



2017 Board members: Rich Croll, Bob Cohen, Jerry Kimberlin, Rick Reaves, Mark Johnson, John Lisherness

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GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness (permanent member)
Rick Zobelein (permanent member)
Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)

GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building:	Rich Lundberg
Engine:	Mark Johnson
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Jeremy Coombes
Historian:	Ken Shattock
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Dan Swanson
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young & Rick Zobelein

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from Membership chairman Rick Zobelein or contact him at (rgz48@yahoo.com). At the second meeting, return your completed application, the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

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.-*

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary,

CallBoy

Articles, pictures, photographs, items for sale or any other information that would be of interest to the club should be sent to Pat Young, the interim CallBoy editor (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Deadline for submittal to next month's issue is the 19th!

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

04/09/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/
Member Appreciation Lunch./Swap Meet

05/07/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

06/03/17 GGLS Spring Meet

06/04/17 GGLS Spring Meet & Open House

06/11/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/
Member Appreciation Lunch

06/24-25/17 PV&A Joint Invitational with SVLS

07/09/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

08/13/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/
Member Appreciation Lunch./Swap Meet

09/10/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

09/23/17 Fall Meet

09/24/17 Fall Meet & Open House

10/08/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

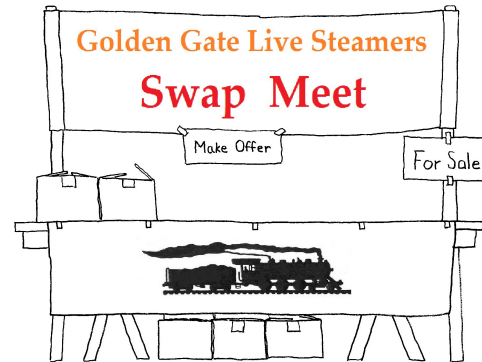
11/12/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

12/10/17 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/
Board Meeting

Club Meeting Minutes

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

General Announcements:



Swap Meet/Appreciation Lunch/Club Meeting

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 for the soda).

So bring your items for swapping, your money for buying, your appetite for eating and yourself for a day of camaraderie.

Item Found

A lost personal item was found outside the clubhouse at the monthly club meeting last Sunday (February 12, 2017) and has not being picked up yet.

This small item is not hobby-related, so if you have lost something (maybe not this particular item), please call Walt Oellerich at 510-461-7195.

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/

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 to adding curbs at end of roundhouse & remodeling its roof with extended overhang along with the rebuilding of the Clerici 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 some 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 Public Train running.

Johnson Pacific: Jerry Kimberlin is making a new firebox door for the engine and burner testing will continue.

Heintz Atlantic: No reports of any new or additional

work on the engine at this period.

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 like 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 members was read to the membership. Written ballots were distributed and the vote was unanimous to make 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 on hold his injector. Bruce Anderson asked about using injectors from England and several members said they were successful in used them.

Bob also mentioned that 3 people are looking at buying Superscale. He also said Coles Power Models is for sale for \$100K with an inventory supposedly worth \$300K.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:38

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 certified copy of minutes of board meeting for bank. Secretary to get this to the treasurer.

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

Bylaws: Next meeting of the Bylaws Committee will be next Sunday at 10:am 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 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 requesting budgets from various committees so the club can determine 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 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 propane cage. Motion is passed. Richard Croll will contact Kamps Propane.

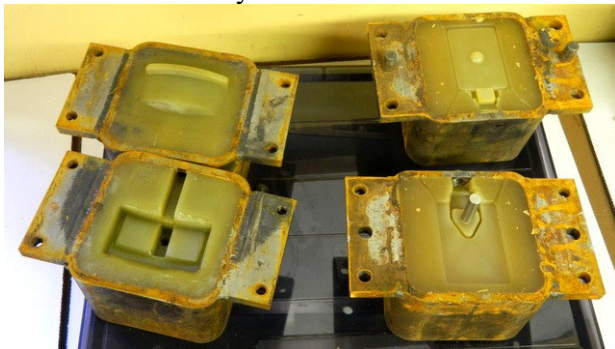
Safety Rules: Jerry Kimberlin is reviewing Safety rules. Questioned whether to leave whistle signals in the rules. Decision is to leave it in the rules, but it will not enforced.

After discussion, it was decided not to print new rule books. Copies of 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.

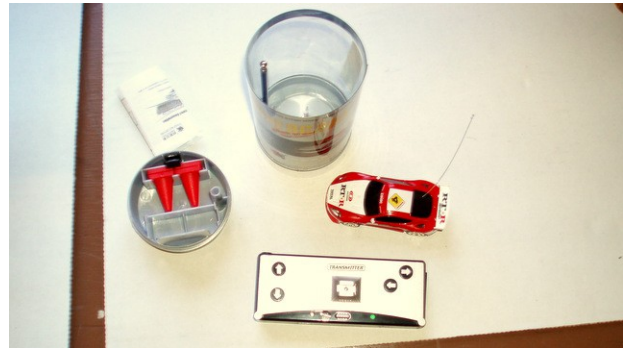
Bits and Pieces by Sheldon Yee



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



A box of various fabricated locomotive parts.



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 for only \$5.00 with free shipping!



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



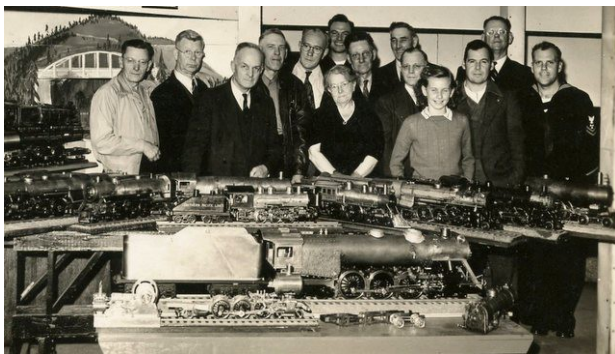
Charlie Reiter – Adjustable lathe cross-slide nut designed to be adjustable to take up the thread backlash..



Bob Morris – 3/4" 0-4-0 LBSC designed "TICH".



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



From Our Membership

From club historian Ken Shattock:

This old photo is "REALLY" historic! Why, you may 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.

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 too 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 but could go down as production scales up. If it does go down, it could compete with commercial water jet companies.

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

Another 3:00 minute YouTube video on how the Wazer desktop water jet works which can be found at the following URL:

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