



# *The Call Boy*

## Pulling Passengers With The Club Engine



Andy Rogers and his son Max are new members of our club. They attended Mike Gershowitz's class in order to get an education on how to run a steam engine. It's obvious that they passed with flying colors since they have been cleared to pull the Public Train on Sunday. This is a prime example how new members can get involved with club operations without having to own a steam engine. For those of you who would like to get acquainted with live steam, plan on arriving any Sunday morning to help steam up the club engine. Mike will schedule another class in the future, assuming there is enough interest. This way you will have the basics down and have a better understanding of Mike's class when he gets into more detail!

### Event Calendar

#### **August**

8/13/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
8/13/17 GGLS Board Meeting  
8/13/17 Member Lunch & Swap

#### **September**

9/09/17 John Smith Event  
9/10/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
9/10/17 GGLS Board Meeting  
9/23/17 GGLS Fall Meet  
9/24/17 GGLS Open House

#### **October**

10/08/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
10/08/17 GGLS Board Meeting

#### **November**

11/12/17 GGLS Member Meeting  
11/12/17 GGLS Board Meeting

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



## *Announcements* Swap Meet



There will be a swap meet during the Fall Meet in September. Here is your opportunity to clean up your shop and sell or trade your excess inventory to another member. The trick is to convince them that they really need it even if they don't know what to do with it! Additionally don't leave any leftovers that you didn't sell! Please take it home with you to save for another day.

## Golden Gate Live Steamers

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

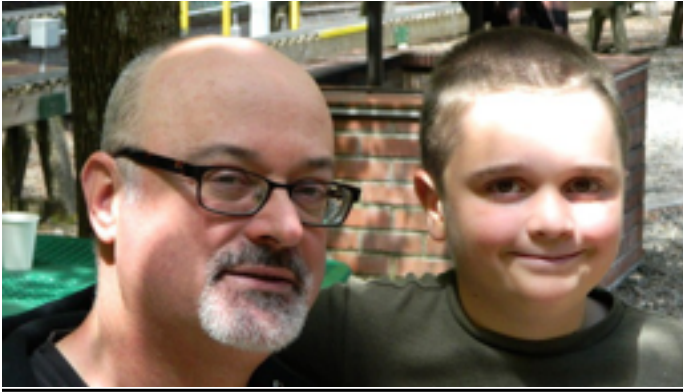
Track & Club House Location  
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### **Club Meeting Minutes**

Club Meeting was called to order at 10:04 am by President Mark Johnson. Attending were 34+ sitting on the club picnic tables outside.

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



New Members present were Andy & Max Rogers.



Guests present were Steve Hadley & Son.

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

Brian Perry reported on his trip on the 4449 excursion to Bend, Oregon and he rode the dome car. He then went to Tom Miller's place to pick up freight cars that he purchased.

Richard Croll reported on the Train Mountain Operations Meet that he and Walt Oellerich attended. They had 111 freight cars in operation with 19 freight crews. Tower & dispatcher were operating along with numerous passenger trains & excursion trains. Afterward, one hundred people attended the banquet. The next Ops Meet will be last week in July and last week in June will be the Triennial meet.



Andy Weber took the train to Hampton Court in England. Henry VIII murdered some of his wives there.



Rich Lundberg reported on a trip to the Los Angeles Museum of Modern Art. In the Broad Museum there has a track for gravity race cars, has trains running around and it is approximately 20' X 30'. It will be open through 2021 and Rich highly recommends it.

Ken Blonski stated that Amtrak has a mid-week, ½ price fairs to Sacramento for kids & seniors through August 31.



David Glaubinger showed a large GGLS patch he found at a garage sale. Also noted this is his 10th year at GGLS.



Michael Smith reported on the PV&A Invitation Meet to GGLS & SVLS in June.

Andy Weber mentioned that the \$10 Senior Pass for the National Park System is a unbelievable great bargain.

