

The Call Boy

Club Engine Maintenance



Even though the club has two relatively new steam engines, at least one of them is put to work every weekend to give the public rides generally, from noon to three o'clock. Needless to say, steam engines require a lot of attention to keep them in proper running order. It appears here that Jerry Kimberlin is finishing up some work on the steam chest while Rick Reaves looks on. One of the most difficult items to access is the Stevenson valve gear which is located under the boiler between the side frames. As that assembly of moving parts is always well greased, one can become well lubricated while checking for any loose bolts and nuts.

Event Calendar

April

04/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
04/08/18 GGLS Board Meeting

May

05/06/18 GGLS Member Meeting
05/06/18 GGLS Board Meeting
05/19-20/18 SVLS Spring Meet

June

06/02/18 GGLS Spring Meet
06/03/18 GGLS Open House
06/10/18 GGLS Member Meeting
06/10/18 GGLS Board Meeting
06/23-24/18 PV&ARR Joint Meet
GGLS & SVLS @ PV&ARR

July

07/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
07/08/18 GGLS Board Meeting

August

08/12/18 GGLS Member Meeting
08/12/18 GGLS Board Meeting

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



Announcements

There are no specific announcements this month.
Please see the notes elsewhere in this newsletter
under specific topics.

Hovering Drones Irk Rail Workers

Union Pacific riled employees recently when it started flying drones over some of its railroad yards to ensue workers were following safety guidelines. The aerial spotters were looking for any number of behaviors that deviate from the railroad's rule book, from passing between rail cars that are less than 100 feet apart to climbing off moving equipment (Paul Thomson take note). Rail workers complain that the drones are a distraction from safely doing their job and a means of discipline, escalating penalties and possible termination. The railroad claims they only trying to address unsafe procedures and protect employees.

This article is, in no way, a means to give the GGLS Safety Committee any ideas about purchasing drones.....

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

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www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Rich Lundberg. 26+ members were present.



One new member, Paul Krommenhoek, introduced himself. He is working on an engine.

Steaming/Railroading Activities

Bruce Anderson hosted around 25 members of an MIT alumni group at the track. It was the first time they combined a nature walk with a technical feature.

Officers Reports

President: Nothing to report.

Vice President: Absent.

Secretary: The club received an invitation to the members from Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers in Medina, Ohio for their 2018 Meets on July 13, 14 & 15, and September 7, 8, & 9. Details are at www.neols.net. This is the club's 49th year. We also had a request from a group from Los Angeles Live Steamers to visit our track on Sunday, April 1st. The membership was polled and we will have members present that day to host them.

Treasurer:

Treasurer John Lisherness reported on the club's finances. For details, contact John directly.

Committee Reports



Buildings: Rick Reaves reported that the locomotive bell and its support post have been installed. Anthony Rhodes said he reported its installation to Mike Rehms who arranged the donation.



High Track: The new bridge has been delivered. Watch the Callboy for information about when it will be installed, as this will necessitate removal of the High Track and access to the roundhouse out of commission for some period of time.

Locomotives:

RGS #22: Engine remains out of service for repair.

RGS #20: Discovered some missing brake rigging on the locomotive last Sunday. Part of it was found in the lost-and-found box the previous week, without realizing where it came from. The engine is now repaired. Last Sunday Rich Croll repaired a propane leak on the back of the tender.

Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report and the engine is still operational.

Mike Gershowitz reports that he will put a plan together a training plan and email that to the Board of Directors in time for the April meeting. Mike plans to conduct training sessions during this summer (July and August). Members, or potential members, interested in attending. Please feel free to contact Mike (mgershowitz@sbcglobal.net).

Past graduates of the classes Mike has given include:

Vladimir Kovalevsky
Brian Parry
Al Rendon
Andy Rogers
Max Rogers
Vince Spadaro

Heinz Atlantic: Mike got the valve gear and will begin refurbishing it (not started yet).

Vladimir was working on the boiler mounting and re-installing the jacket. There will be a need to drill & tap another hole in the boiler (on the front right side) for the axle pump.

