10



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No Minutes for September as we had no meetings

All Gauges Tucson Model Train Swap Meet

Sunday, November 9th, 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
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The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Nov 19, 2025
@ Nelsons'

2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

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Nov 22 general meeting John
Fennema's





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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](#)