

Hope Everyone had some Very Wonderful Holidays

TIMETABLE



Next Meetings

General Meeting Feb 7 TGRS meeting @ Rincon West 11:00 AM Feb 11

Board Meeting January 21 1pm Claudia's

There are no Board Minutes for December

Welcome to our new member

**Deanna Campos
Lives on North West side and is interested in converting from Track
Power to battery**

**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

[Center for Railroad
Photography and Art](#)
[Thanks Jerry](#)

[Railroad books](#)

[Micro Model Dispatch](#)

[The Train Shop](#) UK

[EUROPEAN TRAIN ENTHUSIASTS](#)

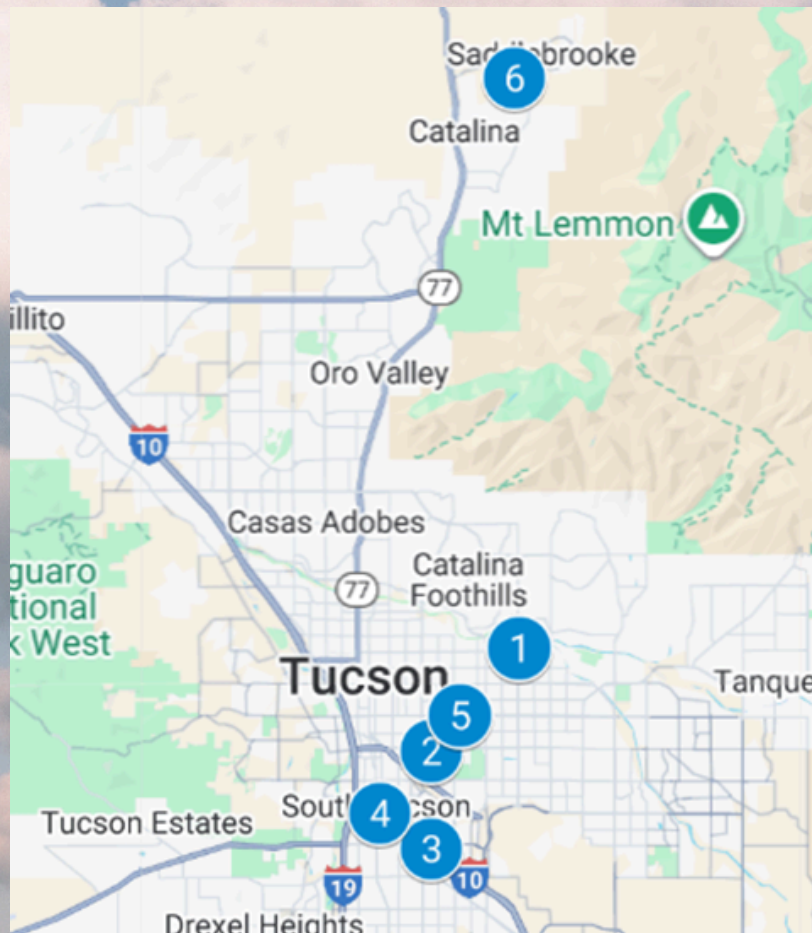
TGRS Luncheon Tour - History and Future

The TGRS luncheon tour provides a great environment where club members can get together in an informal setting. If you are a bit adventurous in your dining preferences, you owe it to yourself to join the tour and visit with fellow club members. One of the goals is to visit as many different cuisines and locations as possible. So far, we have had 6 luncheons at 6 different restaurants...

BZ's Bistro
Laverna's Coffee Shop
Rudy's Real Texas Bar-B-Q
Café Santa Rosa
Red Garter Bar and Grill
Mountain View Bar and Grill

The next luncheon will be Chinese cuisine on Wednesday, January 14th. The announcement/invitation email will be sent out soon.

If you have a suggestion for a luncheon, please email WebMaster@Tucsongrs.org and let me know. I will do all the groundwork to verify the restaurant and organize the event. Or, if you would like to revisit any of the restaurants that we have already been, to please let me know.



Sale Garden railway track, figures and buildings, etc

Track aristo and some lgb
1 foot to 5foot sections \$1/foot used , good to fair

Switches \$- \$\$

People, animals lots of variety Cs-\$/ sets

Dates January 17 18 19 MLK weekend

9:00-4:00

Karrels Double K Ranch
3930 N Smokey Topaz Ln
Tucson



What's on your workbench

Craig Anderson

For the past month, I've been scratch building/kit bashing an example of Southern Pacific's "tank" style locomotive tenders introduced when they started using fuel oil.

In researching the subject, I learned the following:

- The tank car style allowed for more water and fuel to be carried by the tender, hence more efficiency for crossing desert regions.**
- The tank style came in many variations. Large units with two, six wheel trucks for large locomotives and smaller versions used at mines, in rail yards and other short haul situations. A few were built specifically for their Coastal and Sunset Limited Passenger trains.**
- Southern Pacific built this style tender in their shops or contracted for these units to be constructed. They varied in style. There was no preferred prototype.**
- I modeled my smaller unit from photos and images. It will service my 2-6-0 Mogul.**



I built my unit using as its foundation a "Gramps" tank car purchased from Ron K., assorted "G" scale detail parts, bass wood and a thin plastic sheet. I made all the hand rails from brass rod/tubing.

