



Saturday, February 29, 2020 Tree Pruning Work Day (photo by Matt Petach)

The CallBoy

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Engine:	Mark Johnson
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Sammy Tamez
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	(To Be Determined)
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from Membership chairman or Secretary. 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.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email railroc66@yahoo.com

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 at phty95014@yahoo.com

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

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

(Until further notice, the 2020 Calendar is no longer valid)

05/03/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
06/06/20 GGLS Spring Meet
06/07/20 GGLS Spring Meet & Open House
06/14/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
07/12/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
08/09/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/13/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
10/03/20 GGLS Fall Meet
10/04/20 GGLS Fall Meet and Open House
10/11/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
11/08/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/13/20 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/
Board Meeting

Announcements



General Meeting Announcement

03/17/2020

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak and mandates from Federal, State & County, the Golden Gate Live Steamer facility is closed until further notice for club meetings, gathering by members and Public Train operations.

Dates of future events such as the Spring Meet has not been made by the Board but hopefully will be made as the progress of the pandemic is more clearly understood.

The shelter-in-place requirement has also shut down the preparation & delivery of the printed CallBoy. The online version will still be delivered and it is encouraged that those who are reliant on the printed version obtained a printed version of the online Callboy from other members.

We are sadden by this state of affairs but hope to resume when the mandates put in place by the authorities are lifted. We hope you will bare with us during this stressful time and may all of you be safe.

Editorial Comment

COVID-19 PREDICTION

This newsletter might not be appropriate to pass this information on but with the lack of scientific information by knowledgeable individuals and confused advice from federal authorities I thought it important to due so.

I was sent this link to an article from PV&A member Mike Ward about an interview with Marin resident epidemiologist Larry Brilliant who helped eradicate smallpox. His insight is a wonderful read for the layperson which I found insightful with really useful information

It talks about the key to end of the COVID-19 pandemic and provide information that really helped me with my uneasiness with the current situation.

The article can be found at the following link:

<https://arstechnica.com/science/2020/03/the-doctor-who-helped-defeat-smallpox-explains-whats-coming/>

SHELTER-IN-PLACE COMMUNITY EFFECTS

I have personally seen the fear gripping the community, state and the Nation, as we all have, and felt the helplessness around us.

As I ride my bicycle around the empty mom & pop deli's, small eateries and favorite restaurants, I am saddened by the grim & fearful looks of the workers & owners who might lose their business that they have worked so hard to keep going. The constant TV news articles of similar suffering occurring across the country didn't help my outlook.

So I am resolved to take the first small step to help them out by increasing the number of times I purchase take out meals. It know it seems trivial but if it can help my favorite eatery survive, I am all for it. It's my release for a tiny moment from all the chaos.

If you can share other creative tips or anything else that might help the community, please let us know so we can pass it on.

We can all pull together and get through this but it looks like it will take some time!

*Pat Young
GGLS interim editor*

Minutes of General Meeting

The March 8, 2020 meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Rick Reaves. Present were 22+ members.

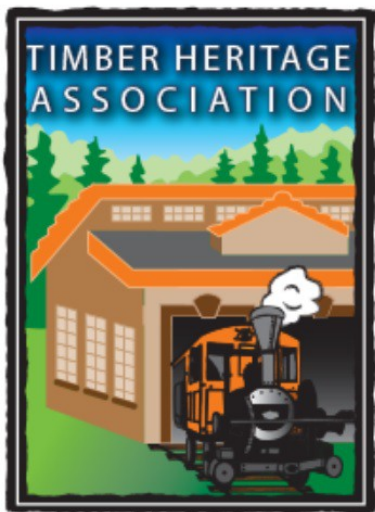
Guests/New Members:

None.

Steaming/railroading activities:



James Bradas helped load a locomotive at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento that had been donated by them to the Timber Heritage Association in Humboldt County. He also got a tour of the museum's back shop. James also mentioned that the Association plans to rehabilitate part of the Northwestern Pacific Railroad in the area.



