



The Call Boy

Ralph McChesney



Ralph McChesney shown here with his 4 3/4" scale SP Pacific. For many years Ralph owned a shop in Manteca that sold and repaired televisions and audio equipment. From time to time, Ralph would provide projection equipment and movies that were shown at monthly club meetings. The Public Address equipment at the club house was one of his projects. He was also the club membership chairman for many years until his passing. The only thing missing in this photo is Ralph's cigar, which he was very fond of. Ralph's son Clyde still has the engine in his possession. *Ken Shattock Photo*

Event Calendar

January

1/01/13 Chili Run; Lunch 11AM
1/13/13 GGLS Member Meeting
1/13/12 GGLS Board Meeting

February

2/10/13 GGLS Member Meeting
2/10/13 GGLS Board Meeting

March

3/10/13 GGLS Member Meeting
3/10/13 GGLS Board Meeting

April

4/14/13 GGLS Member Meeting
4/14/13 GGLS Board Meeting

May

5/05/13 GGLS Member Meeting
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June

06/01-02/13 RVRR Meet
06/22-23/13 GGLS Spring Meet

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President: Rich Lundberg
Vice President: Berne Holman
Secretary: Pat Young
Treasurer: John Lisherness
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Bill Smith
Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
Engines: Mark Johnson
Public Train John Bouey
Bits & Pieces: Stan James
Bldgs. & Grounds: Rich Lundberg
Boiler Testing: Jerry Kimberlin
High Track: Jeremy Coombs
Refreshments: Les Cuff
Technical: Charlie Reiter
Round House: Michael Smith
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Membership

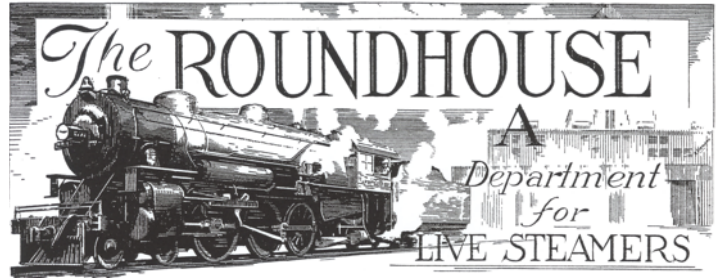
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**Deadline for submittal to next months' issue is
15th of the month**



Announcements

The Board would like to wish all our friends and members a Happy Holiday and Wonderful New Year!

The yearly club membership fee and roundhouse lease amount are now due. The payment process has been streamlined, so please just write a check to "GGLS" and send it to: **Suzanne Waterman at Box 151358, San Rafael, California, 94915.** If there are membership clerical changes (eg: email change) please include a memo or send changes directly to Membership Chairman Rick Zobelein. *For those wishing a membership card, please include a SASE with their check.*

Regular Member \$50.00
(lives within 100 miles of club facility)
Associate Member \$30.00
(lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):
Family Membership: \$60.00
Roundhouse dues: \$200.00

Elections for 2013 Board member positions are completed and Rich Lundberg was elected for President, Berne Holman for Vice President, Pat Young for Secretary, John Lisherness for Treasurer and Sheldon Yee for Safety Chairman.

Golden Gate Live Steamers
a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

Track & Club House Location
2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Berkeley, CA, 94708
510-486-0623
www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order inside the club house on December, 2012 at 10:05 am by President Mark West who is recovering from several weeks of illness. Attending were 34+ members on a clear, warm Sunday for December.

New Members and Guests:

Guest Karl Petermann and new member Edson Lee introduced themselves. Welcome Karl and Edson!

Steam-related Activities:

Michael Smith thought that the Union Pacific Big Boy 4-8-8-4 articulated down in Los Angeles might be in the process of being restored. Stay tuned or contact Michael for more information.

Bob Morris said that the Southern Pacific GS4 4449 (4-8-4) is being taken out of service for one year to be overhauled in Portland, Oregon.

Officer's Report:

President Mark West turned over a hard copy of the East Bay Regional Park District Lease to the club secretary for archive and is viewable by any member. Lease payments begin next year for the next five years to the East Bay Regional Park District with the option to extend it for five more years.

Treasurer John Lisherness reported that the club treasury is in a good financial situation since membership and roundhouse dues will be coming in shortly.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds Chairman Rich Lundberg once again started by reminding those who lock up to reset the lock tumblers to zero after locking and to restore the club facilities to a condition as good or better than you found it.

