



*One of the unsung workers is Susan Debeling who seems to have an artist's hands when maintaining & refurbishing the scale buildings dotting the sides of the track's right-of-way.*

# The CallBoy

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## Rules of the Month

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By  
Dan Swanson

#### 2011 Safety & Operating Rules

#### Section 2 - Equipment

**2.02.1 Daylight Operations** *All locomotives shall be equipped with a whistle, horn, or other sounding device producing audible signals. All locomotives shall carry a red flag and whistle to warn traffic of emergencies and for passing on visual and audible signals. -*

**2.02.2 Nighttime Operations** *All trains operating after sunset shall be equipped in the following manner:*

1. Working headlight
2. Lighted cab
3. Marker light, or lantern on the rear of the last car
4. Brakeman shall have a lighted lantern for giving hand signals -

#### Section 3 - Operating Procedures

**3.04 Direction of Movement** *All traffic is fixed in one direction, starting at the turntable in a counterclockwise direction. -*

#### Section 5 - Signaling Procedures

**5.01 General Hand Signals** *Signals may be given with the hand, flag or lantern as follows:*

1. STOP - Swung at arm's length down the from the shoulder and across the track
2. PROCEED - Raised and lowered vertically and parallel to the track
3. BACK - Swung vertically in circles across the track
4. REDUCE SPEED - Arms held horizontally to the chest with a slight motion of the hands -

## Officers

President:	Mark Johnson	510-889-9451
Vice President:	Rick Reaves	510-479-3386
Secretary:	Christopher Smith	650-615-0475
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-528-3013
Safety:	Jerry Kimberlin	510-232-6721
Ombudsman:	Bob Cohen	510-655-6907

## 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
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein
Public Train:	Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Rick Reaves
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	Bill Smith
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](mailto:rgz48@yahoo.com)). At the second meeting, return your completed application and the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you are in.

### **Club Correspondence**

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Christopher Smith, 124 San Felipe Ave , South San Francisco, CA 94080 ([schristopher700@yahoo.com](mailto:schristopher700@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 ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)).

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

### **Calendar of Club Sponsored Events**

08/5-7/16 80<sup>th</sup> GGLS Anniversary Celebration

08/14/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

09/11/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

10/09/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

10/14-16/16 SVLS Fall Meet

10/15/16 Preparation/workday for GGLS Fall Meet

10/22-23/16 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House

11/13/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

11/13/16 Member Appreciation Lunch

12/03-04/16 SVLS Santa Run

12/10-11/16 SVLS Santa Run

12/11/16 Year End General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting & Elections

### **Club Meeting Minutes**

President Mark Johnson called the General Meeting to order at 10:00 am.

### **General Announcements:**

None.

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



Returning member, Al Rendon, stood up to say "Hi" to everyone. Welcome back, Al!

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



Brian Parry was able to visit the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad and the Colorado Railroad Museum while he was out there picking up a new WP gondola for his collection.

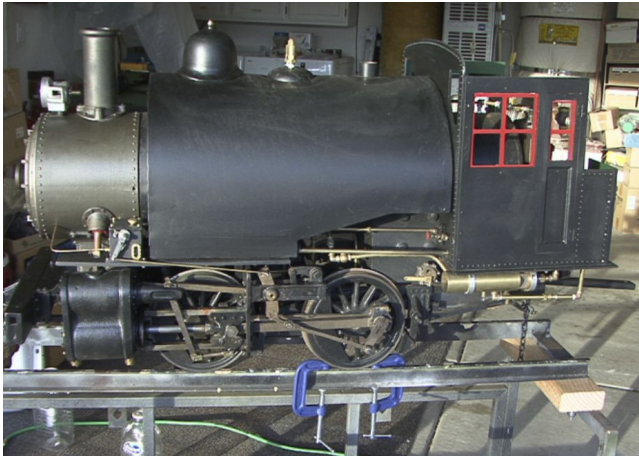


Rich, Walt and Rick went up to Train Mountain for the Operations meet. They won the award of Most Switched Cars at the meet.

Chris Smith went to Train Mountain for a private SVLS run, where he also visited the Collier Logging Museum in Chiloquin, Oregon.

