

NO MEETING IN JUNE

TIMETABLE



Next Meetings

NEXT MEETING will be in September

**TGRS Officers for 2027
Starting 1 July 2026**

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to help our organization

Board slate was elected with positions to be assigned by the board:

Claudia Nelson - president

John Fennema - vice president with someone else coordinating RITG

Margaret Torres Nelson - Treasurer

Charlie Weesner - Secretary

Jim Miller - newsletter (in absentia)

Jerry Tulino - webmaster & membership

Ron Koehler - at large

Mark Marine - at large / Rails in the Garden publicity

We have at least two positions open for "at large" members

TUCSON GARDEN RAILWAY SOCIETY

General Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2026

Marine Layout

14 club members signed the attendance sheet.

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM with thanks to Mark and Valerie for hosting.

No guests or new members were present.

April minutes were approved by the meeting.

Club treasurer report - Margaret

☐ Annie's quilt raffle brought in \$140 during the fair.

☐ Elaine made a generous gift this month.

☐ A decision about the storage unit vs a surplus shipping container at the fair grounds is still pending.

Vice President report: Claudia

☐ We confirmed that we will have a corner of the cafeteria for a display layout during Zoo

Lights in December. The setup will be "some animals and Christmas scenes" with a push-button to run the train. Mark suggests we should have someone staffing it for the busier nights.

☐ In early March next year we will be setting up a display at Old Tucson in the depot they've moved from the Nogales line.

☐ May 20th is "Train Days" at SATM - the date the first locomotive arrived in Tucson in 1880.

Committee reports:

☐ Newsletter - Jim - May newsletter will be out when Jerry gets back in town.

☐ Membership & Website - Jerry has been gone for the month.

☐ Public displays - Charlie - No news for the month.

Old business:

☐ Social luncheon - May 13 will be a picnic at Reid Park with a ramada reserved

□ Pima County Fair – John – Thanks to Annie for the quilt, Charlie for the Blunami, David for printing switch puzzle cars, and Margie Fagan for ground cover. 24 volunteers, 115 shifts were staffed. Switching puzzle was a problem with the age limit. We should allow anyone in to run a children’s layout with supervision. Next year, make a loop with two sidings.

□ Board nominations –

- John Fennema
- Ron Koehler
- Mark Marine
- Jim Miller
- Claudia Nelson
- Margaret Torres Nelson
- Jerry Tulino
- Charlie Weesner

Approved by acclimation. At the next board meeting, the board will assign specific offices.

New business: nothing to add

Upcoming Meetings

May 13 – social luncheon

May 20 – board meeting at Nelson’s

Adjourned shortly before 11

Board of Directors minutes are posted on our website

Rails in the Garden

**To begin with, I need to beg your pardon,
for I need to tell you about Rails in the Garden.**

**It's coming up in March 2027 as you well know,
and we all would like it to be quite the show!**

**If you would like to be a part of Rails next year,
I have some important information for you to hear.**

**Our first planning meeting is coming up soon,
really quick on the 17th of June.
At Claudias at 1:00 in the afternoon,**

**So, if you have an interest or a thought to share,
About Rails to show you care,
We would really welcome you there!
So join us for our first planning session for Rails 2027,
to make it a small slice of Heaven!**

Mark Marine

Don't forget

Links of Interest

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

Railroad books

What's on your Workbench

I adapted this water tower by adding the frost jacket - partly practicing for the next one. I also replaced missing cross-braces and added nut-bolt-washer castings to those.

Adding a frost jacket to the water feed on the cheap plastic tower was my "learning step" towards this fine specimen. This water tower is scratch-built, given to me from an estate up in Phoenix. I had to add the feed line for the water to the spout, in addition to the frost jacket in the middle.

Finally, with coal-fired locomotives, my engine service facility needs an ash pit. This kit from tysplanes.com is superb. The ash piles are wood ashes from our chiminea, soaked in diluted concrete sealer (a white glue replacement that's waterproof). I still need to add a clamshell derrick to load ashes into a gondola to take them away from the facility.

Charlie



We received this nice thank you from the Food Bank

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May 14, 2026

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With gratitude,

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Natalie Jayroe
Chief Executive Officer

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BOD meeting will be
in September**

2026 Fall Meetings

Train Ticket

⇒ Train Ticket

Next Meeting September





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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](#)