With the recent wind and rain storms that passed through the club facility, the storm drains have been clogged with debris. There was several inches of water in the club facility but luckily, the club house did not flood this time. When traveling around the club tracks, keep your eyes open for clogged drains and move the debris away.

The compressor timer has been fixed because someone turned the knob backwards. Please read the sign and follow the instructions when turning on the compressor.

With it being winter the perennial problem of freezing pipes is still a large issue that members need to be aware of until a new solution is implemented. Please contact a someone to have them show the proper way to open, close and drain the water supply system.

Engine chairman Mark Johnson stated that there was not much to add to last month's report in that the club Pacific's boiler is progressing and the Hunter Atlantic has some sticky safeties and injector problems. Dan Swanson

said that the Baldwin's battery was drained because the key was left on.

Public Train chairman John Bouey proudly stated that the Public Train has been operating every Sunday, weather permitting and has transported 7200 individuals for the last 4 months. He wanted to give his personal thanks to members Sammy Tomez, Mike Gershowitz, Richard Croll and to the junior members David Waterman, Scott Kennedy, Chris Smith, Mathew Fransak, Sam Lerman-Hanh for their assistance. Our Public Train is the single largest source of revenue and our primary obligation to the East Bay Regional Park District for our existence. Ken Brunskill commented with a story he had with a high level park official many of years ago where they concluded that the club would have to pay \$16,000 per year to rent an equivalent piece of park property, many times the \$1,500 per year the club now pays.

Web Site chairman Pat Young emphasized that this is the club member's web site, so please keep the suggestions and comments coming and check the web site's Announcement section periodically for time critical information.

Old Business:

The annual Chili run where train running is secondary to eating and celebrating was discussed and food commitments made by members. See you there if Armageddon or the Fiscal Cliff doesn't take us all away!

The Standing Rules and Policy document has finally arrived and is posted on the club house bulletin board and on our web site. It is a two page document this answers many of the questions the current, recent & new members may have on the rules and policy governing our club. This is a evolving, living document where the contents were retrieved from past issues of the CallBoy from decisions distilled from past Board meetings. It is comprised of five sections: Standing Rules (created originally by Ken Brunskill), Policies (eg. dogs), Procedures (eg. locking up), Manuals (eg. safety) and References (eg. Bylaws). The first and most important item on this document describes what to do in case of an emergency on the club facility (dial '911' on the club house phone to instead of a cell phone).

New Business:

Bob Morris is putting together a security system proposal for the club facility and if interested, contact Bob (postwarbob@sbcglobal.net) for more details.

The Annual Corporation Business meeting was convened to proceed with elections of the Board members for 2013. No new nominations were put forward and the results of the election are posted in the Announcement section.

Board Meeting Minutes

The December 9, 2012 Board Meeting began at 11:40 pm. Board members present were Rich Croll, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Mark West, Sheldon Yee, Pat Young with Bob Cohen and Mark Johnson attending.

Old Business:

Using the existing roundhouse policy, two roundhouse slots will be freed up early in 2013.

New Business:

The Engine committee has requested authorization to purchase boiler safety valves for the club's Hunter Atlantic.

A request is under consideration by the Board to change the lock combination on the Shattock Barn and limit access.

Treasurer John Lisherness has requested that committee chairmen put together a 2013 spending or expense plan for budgeting purposes. The secretary will contact committee chairmen for their plans.

Club Trustee Ken Brunskill requested that the Board formulate a plan for rebuilding the club facility in case of a disaster. This would assist the trustees in managing the club trust fund more effectively.

The Board is open to the suggestion to communicate more about our Spring and Fall Meets to encourage other club members to attend our festivities. Contact Secretary Pat Young if interested.

Bits and Pieces

By Stan James (sjames563@gmail.com)



Charlie Reiter had shown the brazing fixture, that he had made for fabricating locomotive wheels, at the November Bits and Pieces session. At this month's showing he had several wheels that he had made using that fixture, at several stages of completion. Though a somewhat time consuming process, it is clear that this method allows one the ability to produce excellent non-cast items, to replace castings.



Jerry Kimberlin brought a commercially produced radiator, that could be used for cooling an I.C. engine in a 'diesel' locomotive. These radiators are available in a wide range of sizes. This example was very nicely manufactured and was amazingly low priced at \$49.00



Dan Swanson showed templates for a metal enclosure for the Baldwin BSD (Battery Saving Device) Control Unit. The paper template showed how the enclosure could be made from a single piece of sheet metal that was then fastened along the edge lines, after folding, by soldering or brazing.



