



Mark Marines' layout for May meeting

TIMETABLE



Next Meetings

Board Meeting May 20 @ 1pm Claudia's

**General meeting May 2 at 9472 E. Blue Hills Ct 85641
Corona de Tucson
At the home of Mark Marine**

Welcome to new Members

EJ Causbie

**EJ is the owner and operator of Blue Flag trains here in Tucson
Parts and repairs for LGB and other model trains
Blunami**

Board of Directors Minutes for March are posted on our Website

**Our Raffle winner for the Fair is Yolonda
Many thanks to Ann for making the Teddy Bear and Quilt**



The winning raffle ticket number was 409645

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

General Meeting Minutes April 4, 2026 Weesner Layout 10 club members signed the attendance sheet and at least one more was present but failed to sign. Called to order at 10 AM with thanks to Weesners for hosting. Introductions – Jeff Larkin & Charles Burgis.

February minutes were approved by the meeting.

Club treasurer report – Claudia for Margaret

- February expenses for insurance, last battery of PCF, and March storage unit – about \$111/month spending □ Balance is above \$11k
- Discussion again about possible retired container on the fairgrounds where we currently store the trailers.

Vice President report: Claudia Nelson

- We were contacted by Old Tucson about the layout we planned last spring in their re located station building. We asked our contact, Summer, to request help in January next year. This request was too close to RITG and county fair – stretching our people too thin.
- We've talked about a display at Zoo Lights in December. We are negotiating whether we can locate it in the eatery building.
- We have excess TGRS clothing to distribute. Committee reports:

- Newsletter – Jim Miller wasn't at the meeting, but always looking for members to contribute.

- Membership & Website – Jerry is on a cruise.
 - We hoped for more members from RITG visitors.
 - We have purchased the domain name railsinthegarden.org & .com – preemptive to have the name if we choose that for our publicity.

- Public displays – Charlie

- Wagon & History Museum – worn rail, widened gauge of the tender to avoid derailment
- Wagon & History Museum – replaced burned-out sound card for the cattle
- SATM – gear replace on track cleaner Old business:

□ RITG final report – Annie – Total 1629 visitors, \$494.70 in donations. Koehler 227, Fennema 263, Weesner 182, RCW 364, Oracle 115. Craig Anderson reported that people to visit Oracle had trouble with Google maps directions. He asked people why they came and summarizes as (a) learn about battery, (b) what do you leave out, and (c) ideas for their own layout and construction materials. Important to have someone at each layout prepared to talk about specific visitor interests.

□ Social luncheon – May 13 will be a picnic at Reid Park with a ramada reserved

□ Pima County Fair – John - We have about 2 more hours setting out structures and people. Plants will arrive Tuesday next week. Annie donates a Thomas quilt for nominal auction.

□ **Board nominations** – Every two years we elect new members. This year we are doing general nominations and the board will assign roles at the first meeting. There are ten positions, 6 named and 4 at-large. We have 6-7 people who have agreed to stand for the board

New business:

□ **Peter Firos** – Charlie visited while Peter was clearing out his place to move into assisted living. We set him up with an auto-reverse trolley, and Peter donated a range of equipment to club members. The cars and locomotives were distributed after the meeting, as well as some of the track.

□ **Michelle Pearson** reports that Norm Ullman passed away on March 29.

□ **Ken Karrels** continues to sell off his train equipment

□ **Mark Marine** is host next month. He notes that it's a steep driveway with parking at the top limited. Please park at the street and walk up the hill

Upcoming Meetings May 7

- general meeting at Mark Marine's May 2

- social luncheon May 13

- board meeting at Nelson's Adjourned shortly after 11

Charlie

Pima County Fair

TGRS had a great time at the Fair this year.
A special thanks to all of our volunteers



Don't forget

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Links of Interest

**Center for Railroad
Photography and Art**
Thanks Jerry.

Railroad books

What's on your Workbench

This nice member, Jim Miller, printed this tractor for me. Here's a newly assembled unit ready to be delivered to the working farmers of Silver City, New Mexico.



Hand Spiked Track I've finally started building track for my small loop "layout"

From Glen



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**The next scheduled
BOD meeting will be
on May 20, 2026
@ Nelsons'**

2026 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

⇒ Train Ticket

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[TGRS Membership Application](#)