



# *The Call Boy*

## Swap Meet & Member Appreciation Lunch



Sunday, April 9, 2017  
10 am

The Swap Meet/Appreciation Lunch has been re-scheduled to this meeting date and is not a Pot Luck this time (the club is paying for all the food BUT not the soda). So bring your items for swapping, your money for buying, your appetite for eating and yourself for a day of camaraderie.

### Event Calendar

#### **April**

4/09/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
4/09/17 GGLS Board Meeting  
4/09/17 Member Appreciation  
Lunch & Swap Meet

#### **May**

5/07/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
5/07/17 GGLS Board Meeting

#### **June**

6/03/17 GGLS Spring Meet  
6/04/17 GGLS Open House  
6/11/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
6/11/17 GGLS Board Meeting  
6/11/17 Member Appreciation  
Lunch & Swap Meet  
6/24-25/17 PV&A Joint Invite  
with SVLS

#### **July**

7/09/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
7/09/17 GGLS Board Meeting

# *The Call Boy*

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*President:* Mark Johnson  
*Vice President:* Rick Reaves  
*Secretary:* Richard Croll  
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*Rolling Stock:* Richard Croll  
*Public Train* Walt Oellerich  
*Bits & Pieces:* Sheldon Yee  
*Buildings:* Rich Lundberg  
*Grounds:* Andy Weber  
*Signal System:* Dan Swanson  
*Boiler Testing:* Jerry Kimberlin  
*High Track:* Jeremy Coombs  
*Refreshments:* Walt Oellerich  
Sheldon Yee  
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**Deadline for submittal to next months' issue is  
15th of the month**



## *Announcements*

Membership Chair Rick Zobelein has been following up on those who have not renewed their membership. Dave and Geraldine August, members for many years, have decided not to continue with the hobby. Due to Dave's age and health, the commute from Monterey has become too much for him along with managing his many projects. As such, he has placed them up for sale on Discover Live Steam. He and his wife will continue life's simple pleasures of living on the coast and we hope to hear from them in the future!

From Clyde Chesney: I haven't been able to afford to travel up to the track since before the 1989 earthquake, to participate in all the Live Steam fun, and helping with the grounds on work days. I really enjoyed the camaraderie of all of the GGLS members on those work days and also during the special events. At that time I did a lot of enjoyable hours doing shotgun on the public train rides. Most of the people I knew back then are no longer with us, so I really don't know anyone there any more. From what I see in the Call Boy monthly PDF, you guys are doing a great job, which means that there is still a lot of great people in the GGLS club! Keep up the great work, have fun, and thank you for the great times I had when I was there in the past.

## Golden Gate Live Steamers

a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

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[www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org)

### **Club Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 10:00AM. 23 members were present.

### **New & Returning Members, Visitors, Guests:**

None.

### **Steam-related Activities:**



Bruce Anderson reported on the Steam Locomotive training Class that Mike Gershowitz is conducting. Bob Morris talked about a 15" gauge railroad in Sonora. He was asked to try to set up a club visit. Bob also reported that PV&A member Peter Mosley is moving to Washington state.



The Secretary received a notice about an open house April 2 from 10 to 4 at Knights Foundry in Sutter Creek. Details can be found at their web site at: [www.knightfoundry.com/](http://www.knightfoundry.com/)

### **Officers' Report:**

#### **President Mark Johnson:**

"The electrical power to the GGLS facility was restored on Thursday March 9, 2017, following the completion of the Redwood Valley RR Electrical Project. The final inspection sign off will be next week. A pile of dirt was left near the hole because everything was so wet that, even though it was

compacted, the dirt will continue to sink as it dries out. When it dries sufficiently Redwood Valley will complete the final fill in. Please remain very careful when walking in this area.

The Swap Meet and Membership Appreciation Lunch that was scheduled for March was canceled due to the electrical work. The Swap Meet and Lunch has been rescheduled to the April Meeting date. The Club will be providing the lunch.