I share with many of you the joy of building models.

I invested about 20 hours and \$65 building the tender. It will be unveiled soon during the Oracle Kid's RR Holiday schedule and be displayed during the Rails In The Garden event.

What's on your Workbench Continued

My first project to report for December is the Mitchell Mine #2 building now installed on the layout. The folks at SATM gave me this kit as pieces, saying "We don't think everything is there, but you can kitbash this." I had to look up a 2016 website to get pictures on how it is supposed to go together. As built, it makes a nice, large structure for the mining complex in Santa Rita.

Charlie

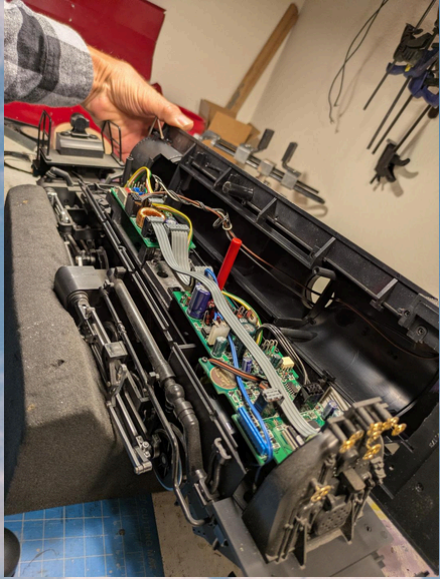


My daughter came over for Christmas and used her Polaroid to take this picture of the Number 1 mine building. This camera is a real "develops before your eyes" throwback to the 70's. The washed out colors and perspective make it an interesting photo.

Charlie

Whats on your Workbench p3

The club has asked me to convert the county fair locomotives to Blunami and battery operation. I'm notoriously bad at documenting my work, but this picture is the original electronics that will all be replaced by a single 1 x 2 inch card so that we can control it from an app on our phone. I didn't take a picture at the end.<sigh>



Charlie

This luggage wagon was shown earlier, and the luggage you see came from Jim Miller.

Charlie



**TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY
General Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2025
Tucson Wagon and History Museum**

26 club members signed the attendance sheet

Called to order at 1 PM with thanks to the museum for hosting.

November minutes were approved by the meeting after a discussion of the conflict in February social lunch and board meeting. The board will adjust its meeting at its January meeting.

Vice President report: Claudia Nelson

- Discussed the range of displays for holiday season (table below)

Newsletter report: Jim Miller

- Always looking for articles.

Old business:

- 2026 RITG – Ann Winter has stepped up as chair-person and is “still digging in” to the tasks for promoting our open houses.
- Social lunches at various locations – Jerry notes that most of the people at this meeting have attended one or another of the lunches. January is going to be Chinese.

New business:

- There’s a request for a clinic about installing Blunami. Charlie notes that the time involved is “a bit longer than we have at a meeting.” Those interested should contact Charlie and arrange a few sessions working on their projects.
- Note that board elections are coming up in the spring. We need a president and vice president volunteers.

Next Meetings

- Board Jan 21 @ Nelson’s
- General meeting Feb 7 – Trains at 11 AM, meeting at noon at Rincon West RV park

Calendar

**Dec 3 St Paul’s Preschool Christmas layout 8:30 AM
Dec 5 Setup @ Mini Time Machine 9:00 AM
Dec 5,6 Christmas night run Fennema 5:00 PM
Dec 6 Mini Time Machine 10:00 AM
Dec 11 Ocotillo Learning Center 8:30 AM
Dec 12 December Christmas meeting @ Rodeo Museum 12:00 PM
Dec 19 SATM set-up 12:00 PM
Dec 20 SATM Holiday Express 10:00 AM
Jan 8 Setup @ Mini Time Machine 9:00 AM
Jan 9,10 Mini Time Machine 10:00 AM
Jan 14 Social lunch for TGRS
Jan 21 TGRS Board meeting @ Nelson 1:00 PM
Feb 7 TGRS meeting @ Rincon West 11:00 AM
Feb 18 TGRS Board meeting @ Nelson 1:00 PM
Mar 7,8 Rails in the Garden tour – 10:00 AM
Mar 1 Social lunch for TGRS
Mar 18 TGRS Board meeting @ Nelson 1:00 PM
Mar 28 TGRS meeting @ Weesner 10:00 AM
April 16-26 Pima County Fair**

Adjourned 1:29

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

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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on Jan 21, 2026
@ Nelsons'**

2025 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

⇒ Train Ticket

Jan 21 BOD meeting at Claudia's

Feb 7 TGRS meeting @ Rincon West



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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](#)