### **Officers' Report:**

**President Mark Johnson:** *"On June 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> GGLS & SVLS were invited to visit and participate with the Portola Valley & Alpine RR Club in Portola Valley, California. Many GGLS members were able to bring their equipment and run on the PV&A's very scenic and spectacular railroad. It was a very enjoyable day and both the weather & lunch were great. Everybody that I had an opportunity to speak with indicated that they had a great time and that they looked forward to visiting this railroad again. I would especially like to thank the members and the Board of the PV&A for inviting the GGLS to their great railroad."*

*Paul Denham reports that the July 15th meeting of Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM) will be at The Tech Shop in Redwood City, then alternating every month at the GGLS there after that, barring any more unforeseen circumstances. Also the annual BAEM show is at the Good Guys in Pleasanton, California on August 25, 26 & 27. Anyone that has anything they would like to show to a large audience is welcome, steam, IC; all is welcome. No miniature railroad tracks but air is available, so if you have something that you want to show off at this event contact Paul Denham who is also a GGLS member.*

*I have been informed by Membership Chairman Rick Zobelein that we have a couple of 'Lost Sheep' who are not getting the electronic CallBoy newsletter. So*

*to Jeremy Coombes & Robbie Morris, please update your email information so you can get the electronic CallBoy newsletter. This is also a good time to remind all members to keep their membership roster information updated with Rick.*

*Reminder to all members. You are expected to clean up after yourself when you are working on projects at the track. Do not leave your material lying around as it can impede other members and presents a dangerous condition. Also make sure that you disconnect power tools and that you return all Club tools to their proper location.*

*Finally, Armando Epifani reports that his GGLS badge is lost. If you find it please return it to Armando." (Breaking News: He found it!)*

**Vice President:** Rick Reeves advised the members that the Board of Directors has set the hours of use of the club facility to be sunrise-to-sunset. The time lock to the clubhouse continues to go off at 7:00 pm, so after that time you cannot get into the building.

**Secretary:** The Secretary reported that member Glen Christoffersen lost his wife Margret May 31. A card was sent around for members to sign.



The Secretary presented a check for \$250 to the Treasurer from the Masonic Lodge that the Bradas family (Dave & Lou Bradas, above) hosted at the club facility on July 4th. A lot of our members attended the Lou Bradas Fourth of July Memorial event and members are always encouraged to attend & run trains for the group.

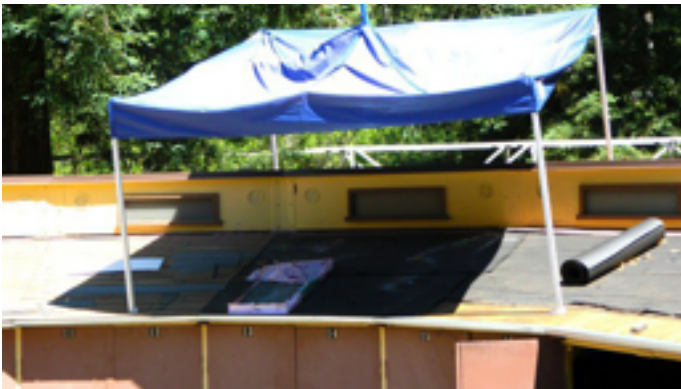


**Treasurer:** John Lisherness reported on club finances and we are solvent. See John if you need details.

**Ombudsmen:** Nothing to report.

**Safety Chairperson:** Jerry Kimberlin reported that the new, revised Safety Rules has been uploaded to the club website.

### Committee Reports:



**Buildings:** Rich Lundberg reported that the shingling of the roundhouse roof is half done.



That the front wall of Diamondback needs to be replaced as it is dry rotted.

He also reminded members that if you run the flag up the flagpole, it is your responsibility to take it down.

Rich also talked about missing club items such as the grabber (used to get things down from the rafters in the clubhouse), a large dust pan and a tamper.

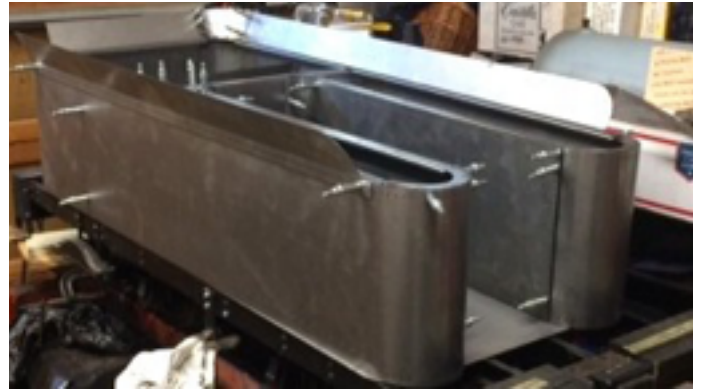
**Grounds:** Andy Weber reported routine maintenance has been ongoing. Also noted that an underground water leak will be repaired.

**Signals:** Dan Swanson reported that the wires have been traced on the new T-40 turnout. Also work is being done on the signal at the turnout leading toward Diamondback.