The 4th of July Masonic Run at the club track was a huge success and plan to return next year.





Bruce and Harley, his husky 0-4-0, went on a field trip into the Sierras where he ran into a past member, Chris Garcia.

### **Officers' Report:**

**President Mark Johnson:** Hello, I would like to welcome everyone to the July meeting and thank you for your time & attendance.

We had a very successful Meet and Open House last month. This was the first GGLS collaboration with the Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM). The event was well attended both days, by live steamers, modelers and the Public. There was a great turn out of steam, electric and gas engines. Everyone I had an opportunity to speak with expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the great engines and models that were running on the tracks and on display.

BAEM has invited the GGLS to participate with them at the "Good Guys" show at the Alameda County Fairgrounds in Pleasanton, California on 8/26, 8/27 and 8/28. If you are interested please contact Steve Hazelton of BAEM.

Next month we are having GGLS's 80th Anniversary Celebration. Please see Sandy Morris about helping out or about making your dinner arrangements.

The GGLS Board continues to work with our insurance broker to secure appropriate coverage when our current policy concludes.



Thanks to John Lytle and his crew for going to Vallejo, California and getting the locomotive bell donated to GGLS by Mike Rehms from the BAEM. The locomotive bell is on the property and installation location for the bell will be discussed at the Board meeting.

Finally, when you are operating your equipment please remember to always follow safe operation practices. During the Meet one engine ran off a stand in the steaming bay and another engine was almost run into the turntable pit at the Roundhouse while steaming up.

**Vice President:** Rick Reaves gave a quick report on the topic of obtaining an Automated External Defibrillators (AED). The matter will go up for a vote to the general membership at the next monthly meeting in August.

**Treasurer:** For a detailed report on the club's finances, please see John Lisherness.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Safety Chairman:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsmen:** Ombudsman Bob Cohen is unable to attend the meeting today.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Buildings:** Rich Lundberg reports that on the roundhouse, the work continues steadily.



For the tool shed, Rich would like to thank Chris for volunteering to prep & paint the tool shed. Rich reports that they found dry rot & termites in certain spots in the tool shed and the roof needs to be replaced.



He also mentions that the handicap parking spots in the parking lot needs to be repainted and will be awaiting on word from Michael Smith who is in contact with the East Bay Regional Park District.



**Grounds:** Bob, Jerry and Andy have replaced redwood planks along the fence line of Tilden Station.

**Safety Committee:** Nothing ongoing

**Signals:** Nothing to report.

**Ground Track:** A new switch is being added to go to the Diamond Back mine area.

**High Track:** John and Bob are working on the elevated High Track to eliminate low spots on the line.

**Public Train:** During the Public Open House, we had over 800 riders and Rich Croll would like to thank Chris Smith for lending his newly rebuilt Pacific as the second locomotive for the Open House.

**Locomotives:** Mark Johnson reports:

**RGS 22:** Richard Croll reports that he did some work on the main rods on the #22 so it no longer makes a clicking noise. Rich also fixed the broken check valves

that were discovered the weekend before the meet. Otherwise, everything is fine with the #22

**Hunter Atlantic:** This engine is operable using the axle pump to feed water but the injector is still is not working.

**Heinz Atlantic:** Work on this engine continues to be on hold.

**Johnson Pacific:** The newly designed propane burner is nearing completion and will soon be ready for testing. See the Bits and Pieces segment for a photo of the new burner.

**Diesels:** A new horn has been installed again on 1936. Rick Zobelein does not know why the previously installed horn failed. 1971 is running well.

**Rolling Stock:** The 4 new riding cars are now in regular service and so far there has been no problems.

**Librarian:** Pat commented that a recent donation of Live Steam Magazine have brought the club library's collection current to 2014 and is available to members to check out.

**Roundhouse:** New locks have been ordered to replace the existing locks on the Roundhouse and the Black Diamond Mine.

**80th Anniversary:** Chairperson Sandy Morris has requested that everyone sign up for the 80th Anniversary meet and she needs more volunteers & pop tents. The dinner has been moved to 5pm on Saturday.

