The club is now selling some new GGLS club gear; Check the order form inside this issue for more information

The CallBoy

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Club Correspondence

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

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 the $25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

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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 CallBoy editor at phty95014@yahoo.com

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

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

08/08/21 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/12/21 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/18.21 GGLS Fall Meet
09/19/21 GGLS Fall Meet, Open House
09/25/21 Club facility reserved for John Smith
10/10/21 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
11/14/21 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/12/21 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/
Board Meeting

Announcements

2021 Fall Meet Has Been Revised to be Smaller & Simpler

by Bob & Sandy Morris, Event Co-Chair Persons

It has been determined that the Golden Gate Live Steamers will just hold a regular Fall Meet on the weekend of September 18 & 19, 2021.

We will not be celebrating our 85th Anniversary at that time.

What we know so far:
There will be no sale of food, so attendees will need to bring their own lunches. At this time, we aren't sure how water & soda will be handled.

There will be no catered club dinner on Saturday Night.

The Clubhouse, including bathroom, will remain open during both days of the event.
On Sunday, Walt Oellerich is in charge of the Public Trains.

Sheldon Yee is in charge of Locomotive Check In & Steaming Bay assignment. Contact Sheldon to reserve a spot at: steamcacti@sbcglobal.net

Anthony Rhodes is in charge of the Parking Lot, which is being reserved for Vehicles with Handicap Plates or those towing trailers. Please respect this, due to limited space.

There will not be a raffle at this Meet.

Mel McDonough is in charge of monitoring the Clubhouse restrooms & trash receptacles.

BAEM members will be at the Meet with their displays for all to enjoy.
To order Club Gear, see attached Order form in this issue.

GGLS will follow all Health & Safety Rules as mandated by the Park, County & State.

The goal is to keep this meet small and simple. We'll ride the rails and enjoy the weekend.

BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS & SOME MAGAZINES!

A large collection of books has been donated to the Club by Kathy Blaisdell of Napa. These are from the estate of her father Max Blaisdell, an avid model engineer. Our Librarian Pat Young has gone through and taken out books of particular interest for the club library, but there are still hundreds of books & magazines left. They run the gamut of interests from model engineering to trains to boats to cars to models in general, to even a set of Churchill's history of WWII.

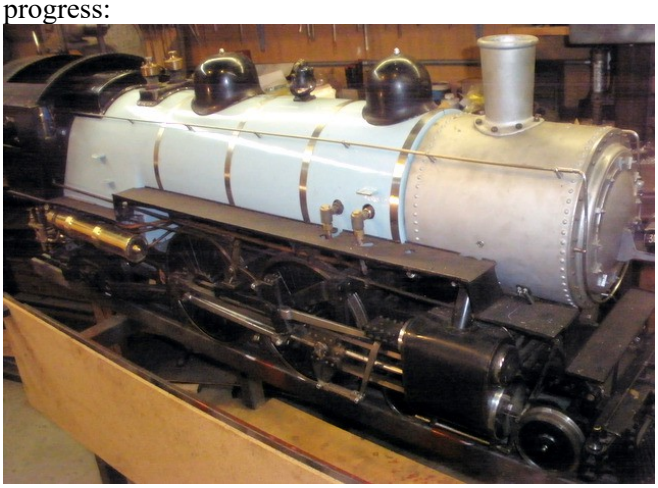
They will all be available to members to take what they want at the next meeting. They are generally in excellent condition and of high quality. Make sure not to miss this opportunity to add to your library.