Ken Blonski mentioned that a fundraiser for the Timber Heritage Association was being held in Eureka on April 4th (*Ed: Check with them for cancellation before attending*). Bruce Anderson mentioned that the Climax locomotive he acquired was based on a locomotive from that area.

Officers Reports:

President: Rick Reaves reported on the meeting held with the East Bay Regional Park District and said that the club facility lease renewal process has started.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Richard Croll reported that we have completed the application for the Special Event permit for our Meets this year, and it has been approved by the Park District.

Treasurer: Absent.

Safety: Nothing to report but see the **Signals** report.

Committee Reports

Security: Jon Sargent & Matt Petach are working on the computer problem. Jon was able to go down to the Park Corporation yard and see where the phone line comes in.



Buildings: Rick Reaves reported that he has started repairing the roof on the coal tipple.

Grounds: Andy Weber thanked all the helpers that got the pruning done.



He also thanked Jo Ann Miller for her landscaping work, ...



and John and Bill Smith for cooking for the work day.

Bruce Anderson has been surveying out on the Heinz loop area at the direction of Rich Lundberg,

Roundhouse: No report.



Signals: Jon Sargent reported on an incident at a converging switch by the shop where both signals were green, and two locomotives sideswiped each other. Members are urged to use caution when approaching cross-overs.

Ground Track: No report.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson sent in the following report:

RGS #22: The new boiler ring was machined by Rich Croll, Jerry Kimberlin bead blasted & painted it, and it has been installed. Jerry & Rick Reaves were successful with the steam pipe replacement in the smoke box. They fired the engine up and I took it around for a test on the Public Train last Sunday. It appears the timing still needs a little work. There is also a leaky delivery tube on the right hand injector which will be re-soldered.

RGS #20: The left hand injector was not working. Rich Croll took it off, inspected it and found nothing wrong. Then he took the boiler check apart, and determined that it could not be repaired.. A new check valve was ordered from Locoparts and installed on the engine. While Rich had it up on the shop track, he found the axle pump was not working because the eccentrics is slipping free on the axle. Another project.

Hunter Atlantic: Jon Sargent and Paul Hirsch have taken over the stewardship of this engine. They report that the engine steam brakes were not working due to a steam leak which needs to be repaired. Also the injector is not working and possible needs cleaning. This engine is due for boiler testing.

Heintz Atlantic: Nothing new to report.

Gas Engines: The Gas Engines 1971 & 1936 remain operational. Nothing to report.

New Electric/Diesel #4760: John Davis is out of town and will resolve the sounds card issue when he returns. He will determine which is more prudent, repair or replacement.

Locomotive Class: Nothing to report.

Rolling Stock: Nothing to report.

Public Train: Walter Oellerich mentioned that we have had some weather issues. He also stated that we might have some new engineers from the recent locomotive class.

Web/Callboy: Pat Young reported that the Callboy is getting quite large and that some members have encountered problem downloading it. Those having difficulty can request that he send the newsletter in two parts. Pat also mentioned that he has been purchasing back issues of Live Steam Magazine to complete our library's collection.

Membership: Sam Tamez reported he has made name badges for our new members.

Old Business:

Ombudsman: A vote was taken to confirm Matthew Petach as Ombudsman. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Operations Meet: Richard Croll again asked members to suggest names for industries, and to make freight cars available during the Meet. The date is to try to do the Operations Meet sometime in July.

New Business:

Land Slippage: Bruce Anderson mentioned that he has been doing surveying at the request of Rich Lundberg, to see if the fill on Heinz loop is stable. Bruce also mentioned that during heavy rains, water collects inside the loop against the base of the fill. The storm drain is cut-off from the bottom allowing water to pool. Bruce recognizes that he does not know whether this presents a problem or not.

Spring Meet: Bob Morris mentioned that Bay Area Engine Modelers wanted to hold their meetings on Meet days. Bob has told them it should not be a problem, but did advise them about limited parking due to locomotive delivery. He also said that Sandy wanted to know if any members would be needing tables for display during the days of the Meet.

Earl Craighill: He informed the club that he will be heading back to Mendocino for the summer, and invited any members that are up that way to visit his track. He is 2½ miles east of Mendocino and has 2000' of 7½" gauge track laid.