### **Old Business:**

Steve Vitkovits would like to thank everyone for bringing out their model boats, steam engines, etc. It was certainly a highlight of the meet!

### **New Business:**

There is none to report.

General Meeting Adjourned at 11:00

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 12:15 pm.

### **Old Business:**

*GGLS Board ID information to John Lisherness for account management.*

Mark Johnson prepared a written Board Resolution for Wells Fargo Bank to change the names on the GGLS account and it was presented to the Bank. John



Lisherness to schedule appointment with Wells Fargo to make the account signature changes.

*Discussion and request for membership classes associated with the status of "Life Membership".* Matter assigned to Ombudsman Bob Cohen for research and to be reported at the next Board Meeting. Ombudsman Cohen is to also explore the requirements of revising the GGLS By-Laws. Bob Cohen was absent but he sent email reporting that he is still working on the assignment. Matter ongoing and to be report next month.

*Discussion on the status of the proposed Tilden Station Sound System Donation and the necessary electrical requirements.* Matter tabled to next meeting for further research & report. John Lisherness is to follow up on the donation and Bob Cohen to review the electrical requirements. Matter was tabled for further discussion. The matter was continued for further review by GGLS Board with additional information to be provided by Rich Lundberg, Pat Young & Rich Croll, along with other members. After discussion, a Motion was made with a Second, to decline the generous offer by the Meyer Family for a donated sound system, as it is no longer necessary to the Public Train operation,

*Report on the status of the Club Security System by System Administrator Bob Cohen.* Bob Cohen will contact the security system provider about our warranty and where it stands. Payment to the provider is pending Bob Cohen's contact & report. Bob Cohen was absent, so no report was given but the recommendation is that pending bill be paid. John Lisherness is directed to made necessary payments to the security system provider. Bob Cohen is to provide report on the security system warranties.

*Increasing Members' Participation.* Ongoing Discussion Item. Next event is the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the next "Pot Luck" date to be determined by Secretary Chris Smith and presented to the Board for consideration.

*Revision of the GGLS Safety Rules, Up Date Report from Jerry Kimberlin.* Ongoing Item. Jerry Kimberlin reports that work continues on this item and has provided Bob Cohen with a copy of the work documents. Jerry is to present new revisions at the next Board meeting.

*Round House Report.* Mark Johnson spoke with Dale Larsen and he will order the new outdoor marine rated combination locks.

### **New Business:**

Received request from Ken Shattock that he be named the GGLS Club Historian. GGLS Board voted to make Ken the Honorary GGLS Club Historian with the

understanding that this is not a Board office.

Sandy Morris presented her proposal to the Board to produce and provide GGLS Tee Shirts. Note the GGLS Board has granted the right to Sandy Morris to use the GGLS Logo only and the GGLS Board assumes no responsibility for the production or sales of said Tee Shirts. Sandy Morris presented that she will cover all of the upfront production costs and any additional cost associated with producing and selling these Tee Shirts. Sandy Morris will also be responsible for the collection and remittance to the State of California of any and all sales taxes or related fees associated with the sale of these Tee Shirts. Sandy Morris will also remit to the GGLS the amount of ten percent (10%) from the sale of each Tee Shirt. Sandy Morris 80th Anniversary Chairperson, to provide Treasurer John Lisherness, no later than July 25, 2016, the final 80th dinner count so that payment can be made to the caterer.

Chris Smith is to develop and present the plan to the Board to acquire some portable 7.5" gauge track for use as part of a traveling GGLS engine/train display at outside events.

### **Other Business:**

*Board Review of Insurance Paper Work (group project).* This paperwork needs to be completed and returned to the club's insurance broker so that GGLS can obtain new fire & other insurance.