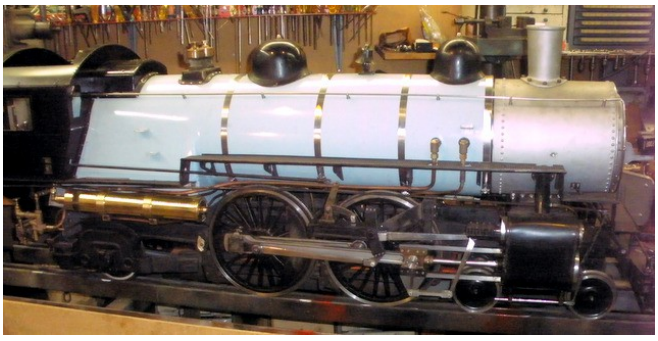
NEWS: Heintz Atlantic Restoration

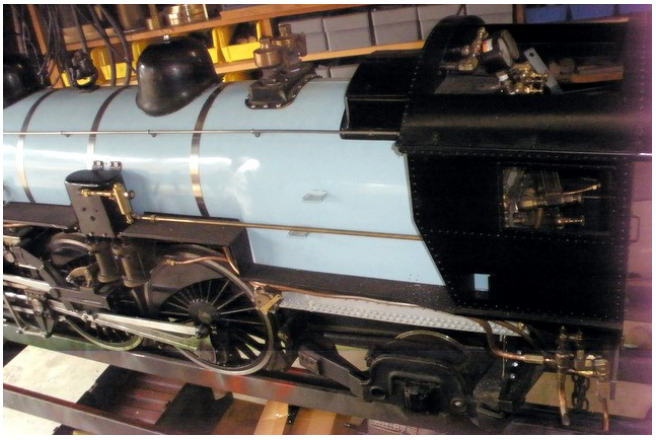
by John Lisherness

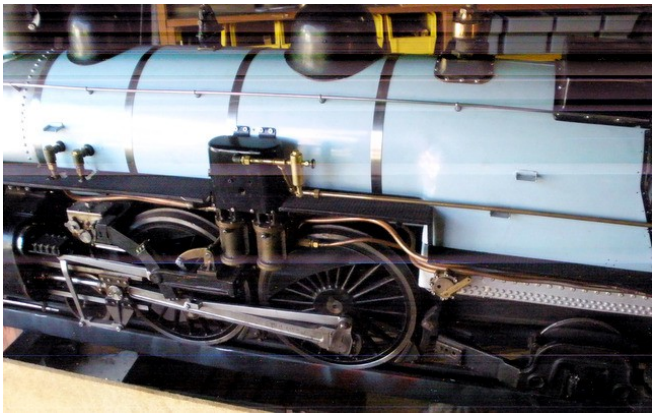
Interested in running the club's very own 1/8" scale 4-4-2 Atlantic? To learn more about this opportunity please contact Bruce Anderson at paralleler@att.net Making this locomotive available for club members is the purpose of what I call the “Restoration & Run Project.

I am pleased to share these recent photos of the recent progress:









Minutes of the General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Rick Reaves. Twenty+ members were present.

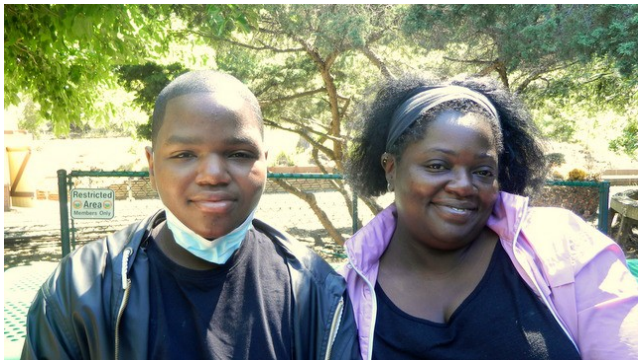
Guests/New Members:

During this meeting, several guests & potential new members showed up to see what our club was all about.

Sarah & Charlie Buhre were interested.

New members son Toby and Steven Lurie were here.

Alex O'Connell is an associate member candidate from Los Angeles



Zechariah Ponder (age 12) & TaShandra Bellanmy looked to be enjoying themselves here and

Dave Peterson (right) announced that he wanted to join and get a boiler inspection for his locomotive.

If you see any of them, please give them a warm GGLS welcome.

Steaming/railroad activities:

RAILTOWN 1897
State Historic Park
Jamestown, California

Michael Smith rode behind #34 on the Sierra Railroad in Jamestown and toured the round house & grounds. He reported it was a nice trip.

Fall Meet/Open House: Sandy Morris noted that there are only 69 days until the meet. This is our 85th Anniversary. Everyone will need to pitch in and help. There are plenty of opportunities. She reported that Jeff's Pit Stop is no longer available to cater. Other caterers contacted require money up front and/or guaranteed profit. The plan now is to have food available to the members in the clubhouse. The Smith brothers have agreed to BBQ. A raffle is also planned, and items will need to be obtained. The items can be anything of interest. Containers are needed for the raffle items, such as baskets, wooden boxes, buckets,

etc. A Saturday night dinner from Back 40 is planned. Complete information will be in the Callboy.