**Ground Track:** John Lytle reports he will fix the points on switch T-40.

### **Locomotives:**

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



**RGS 20:** We are using the new engine every Sunday and it is performing very well. The new Loco Parts tender that was ordered for the engine has arrived and is being assembled.

**Johnson Pacific:** Jerry Kimberlin reports that the Johnson Pacific tender was patched as a temporary test fix to make a water bath for the 7½ gallon propane tank. Seven sheet metal patches were made, the tender cleaned around the holes and the sheet metal was installed with silicone gasket material. Several other holes were covered with silicone gasket material as well. This should give us another chance to see if we can power the Pacific with propane. We are now awaiting a 60 psi output regulator to be delivered so we can try a larger propane flow that we were able to get using the 30 psi regulator we tested previously.

**Heintz Atlantic:** No reports of any new or additional work on this engine this period but John Lisherness informed the Board of what remaining work needed to be done and John is looking for assistance with the work. Please contact John if you are interested in helping with this.

**Hunter Atlantic:** The Hunter Atlantic remains in working condition and is being used for locomotive training. The final class was on Saturday the 8th.

**Diesels:** The UVAS 1936 is running.

The Baldwin 1972 engine is running and Dan Swanson replaced the old battery.

**Public Train:** Walt reminded everyone that the Public Train can always use more volunteers. He also mentioned that this month is an anniversary for him as a GGLS member.

**Rolling Stock:** Richard reported minor repairs done to a couple of trucks.

**Callboy/Website:** Pat Young reported no problems and since the website is for the benefit of the membership, if anyone has any articles/documents of interest to the membership (not necessarily Live Steam-related), please send it to him. Mark thanked Pat for his efforts.

**Builders Group:** Richard Croll mentioned that GGLS Builders Group Moderator Pat Young put together a writeup article with photos of the tank collection at the Portola Valley & Alpine tank tour.

**Roundhouse:** Nothing to report.

**Membership:** Rick Zobelein reported we have a new member Colton Snell.

#### **Old Business:**

None.

#### **New Business:**

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:43 am.

#### **Board Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order at 11:20 pm. All Board members were present.

#### **Old Business:**

**Club Bank account:** Information has been updated and should be easier to make changes in future. The President thanked Bob Cohen for facilitating the meeting at the bank.

**Roundhouse:** Jerry mentioned some fuel in the building. Coal can be moved to new propane cage when it is installed.

**Bylaw:** Committee will meet Sunday, July 16th at 10:00 am.

**Propane Cage:** Richard reported that damaged cage is set to be picked up and a new cage should be received in about a week.

**Lawn Mower:** Andy Weber will purchase a lawn mower and a Motion was made by Bob Cohen, Seconded by Richard Croll to authorize up to \$500 for the new mower. Motion passed unanimously.



**Mower Shed:** Bob Cohen purchased the new shed and delivered it to club. Richard Croll has started assembling with Bob's help. We have a lock already for building.

**High Track Bridge:** John Lisherness met with John Nicholson and the new bridge will be of a different design. It will be about 12 feet long and should weight about the same as present bridge. Jerry had dug down around on present bridge and found concrete round posts. Discussion was held about when we will pull out the old bridge.

**Donated Bell:** Drawing has been given to John Nicholson to built bell post.

#### **New Business:**

**Fall Meet:** Discussion was held concerning tables for the Fall Meet and Rick Reaves will handle it.

**Swap Meet:** There will be a Swap Meet at the Fall Meet and the Club will provide the space for tables provided by members. Swap items should be steam or train-related.

**T-40 Turnout:** John Lisherness asked John Lytle about point problem and the turnout just needs to have plastic tie turned over and the points screwed back down.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Mark asked about Treasurers report. He thought it was missing and Secretary will check to see. GGLS interim editor Pat Young reminded the Board members that it is their responsibility to make sure that their section of the rough draft is correct.

**Parking Lot Paving:** Mark contacted Ellen at Redwood Valley since the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) may be responsible for its maintenance. Mark will research.

**Membership Appreciation Lunch:** Sunday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, the club will have a Membership Appreciation Lunch & Swap Meet. We will need to get charcoal, burgers, hotdogs, good buns, potato salad and condiments. Andy Weber and John Smith will probably be the cooks.

**New Member:** Rick Zobelein has application from Vladimir Kovalsky who is a machinist. He took Mike Gershowitz's training course.