I would like to bring your attention to the latest "Live Steam" magazine which contains an article by Dan Swanson, Signal Chairman. The magazine is hanging on the wall of the clubhouse." Also see the accompanying article in this issue

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** We are still solvent and 120 members have paid dues to date. The President asked the membership chairman if we follow up on members in arrears on dues. Nothing is currently being done.

**Safety Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsmen:** Club facility security cameras are all back on line.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings:** Rich Lundberg reminded members to only burn dry wood in stove and that can be found in the wood shed.



Upcoming projects include adding curbs at the end of the roundhouse, remodeling the roof with extended overhang and finally, rebuilding the Cleric barn.



**Grounds:** No report but Rich Lundberg noted that the winter shutdown of water is over.

**Signals:** Nothing to report.

**Ground Track:** Nothing to report.

**High Track:** Nothing to report.

**Locomotives:**

**RGS 22:** The #22 is now out of service for repairs.

**RGS 20:** The #20 is the newest Public Train Engine, and is running just fine. Rich Croll has made the necessary changes to the engine so that it can now be used with the propane boxcar. Rich is going to look into a minor brake cylinder sticking.

Engineers and Public Train crew members are encouraged to clean and wipe down this new engine to keep it looking nice after pulling the Public Train.

**Johnson Pacific:** Jerry Kimberlin is making a new firebox door for the engine while burner testing continues.

**Heintz Atlantic:** No reports of any new or additional work on the engine at this time.

**Hunter Atlantic:** This engine continues to run under the guidance of Mike Gershowitz.

**Diesels:** The UVAS is running. The Baldwin fuel pump has been replaced and the engine is running.



**Public Train:** Walter asked members to come on over and support our volunteers on the Public Train. Also note that the public really likes to see other trains running on our railroad.

**Rolling Stock:** Nothing to report.

**Callboy/Website:** Pat mentioned that everything is fine and noted that renewal for website hosting is coming up.

**Builders Group:** Pat is posting pictures of Loren Bryon's full size 25-ton Best tractor that he has restored and a brief article on desktop water jet cutters. See the supplemental article in this issue.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Roundhouse:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**



Petition to Make Sheldon Yee a life member was presented to the membership. Written ballots were distributed and the vote was unanimous, making Sheldon a life member.

**Live Steam News:**

Bob Morris reported further on the "Where to Purchase Steam Injectors" article with the following information: Anthony Duarte successfully ran his injector on Chris Smith's engine using 30 to 125 psi. Price is reported to still be \$350 each. LocoParts is still working on his and the price is reported at \$210. Dave Sclavi has put his injector on hold. Bruce Anderson asked about using injectors from England and several members said they were successful in using them.

Bob also mentioned that three people are looking at buying Superscale. He also said Coles Power Models is for sale at \$100K with an inventory supposedly worth \$300K.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38AM

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:59 pm. All Board members were present.

#### **Old Business:**

**Bank Account:** We still need a certified copy of minutes of a board meeting for the bank. Secretary will get this to the treasurer.

**Roundhouse:** Only one Roundhouse member did not do the required running. However, due to circumstances no action will be taken.

**Bylaws:** Next meeting of the Bylaws Committee will be next Sunday at 10:00 in the clubhouse.

#### **New Business:**

**Membership Appreciation Lunch:** Food Menu Selection: Hotdogs, burgers and potato salad. Bob Cohen will pick up the meat and better hot dog buns.

**Spring Meet:** Rick Reeves will contact Jeff's Pit Stop, our current caterer, to see if Jeff is available.

**Whistle:** Discussion held concerning a better sounding whistle for the RGS #20. Motion made by Rick Reeves, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to purchase a new whistle from Rizzoli Locomotive Works for a maximum of \$650. Motion is passed.

**Budget:** Discussion was held about this year's budget. Treasurer requested budgets from various committees so the club can determine the amount of funds to transfer to the trust fund. Treasurer reported that all State and Federal forms have been filed on behalf of the club.