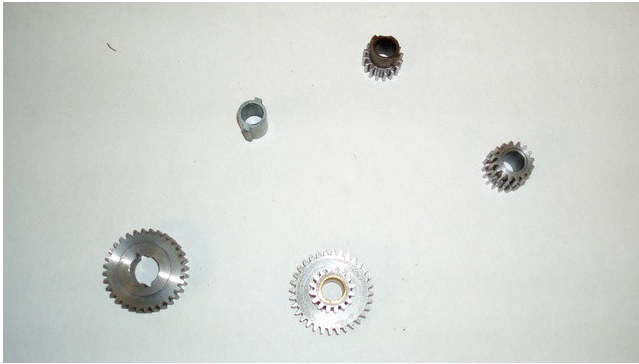
The meeting was adjourned 1:32 pm.

### **Bits and Pieces**

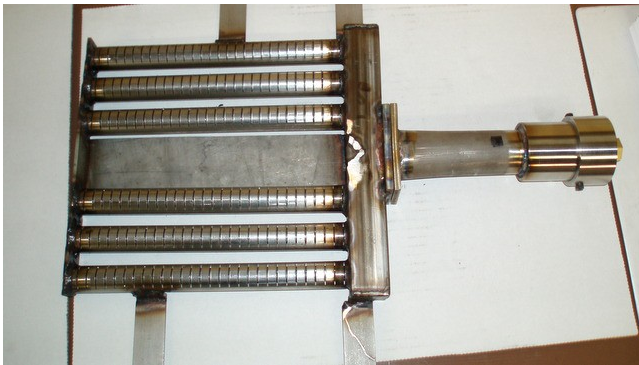
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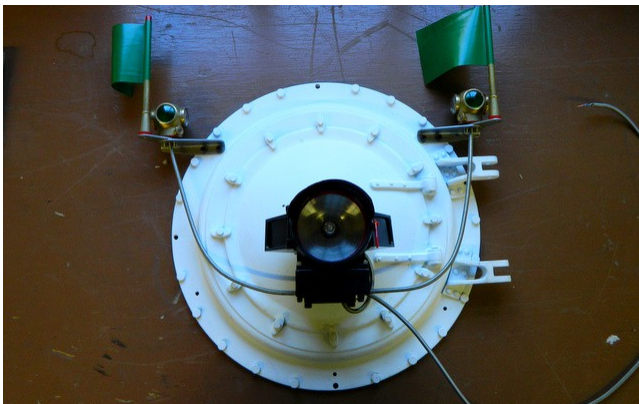
Bob Morris – Small Fitting castings from Mercer Locomotive Works.



Anthony Rhodes – Unusual Change Gears (Steel) for a small metal lathe.



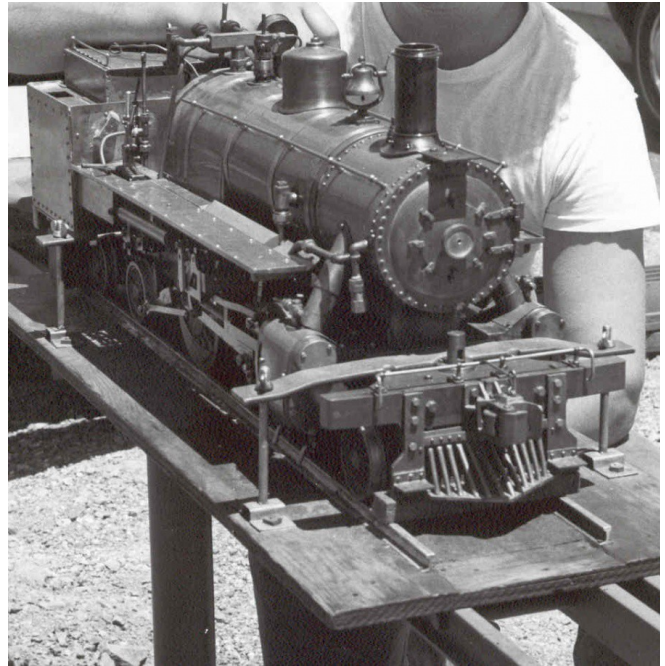
John Lisherness – Propane Burner for the GGLS Club Pacific , all Stainless Construction.