**Liability Insurance:** Richard Croll has the information form from the club's insurance company and will be sent to the insurance company as soon as it is checked for accuracy. Renewal date is August 21, 2017

**New Shed:** To be built on Boyers bluff and Bob Morris has relinquished his interest in building it to John Lytle with Walter Oellerich being the other builder. John estimates they will start in 2 to 3 months. Estimated cost is \$2K to \$3K and the EBRPD has already approved it.

**Bulger Barn:** Discussion was tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 11:58 pm.

## **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll – Brake Valve & Tester; Using some Harbor Freight parts & American ingenuity.



John Lisherness – Water Gauge; Made with Teflon step washers.



Brian Perry – Truck; 2 types.

A reminder: General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/Member Appreciation Lunch./Swap Meet, August 13, 2017, 10 am.



## From Our Membership



From Loren Bryon:

"This 23:30 minute video represents one of our biggest achievements while running outdoor O-gauge trains over the past 14 years. What makes this video special is the addition of three of America's largest Big Boy (4-8-8-4) steam locomotives only produced with full Legacy command and speed controls a few years ago. What you are seeing is 114 freight cars being pulled with three Big Boy engines for a total length of 116 feet (scale) which is just over a mile long train. For our crew who has been working on this event with three Test Runs starting in early 2016, we are pleased to call this the "Official Run" for the history books."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q672YB7Hxbc&t=1157s>



From Bruce Anderson:

"Livermore's train depot was built in 1872. Years ago the train tracks were shifted about a hundred yards leaving the depot by itself. Early Sunday morning, the depot was moved adjacent to the ACE train tracks to be used by a new generation of folks on the move."

Here is the URL to the web page that describes the move in more detail:

[https://patch.com/california/livermore/watch-livermores-historic-dolly-depot-move-its-new-home?utm\\_source=newsletter-daily&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_term=community%20corner&utm\\_campaign=newsletter&utm\\_content=article-topstories&utm\\_slot=1](https://patch.com/california/livermore/watch-livermores-historic-dolly-depot-move-its-new-home?utm_source=newsletter-daily&utm_medium=email&utm_term=community%20corner&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=article-topstories&utm_slot=1)

## GGLS Builders Group

### **2017 PV&A GGLS and SVLS Invitational Meet's Tank Tour**

By Pat Young



I had a wonderful chance to attend the Tank Tour at the Portola Valley & Alpine live steam facility in Portola Valley, California on June 24, 2017 at their Golden Gate and Sacramento Live Steamers Invitational Meet. Although not strictly a typical article for the GGLS Builders Group, I thought the members would find it interesting to see what the PV&A tank tour encompasses.

This document has been downloaded to the file section of the Yahoo GGLS Builders Group and if you would like to join the group, please contact Yahoo GGLS group moderator Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com).



## Practical Railroadng

Walt Oellerich and Richard Croll enjoy traveling to Train Mountain for railroad activities. On the road Walt notices two trains crossing a bridge at the same time heading in opposite directions. Walt wondered: How long does it take a 1.25-mile-long freight train going 30 miles hour to pass a 0.25 mile long passenger train going 60 miles an hour in the opposite direction from the time the engines first reach each other to the time that the last cars just clear each other?

Meanwhile, Richard, upon arriving at Train Mountain, is ready to tackle train orders. Richard sees a dozen long parallel tracks that merge into a single track. If a twelve car train arrives Richard can put one car on each track and then reassemble the train in any order. What is the smallest number of parallel tracks (that join to one track) required to rearrange a twelve car train into any order? Assume that the tracks are long enough that none of them will run out of space. (from "Varsity Math" - WSJ)

First member to submit the correct answer to Club Secretary Richard Croll, [railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto:railroc66@yahoo.com) will get a free donut at the next monthly meeting. Winner must be present to receive their donut as we will NOT mail it to you. Also, after "Bits & Pieces", be prepared to use the club "white board" to explain your answers.

## For Sale



Pair of brand new ready-to-run ductile iron Titan Trains couplers for 1 ½-inch scale trains. Only one coupler shown in picture but \$50 for the pair.

Two mechanical lubricators with mounting brackets. Was told that they operate but am selling as-is. Size is 2-inches square by 1½ inches deep, complete with piping and two check valves on the discharge lines for each unit. \$100 OBO for both.

Miscellaneous Starrett Tools as shown, for \$50.

Please contact Michael Smith at (415) 558-4536. Can bring them up to GGLS for inspection most Sundays.