Update: The Fall Meet/85th Anniversary Celebration has been separated into two separate events. See the Announcement section in this issue of the CallBoy for more information.

Book Donation: Rich Lundberg called attention to the donation the club received of books from the late Max F. Blaisdell and were donated to the club by his daughter Kathy Blaisdell. After the club determines what will be kept for our library, the balance will be available to the membership next month.

Officer Reports

President: Nothing to report.
Vice President: Nothing to report.
Secretary: Absent.
Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the club finances and he noted we are doing well at this time. As usual, any member wishing details of the club's finances can contact the Treasurer directly.
Safety: Nothing to report.
Security: Jon Sargent reported things have been quiet the last month. He thanked Matt Petach for building a new computer that is more efficient. It is online and Jon can remotely check it.

Committee Reports

Ground Track: Absent,
High Track: Nothing to report.
Locomotives: Mark Johnson reported that all but the Heinz Atlantic are running. He added we might want to try to get it running by the 85th anniversary.
Public Train: Walt Oellerich reported we had a good June and donations have been generous. He thanked all those on the crew.

Callboy/Website: Pat Young reminded that as members they have use of our facility when not in use for club events. If you would like to reserve the club facility for a private event, email him to make the reservation.
Library: Pat reported on the donated books we received.
Builders Group: Nothing to report.
Membership: Sam Tamez said a guest had arrived late. He will meet them later.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Rick Reaves painted the coal tipple.

Richard Croll replaced the piston seal on the large lift to prevent leaks.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:04A M by President Rick Reaves. Present were Mark Johnson, Rich Lundberg, Jerry Kimberlin, John Lisherness, Jon Sargent and Matt Petach. The secretary was absent.

The meeting was closed to the members because of a discipline matter to be discussed. Jon Sargent made a motion, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to accept the minutes of the June meeting. The motion passed.

Old Business

Roundhouse Succession: Michael Smith talked to the Board about a change to the rule about Roundhouse succession involving a member whose family inherits their equipment. The rule will be changed so that if a members family member inherits the equipment, they can take over the roundhouse lease providing they become a regular member. Michael will send the revised Roundhouse Rules to the Board for approval.

Book Donation: Rich Lundberg talked about the book donation. He suggested that after the club determines which books are to be kept, the remainder be made available to the members. Until then, they will be kept locked in the shed by the Clubhouse.

Meet/Open House: Discussion was held concerning money up front for expenses.

New Business

Rules violation: The Board discussed a matter concerning a member violating the rules concerning hours of use. A letter of reprimand will be sent.

Roundhouse combinations: Discussion was held about combinations and how members are not only sharing tracks but passing around the combinations. It was noted that you can have the combination changed on your roundhouse stall.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Signals Report

Submitted by John Davis

Now that the Public Train is running weekly & more members are running their trains, the tracks are cleaner & the signal system is working much better. The occupancy signal at the top of the hill on the inside loop may still show a false red, but as always any red should be taken seriously - - proceed with caution!

Bits and Pieces

Charlie Reiter: Box of miscellaneous tooling. A small servo motor the size of a computer fan motor, a tap handle extension and a small drill motor.

LALS Fall Meet

The Los Angeles Live Steamers have set October 8,9 & 10 for their Fall Meet and all GGLS members have been invited.

More information can be found on their web site at: https://lalsrm.org/

How I Survived the Pandemic of 2020...
The History of "Seams To Help" Organization
by Sandy Grossman-Morris

Seams To Help
creative compassion

When the virus that would become known as COVID-19 hit our country I realized that we were into this for the long haul and our only protection at the time would be layered masks & gloves but both became impossible to purchase very quickly. Although I had a decent supply on hand already, I knew that it wouldn't last very long, so I designed my own mask patterns and ran some at-home testing with Bob as my assistant. Using my powerful hair blower on high & a candle flame, I determined that it took three layers of quilt-quality cotton, with the seams oriented in opposite directions (to avoid any openings), such that it would NOT only block the flame from being blown out, the flame didn't even waver. Anything less and the mask failed.