Meeting adjourned at 10:32 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The March 8, 2020 meeting was called to order at 11:41 AM by President Rick Reaves. Also in attendance were Jon Sargent, Richard Croll and Jerry Kimberlin.

Old Business

Motion was made by Jerry Kimberlin, seconded by Jon Sargent to accept the February minutes. Motion passed.

Safety Rules: After discussion, it was decided to print up to 150 copies. Emergency contact information will be somewhere on the cover.

Policies and Procedures Manual: Roundhouse chairman will be asked to incorporate the amendments into the Roundhouse Rules.

Telephone: Jon Sargent reported that AT&T has refunded \$208 to the club and lowered the bill.

New Business



Shop Crossover Signal: Jon Sargent showed video of the accident that occurred. Discussion was held about the signal system's part in the accident. Jerry Kimberlin will add to the Safety Rules something about cross over safety.

Tie Material: Richard Croll made a motion, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, to purchase a pallet of plastic tie material for up to \$3000. Motion passed. Richard will place the order.

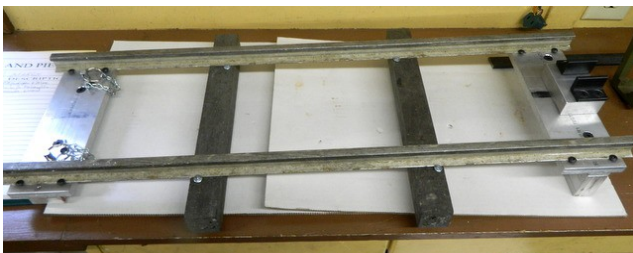
Meeting adjourned at 12:12 PM.

Bits and Pieces

By Sheldon Yee



From Walt Oellerich – A wine press,



a homemade bridge for facilitating transfer of locomotive from car to hoist/transfer table ...



and frame for the CP Huntington loco.



From Charlie Reiter – Stainless Steel Boiler for his McLaughlin steam tractor under construction; is referred to as a “submerged head boiler”.



From Matthew Petach – A Land Rover air compressor with unidentified internal thread.



From James Bradas – A riding Car with box car sides; under construction.



From Bob Morris – Fuel Pump Woes; a tale of “sticker shock” in having to replace a fuel pump for his truck (quoted \$1200)!

Consolidating Wood Activities

By Bruce Anderson



Let's agree that the club has a more than an ample supply of fire wood. Mel has been in nirvana with the plethora of timber to cut. Then wood in the form of home construction debris was dropped off. Finally Membership Chairman Sammy Tamez made a new wood shed to protect Mel's efforts from the elements. All of this was creeping down the high track and taking up parking spaces. It just made sense that the wood shed should really be where the existing wood pile was. But this brought up two challenges: moving the heavy shed which would require moving the existing heavy wood pile. During a Thursday workday I visited the Tilden Park Corporation Yard figuring they must have a fork lift. Upon finding it, I confirmed that it would fit under our bridge and that GGLS might be able to arrange a bit of time with it. I then approached our President, Secretary and Safety Officer with the idea. They approved.

Next it was time to clear the existing wood pile to make room for the shed. Okay, some exercise. Friday morning I returned to the Corporation Yard's office stating, "Beware of locomotive engineers bearing donuts." I spoke with three gentlemen and they all nodded; the remaining donuts were delivered to their staff. It took the supervisor and his fork lift operator ten minutes to evaluate the situation and then operator about ten minutes for the actual move. A dozen donuts and our thanks were accepted in payment. Eventually the wood pile will make it into the shed or the stove. Step by step.

Locomotive Training Class Photos

From Andy Rogers, some more photos from the February 22, 2020 locomotive training class.



From left-to-right, Ken Blonski, Jon Sargent, Paul Hirsh, Bernie New and Earl Craighill are some of the attendees, clustered around the club Atlantic used for training.



Teacher and students ready to do some serious running around the club track. From left-to-right teacher Andy Rogers, followed by students Matthew Petach, Jon Sargent, Paul Hirsh, Rich Lundberg, Earl Craighill and Bernie New (seated).