**High Track lift out bridge:** Discussion was held regarding the bridge. Richard Croll reported that the estimated cost of materials was under \$1000. Motion was made by Jerry Kimberlin and seconded

by Rick Reeves to spend up to \$1000 to purchase materials for bridge. Motion is passed. New bridge will be constructed and installed before beginning the installation of the old bridge in a new location adjacent to the parking lot.

**Locomotive bell:** Secretary will contact John Lytle to see if plans have been drawn up yet.

**Propane cage:** Richard Croll estimated purchase cost at \$350. Motion was made by Rick Reeves and seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to authorize spending up to \$350 for a propane cage. Motion is passed. Richard Croll will contact Kamps Propane.

**Safety Rules:** Jerry Kimberlin is reviewing the Safety rules. He questioned whether to leave the whistle signals in the rules. Decision is to leave it in the rules, but it will not be enforced.

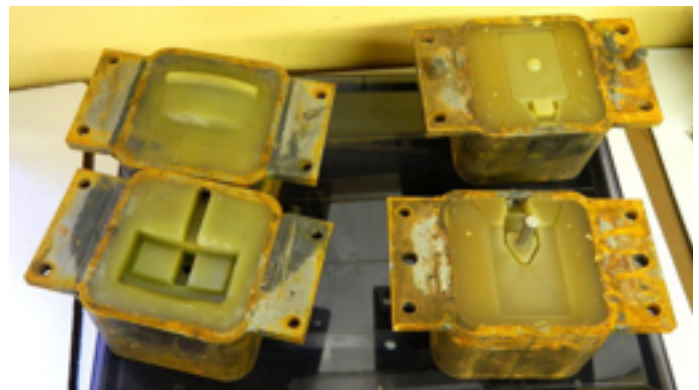
After discussion, it was decided not to print new safety rule books. Copies of the rule book will be made available as needed for new members or others requesting them.

**Dick Thomas Award:** Discussion was held about award. No action taken.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:47 pm.

### **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee



John Lisherness – Mold boxes for casting valve parts, using welded scrap steel.



A box of various fabricated locomotive parts.



Charlie Reiter – Adjustable lathe cross-slide nut designed to be adjustable to take up the thread backlash..



Bob Cohen – Miniature remote control race car that fits in a Coke soda can. Bob bought this on ebay at: [www.ebay.com/itm/332053546156?rmvSB=true](http://www.ebay.com/itm/332053546156?rmvSB=true) for only \$5.00 with free shipping!



Bob Morris –  $\frac{3}{4}$ " 0-4-0 LBSC designed "TICH".



Rich Croll – The reality of the inside of a failed boiler. This is a real "eye-opener"...what members rarely see in their own locos. Photo P3120122 & 123



Jim Lieb – found ceramic pieces with Southern Pacific logo imprinted, possibly part of a dish or an early porcelain souvenir.



## Rules Of The Month

April 2017

By  
Dan Swanson

### 2011 Safety & Operating Rules

#### Section 1 - General Procedures

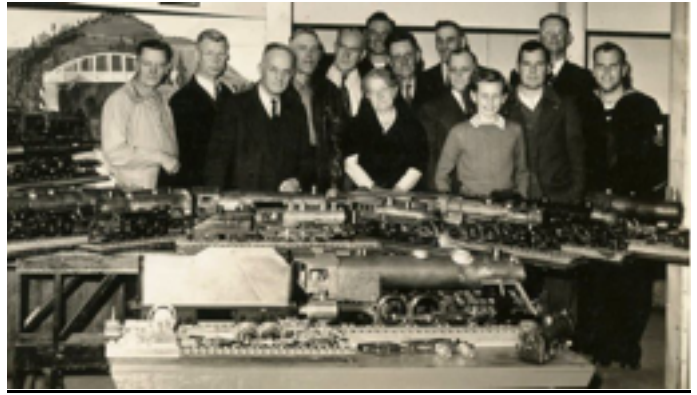
**1.01 Speed Limit** *All trains will be run at a safe speed and be under complete control at all times. Reduced speed shall be observed in congested areas and in areas with close clearances. RULE 3.05 delineates specified speed limitations.-*