Jerry's second item was a louver cutter that he had made, in the form of a fixture that, after the first louver had been cut, could produce a series of louvers, evenly spaced, as is usually required.



Barbara Hayes showed a group of decorative Bell Rope 'pulls' that she produces. These could be used, as such, in the larger scale interiors of 'old time' carriages, though Barbara assured us that any of these items could be made in a wide range of sizes, to suit any scale.

Roundhouse Reminders:

By Michael B. Smith

As a reminder, please be respectful of your fellow member's equipment stored in the roundhouse and equipment storage locations. If you do not own the locomotive or piece of equipment, or do not have explicit permission of the owner of such equipment, please do not move, exhibit, operate or disturb the equipment of others.

Recently a member started up and operated another member's locomotive from the roundhouse, running it around the track, without permission from the owner. A week prior to this, another member's locomotive was brought out of the roundhouse by someone other than the owner with the intent to operate it. The member who brought out the locomotive had not been granted permission to operate this locomotive. These actions are

unacceptable and can be grounds for disciplinary action. To be clear, an unattended locomotive is not an invitation for others to walk up to it and to touch or operate it. Parents are requested to be in direct supervision of their minor children at all times while at the GGLS facility. Please do not leave minor children at the track alone or without agreement for supervision by another adult. Parents may be held responsible for their minor children's actions should damage or injury occur to another's property or person.

Please keep your stalls and storage spaces clean and clear of clutter. Please bring home any unneeded tools/equipment or at minimum, store them in your locomotive if possible or in a closed box. The roundhouse was not built to be your second garage. Please do not store propane tanks (including small tanks with torches) in the buildings. A proposal to install a propane storage locker is being developed to store such tanks-please contact Bob Cohen for additional information.

Unfortunately this last weekend, what appears to be minor burn damage to a member's equipment, was brought to my attention. A propane torch was found standing next to the damaged equipment whose flame height closely matched the damaged paint. It is my understanding that the propane torch was not the property of either the owner of the damaged equipment or the adjacent stall renter.

I have deliberately omitted the damaged equipment owner's name although if you are the responsible party who used a torch inside the roundhouse and accidentally damaged another member's equipment, it is strongly suggested that you make amends as soon as possible. Additionally, no open flame should ever be used within either the roundhouse or storage buildings. Please perform any work requiring a torch away from buildings or any flammable materials, including leaves, branches, oils, etc.

If you share your stall/storage location with another member, kindly please pass the above information to the other person(s). If you have any questions, please contact Michael B. Smith at (650) 615-0475.



Mark Johnson's "New Ride"

For Sale
November 19, 2012

I am Joel Allan and am selling a complete 1" scale train set with engine, gondola and caboose. It is perfect for someone getting into the hobby wanting a turnkey train. Or like myself, it is nice to have when not operating my steam locomotive. They are surplus to my collection and came from an estate sale.



It has a sound system that makes it sound like a real diesel but seems to blow fuses when I try to operate it. However the engine runs just fine and it has two brand new 12V batteries. Also included are the original manual and 24V charger from the manufacturer.



The gondola is also made by Scale Railroad Supplies while the caboose is custom made. Asking \$6,000 for everything.

The engine is a beautifully detailed replica of an ALCO RS3 made by Scale Railroad Supplies with Santa Fe livery. The road name plates are only held on by small rivets and can be removed should you wish to not have them on.

Located in Sebastopol, California, contact me at joel@tangentmembranes.com (707) 217-3765.

For Sale
October 30, 2012



Argyle 0-6-0 by Roundhouse Living Steam Railways Butane-Fired Steam Locomotive. Equipped with Radio Control installed by Norman Saley. Stanley Watertight foam padded carrying case included. Track, tools, accessories included as needed. Price: \$2,200 OBO



#1 Gauge; Price \$50 or OBO

For all items, contact Jim "Doc" Carroll at (925) 284-1269 or email to j.dcarroll@hotmail.com

Other Items For Sale

See the CLASSIFIED ADS page in our web site at ggl.org for photos and information on other items for sale.



Accucraft C25- D&RGW 2-8-0 Butane-Fired Steam Locomotive with tender. Equipped with Radio Control installed by Norman Saley. Stanley Watertight foam padded carrying case included. Track, tools, accessories included as needed. For more details click on the link at <http://www.accucraft.com/modelc/AL87-120-C.htm>

Price \$2,835 OBO