In early March, we began wearing our masks. By mid-March, I realized that masks were virtually impossible to purchase even by even medical personnel. These unsung professionals are at the front lines of this major pandemic, despite assurances from those who claimed that this was only a hoax and nothing more than a common cold. Since I knew better, I quickly began assembling local volunteers via NextDoor (an online group of local residents) to make more of my masks with donated fabric for hospitals & healthcare facilities all over the Bay Area. We accomplished this using the old-fashion, cottage industry, assembly line method of constructing masks in stages, transporting them to each other's homes with porch drop off, in what we called "Ding Dong Door Dash", with no in-person contact.

We wore masks & gloves during our volunteering hours and not one of us contracted COVID-19 because we were all being very careful.

We call ourselves "Seams To Help" and we have made & donated close to 12,000 three-layer masks. We have now branched out to include more Compassion Projects products and have become a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This allows us to accept monetary donations so that we volunteers can provide even more needed items for our community & beyond.

Currently, our Compassion Projects products include Angel Baby Gowns for babies who passed on, Patriotic Pillow cases for our deployed troops, and Fidget Mazes for students who are having difficulty assimilating back into the classroom following the pandemic. There are more projects that are in the planning stages and even our fabric scraps even are used to make Scrappy Pet Beds for puppies & kitties that are waiting for adoptions from animal shelters.

The "Seams To Help" organization kept me & the other volunteers active and gave us a purpose during this very difficult & trying times of the Pandemic. We will continue to do good works with the help of those who are able.

For more information, please check out our "Seams To Help" web site at www.seamstohelp.org

Ethanol Removal from Gasoline Videos

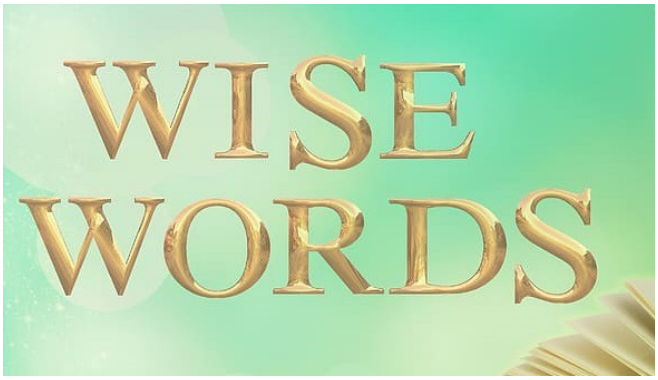
Submitted from Loren Byron

A 4:07 minute YouTube video by author "Uncle Bob Carpenter" describing how he separates & extracts the ethanol from ethanol-mixed gasoline using water in case you need pure gas to run a small lawn mower or other small gasoline driven motor. Looks to be a clever home-spun way to do this.

This video can be found at:
https://youtu.be/iD9a3nH_Ulw

A 12:24 minute YouTube video by author Ben Hasselbring" titled "The Most Practical Way To Remove Ethanol From Gasoline" that also describes a quick, cost-effective & safe method of removing ethanol form gasoline. The previous video is simpler but this video has a interesting siphoning method for extracting larger quantities of ethanol free gasoline.

This video can be found at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=opPZD8-2fLk



Wise Words to Live By

From the June 2021 issue of the Port Bay Express newsletter, here is quote you might find memorable:

Charlie Chaplin lived 88 years. He left us with 4 statements:
(1) Nothing is forever in this world, not even our problems
(2) I love walking in the rain because no one can see my tears,
(3) The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh,
(4) Six best doctors in the world

1. The Sun
2. Rest
3. Exercise
4. Diet
5. Self-respect
6. Friends

Stick with them at all stages of your life and enjoy a healthy life
If you see the moon, you will see the beauty of God,
If you see the Sun, you will see the power of God,
If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So Believe it.
We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already identified our routes, bookings and destinations…trust him and enjoy life.
Life is just a journey !. Therefore, live today, Tomorrow may not be……