**1.02 Visitors** *Visitors, when permitted within the steaming bays shall be escorted by a GGLS member. Members or guests who need to get close to tracks for photography shall have an escort to keep a lookout for oncoming trains or equipment movement.-*

#### Section 3 - Operating Procedures

**3.05 Speed Limits** *Maximum speed at any time shall be FIVE (5) miles per hour. At this speed the time to travel 100 feet (the approximate distance between mile posts) is 13.7 seconds. The maximum speed for any train shall be further limited to its ability to stop within the forward visibility afforded. Speed shall be reduced when traversing rough track, where limit signs are posted, and in congested areas. Reduced speeds shall be observed when proceeding to and from the steaming bays. Repeated violations of the speed limit is cause for removal from the track.-*

### From Club Historian Ken Shattock:



This old photo is "REALLY" historic! Why, you ask?? See the guy at the far RIGHT in the sailor uniform? That's Milton Rasmussen. BUT, to his immediate right is Larry Duggan, the Founder of the CallBoy.

To his immediate right wearing glasses is Frank Dee, the original guy who negotiated to get us in the East Bay Regional Park District.

AND to Frank's immediate right, also wearing glasses, is Fred Braasch, the guy (in 1936) responsible for naming the new live steam club, the Golden Gate Live Steamers.

How cool is that?



From Armando Epifani, we have a lovely photo of John Lytle running Redwood Valley Railway's #11.

### From Our Membership

#### Diesel Video

For those of you not running on steam, this YouTube video will show how Montana Rail Link helps a BNSF freight over Mullan Pass.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Attrj65qRrBo>

#### Signal News

When engineers exit the tunnel and begin approaching the switch (TO-42) for the station/outer loop, their view of the lower turnout signal faceplate (S27A) was mostly obstructed by the local switch control stand.





On Thursday the 16th, the mast height for signal faceplates S27 and S27A was raised an additional six (6) inches. A quick visual check near the tunnel exit revealed the lower faceplate is no longer obstructed.

Live Steam & Outdoor Railroading magazine  
article featuring new GGLS block signals



In the March/April 2017 issue of *Live Steam & Outdoor Railroading*, our own Dan Swanson has written a subsequent article about the upgrade of the Golden Gate Live Steamers' individual block signals with new material and technology. This upgrade came about because of the lack of visibility at distance and the visual difference of the newer turnout signals.

The new faceplate's brighter and full circular light output came from an experiment during the development of the new turnout signal faceplates in 2013. The new block signal faceplate significantly consumes less power, has greater visibility at distance and is virtually unbreakable. Multiple prototypes were developed before a final version was selected and 40+ faceplates were made and installed in batches of 5 with each faceplate individually aligned for optimum visibility.

It's a very detailed article, with explanation of the choices he made, detailed construction steps with numerous drawings and photographs all written in a clear, concise manner.

If you ever wanted to make quality functioning block signals for your 1/8" scale railroad, take a look at this article. And if you are interested in the Golden Gate Live Steamers' turnout signal improvement project, please see the *Live Steam Outdoor Railroading* July/August 2014 issue.

### **GGLS Builders Group**



From Loren Byron: "In the June 2016 CallBoy Bits and Pieces I showed the patterns and track shoes for the Best 25 tractor I have been working on. Attached are pictures of the progress of the tractor project. It is running in full operation now with all new track shoes. I am sorry it is a little to heavy to bring to the GGLS track for display."

Also from Loren Byron, a 3:35 YouTube video of the Wazer desktop water jet and some of the potential uses. Price looks to be about \$7,500.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IWswX0Sj35w>

Another 3:00 minute YouTube video on how the Wazer desktop water jet works: URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P9d8l09Rqoc>