Vladimir discussed how to establish the best plumbing strategy. Does anybody have a magnetic drill? Vladimir also created a shared work sheet to track the work on the engine.

You can click on that link to check progress.

Repair Schedule:

Refurbish the Vale gear. Mike.

Plumbing strategy and gathering & cleaning of appliances and related plumbing components. Vladimir with input from John.

This repair group could use some help with the cab, jacket paint job and railings. Please feel free to contact Mike or Vlad to help out.

Johnson Pacific: The engine is operational.

Gas Engines: Both engines are operational.

Rolling Stock: Nothing to report.



Public Train: Walter Oellerich reported that the train is running every Sunday. People are coming back in some cases more than once a month to ride. He thanked Richard Croll, Rick Reaves and Jerry Kimberlin for keeping the locomotive running. He announced we will be running Easter Sunday, if we have enough crew members.

Web Site/Callboy Newsletter: Pat Young thanked Rick Zobelein for all his help since Rick produces the electronic version of the Callboy. Pat has paid us up for the next 3 years of web access. Rich Lundberg reminded members to notify Rick Zobelein if there are any changes to membership roster info and urged members to review their roster to make sure it is correct. Pat mentioned that he had some old Model Railroader magazines from the 40s and 50s for anyone interested.

Builders Group: Nothing to report.

Meet/Open House: Bob Morris announced that Jeff's Pitstop Barbecue will be available to supply food for both the Spring and Fall meets.

Restrooms: Bob Cohen reported that he had obtained signs and installed them in both restrooms.

Old Business

Security: Bob Cohen reported that everything is working, and no additions are planned. He said that two of the cameras will be repositioned by John Lytle for better coverage.

Bob also mentioned that there are now 3 people monitoring the cameras and recorder, so any outages should be found promptly.

New Business

President Rich Lundberg announced that the Board of Directors had reconfirmed the hours members may be at the track. The hours are 7 AM to 7 PM, except during the Meets. He also pointed out that this is the time that the back-door lock is set to work. He emphasized that we do not operate at night, and no night lighting should be done (for example Christmas lights). He noted that the Park District personnel know that people stay overnight during the Meets.



Michael Smith mentioned that Redwood Valley Railroad had complained about people coming straight down the bank between their station and our track. Members are reminded to use the paved walkway between our station and theirs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by President Rich Lundberg at 11:23 AM. All board members, except the Vice President, were in attendance. The minutes of the February board meeting were distributed and accepted.

Old Business

Security: Bob Cohen and Jon Sargent reported that John Lytle will be repositioning the cameras at the roundhouse.

Dues Collection: The Secretary will contact members who have not yet paid their 2018 dues.

Roof: Richard Croll reported he had two roofers look at the roof. One bid has been received and it was presented to the board. Another roofer will come up to look next week. He will get additional bids.

Roundhouse rules: No report.

By-laws: Discussion was held concerning reporting requirements by the State.

Richard stated that the committee is very nearly done re-writing the Bylaws and hopes to have them ready to present to the Board in June or July.

Paving: Rich Lundberg reported that the Park District may do our paving when they do Redwood Valley in a couple of years. In the meantime, the parking lot will be re-stripped by the club.

Continuity of Secretary and Treasurer:

The President pointed out the importance of these two offices and the necessity to be able to access documents from both officers in the event either are unable to perform the duties of office. The suggestion was made to electronically archive documents. The idea

would be for our web person, Pat Young, to create an electronic archive for those offices, and any other office or committee, that has information that should be preserved.

A motion was made by Rich Lundberg, seconded by Mark Johnson, to create an electronic archive, and for the Secretary and Treasurer to provide information to the archive as they see fit. Pat Young added that the files should be given meaningful names, so they can be identified easily. The motion passed.

John Lisherness pointed out that reports must be sent to the State every two years, and no notice is sent. The Secretary is to create a calendar showing any such reports that the club needs to file.