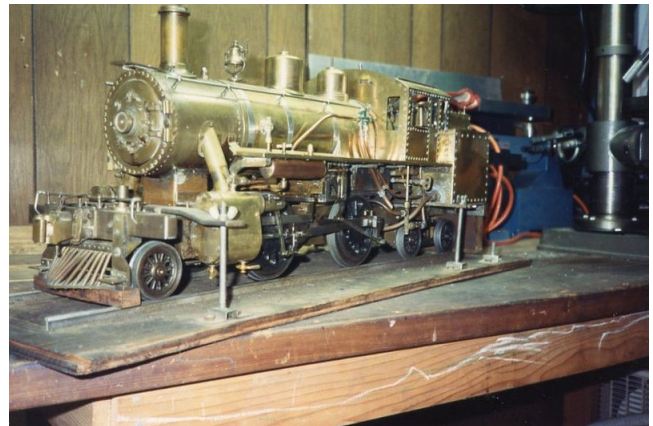
Chris Smith – Smoke Box Door, including incandescent headlight and side marker lights for his Pacific Locomotive.

## **GGLS from the Past**

From Ken Shattock, GGLS Historian

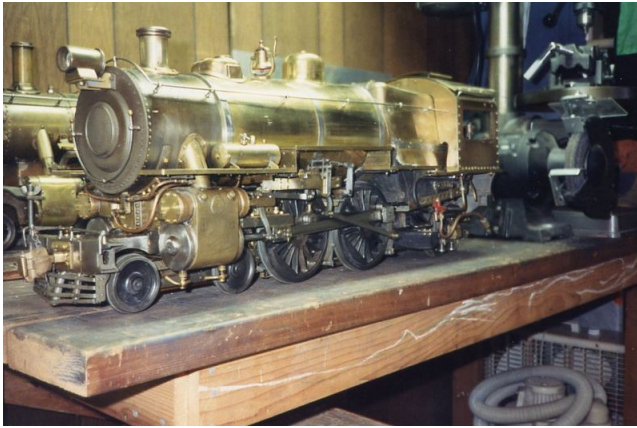


A 2-4-4-T tank engine that my grandpa and I ran many times, years ago. It was fueled by denatured alcohol and was in one inch scale and ran like a top. Grandpa eventually sold it to member Ralph Lyman, and then it later went to member Al Weaver. I would presume that either Al Weaver or his Estate sold it to Chris Garcia.



The same 2-4-4-T locomotive years later in Chris Garcia's Shop in the Hayward area. He had really shined it up real nice.





A Pennsy 4-4-2 Atlantic , also in one inch scale. Taken in Chris Garcia's Hayward shop. Now you guys have to admit it, my Grandpa made darn fine looking locomotives, huh ?

### **2016 Spring Meet Report**



For those who missed the 2016 GGLS Spring Meet, you can download a copy of the report. It is unique in that the Golden Gate Live Steamers invited the Bay Area Engine Modelers to co-host the Meet and it turned out very successful.

### **2016 Spring Meet Video**

By Bruce Anderson



Bruce Anderson was kind enough to video the Spring Meet and has uploaded the 14:53 minute video at the following URL:

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



### **Electric Powered Steam Locomotive**

By Bruce Anderson

Tom Bee, long known for making 1.5" scale couplers, trucks, freight cars, and parts now offers an electric powered 1.5" scale 2-6-2 steam locomotive! His twelfth locomotive was delivered to a client at Train Mountain last week. The engine comes in at 600 pounds while the tender loaded with batteries comes in at about 700 pounds and the engine has pulled up to forty cars.

Some engineers enjoy the ease of use of an electric engine (no comments on my challenges with 0-4-0T HARLEY). For them, this may be the way to go. The engine costs \$12,000 with one-third down at the time the order is placed and construction takes about twelve months following the down payment. It comes with a Phoenix sound system and Curtis controller. The Curtis controller is widely used on golf carts so local repair is easier, it also allows for a run-away kill switch and whistle control via a key fob. Shipping charges can be reduced by picking up the engine from a west coast function that Tom attends.

YouTube Video of #11 pulling 24 cars:

[www.youtube.com/watch?v=Co5aum87h9w](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Co5aum87h9w)

Tom Bee's Website:

[www.islandpondrailroad.com/tombee/](http://www.islandpondrailroad.com/tombee/)