New Business:

Agreement for member-built buildings:

The President will direct Michael Smith to send his proposed document directly to the members of the Board, so they can look it over and make suggestions directly back to Michael.

Emergency contact list: The list will be updated and posted by the phone.

Fund: In conjunction with re-writing the Bylaws, Richard Croll brought up the topic of what we should call the “Fund”, that would better describe it. He also mentioned that he did not think “trustee” was the correct term for the managers of the fund. Mark Johnson made a motion, seconded by Rich Lundberg, that the Fund be renamed the Reserve Fund and that the regular checking account be called the operating checking account. Motion passed.

Richard Croll asked if the rules of the Fund should be changed. Some discussion was held. It was suggested that the Bylaws

committee investigate this. Further discussion was tabled.

Hours: Jon Sargent asked how members were advised of changes in the access hours. It was pointed out by the President that the hours were not changed, only restated. The hours will be stated in the Callboy. Jon also mentioned that the debris on the hill above the clubhouse had been picked up and asked if the club wanted the Christmas lights removed. The answer was yes.

Park Police: Jon Sargent reported that he had contacted the Police Chief of the Park District. Jon mentioned that the same person is also the Chief Public Safety officer. Jon is planning to meet with him soon.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:18 PM.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Walt Oellerich – PSC Reefer Car.



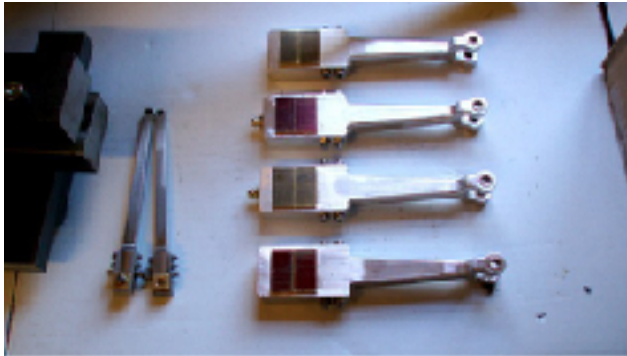
Charlie Reiter – Small Engine, similar to the “Tich”, except for the valving.



Stack Ejector for same small engine.



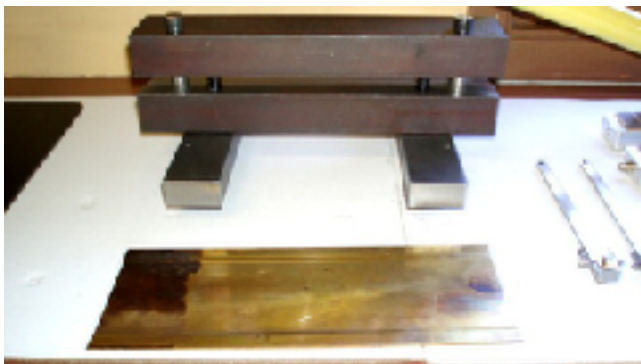
Michael Smith – Locomotive “Lilly Belle” designed Sweatshirt, purchased at the Disney Museum and a small figurine of the Crucifixion (Relevance??!).



Large Main Rods for two Heisler Locomotives. Smaller Rods for smaller locos.



Christopher Smith – Bearings and Wheels for Mel McDonough’s engine.



Rich Croll – Bending Jig for bending brass sheet ends (for his Shay, in progress).



Photo of partial completion of the engine.



Rerailer for large locomotives...an improved design.

Rich Lundberg – Article in Live Steam Magazine, Mar/Apr 2018 issue, Lombard Hauler and a miniature-size model constructed. No Photos in this report.

From the Membership

A Disaster for GGLS Member Brian Parry



“Brian Parry's home in Walnut Creek burned down on February 20, 2018, around 3:30 in the morning. His daughter (Lily - 11 years old), girlfriend (Amy), parents (Dale and Nancy - the father has mobility issues due to several recent strokes so the parents are now living with him) and Brian were asleep when the fire started. Brian got Lily, Amy and Nancy out of house quickly, then ran back inside to pull Dale out of the house. They all made it out safely but unfortunately their cats did not escape in time. Almost all of their possessions were lost and the house is essentially destroyed down to the floor framing. Brian is planning to rebuild the house by the end of the year.

*Brian is starting a **GoFundMe** campaign titled "Rebuild Brian Parry's Home" for financial support with the rebuild. Contact Brian if you are able to help out in other ways such as restoring items that are salvageable (some wet model trains and dozens of rare train books that are burnt/wet but are still readable), donating tools (most of his tools were destroyed), and labor / materials for rebuilding the house. Contact Brian Parry at bparrywc@yahoo.com or 925-360-3099.”*

From Bruce Anderson:

“Hi Steam, Machining, and Gear Head Friends,

Here are two more of my videos you might enjoy.



The first is Big Traction Engines & Little Traction Engines. It contains four traction engines starting with a full size 1905 BEST, a 5" scale 1889 RUSSELL, a 3" scale 1920's CASE, and a 1" scale MASON. The MASON is running on compressed air while the others are operating on live steam.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/ONCTKKYkw0s>



The second video is Jerry's Shay #12 — First Run.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/B9S6PvK0sgU>

Hope you're all doing well!"

More photos from Bruce:



First run of Jim Martorella's new 2.5 inch scale, two truck Shay.



Ronald Buckwaiter's 0-4-0. He started in 1998 and completed it in 2016.

From a Fellow Live Steamer

Hi Guys,



Bruce Raykiewicz here, from Ft. Myers, Fl. I had the pleasure of running my ole 7597 at your track facility back in June of 2015. Rich Croll gave me one of your club's shirt emblems. I am sending a pic of me and

another east coast live steamer from Canton, Ga. Bill Bryan.

Between the two of us, we have 'coast to coast' shirts on. I have a shirt with your GGLS emblem on it, and Bill has a FLS shirt on. Pic is from two week ends ago at the Ridge Live Steamers track.



During one of the annual Fl. Winter Meets. (second pic is from July 2015. me pulling out of your yard area.

I still thank you guys so much for allowing me to run at your track. Mike, my friend from Pacifica, and myself had a great time visiting with you all. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce Raykiewicz

For Sale

January 2, 2018

A partially built Little Engines, 7.5" gauge, 2-6-0 for \$3,900 which is semi-negotiable. The buyer can pick it up at the ranch or arrangements can be made for delivery.

If interested or for more information, contact:

Dave Luther
(209) 533-4444
(209) 743-0442

DATE OF LIST: 03/01/18

**WAITING LIST FOR GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	Benjamin Lerman (Sam Lerman)	12/16/12	Roundhouse
2	Pat Young	06/16/15	Roundhouse
3	Don Ratto	01/31/16	Roundhouse
4	Lisa Kimberlin	02/21/16	Roundhouse
5	Bruce Anderson	03/16/16	Roundhouse
6	Edson Lee	03/16/16	Roundhouse
7	John Lytle	05/04/16	RH/Storage
8	Derek Schipper	11/13/16	RH/Storage
9	Armando Epifani	01/08/17	Roundhouse
10	Issac Gonzalez	06/30/17	Roundhouse

**WAITING LIST FOR SECOND GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	John Lisherness	03/10/13	Roundhouse
2	Matthew Thomas	11/24/13	Roundhouse
3	Mark Johnson	07/08/15	Roundhouse
4	Bob Cohen	03/16/16	Roundhouse
5	Michael B. Smith	08/12/16	Roundhouse
6	John Lytle	05/01/17	Roundhouse

Regular members of GGLS requesting to place their name on the Waiting List for a roundhouse stall and/or storage location shall contact Michael B. Smith, GGLS Roundhouse Chairman by email at smithrailroad124@gmail.com. I will confirm your request by return email. Your name will be placed on the next issuance of the Waiting List which is updated bimonthly.

The current list shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and inserted bimonthly in the CallBoy. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (850) 615-0475 or at the email noted above.

Last list dated 01/01/18

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