Charlie Chaplin

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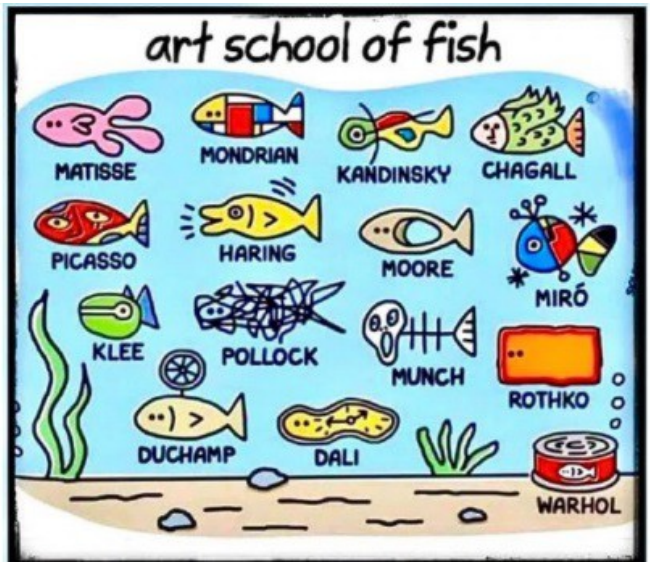
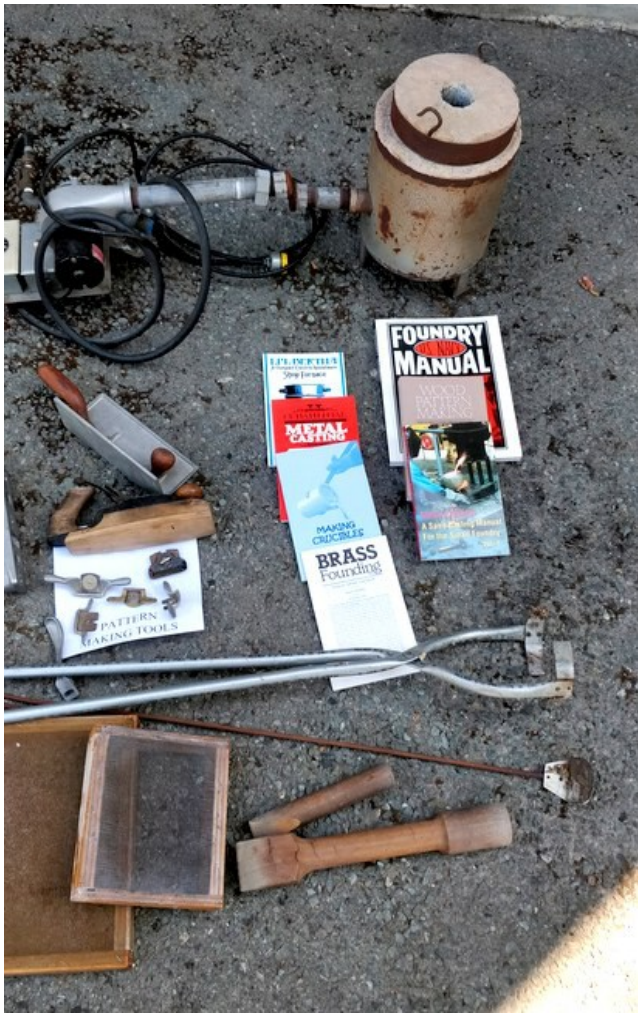


For Sale

Foundry Equipment Package
July 19, 2021



This package includes the following items:
Propane furnace
Books on foundry and casting
Pattern making tools
Casting tools

All you have to provide is a propane tank from your BBQ, casting sand, a crucible and the raw/scrap metal material.

All this for $75

Contact Rich Lundberg if interested or for more information at:

415-299-0983
or
luckylundy111@gmail.com

Golden Gate Live Steamers

GGLS CLUB GEAR

ORDER FORM - All Orders & Payments MUST be received by Saturday, August 28th

Questions? Call Sandy 925-240-9034

Club Tee Front
Colors: Navy, Pink

Adult Club Full-Zip Hooded Sweatshirt
Navy Only

Long Sleeve Club Tee
Color Navy Only

– PRICES –

Youth Club T Shirts

Great for the kids and grandkids!

XS (2-4).....$15
S (6-8) $15
M (10-12) $16
L (14-16) $16
X(18)Order Adult Small

– PRICES –

Adult Club T Shirts

S, M, L, XL..... $18
2 XL $20
3 XL $22
With Pocket..... Add $4
Tall Sizes..... Add $5
Long Sleeves.....Add $5

Club Hooded Full-Zip Sweatshirt

Youth S, M, L $29
Adult S, M, L, XL.....$35
2XL.....$38
3XL.....$40
4XL.....$42
Tall Add.....$5

3" Club Patch.....$4
1.25" Cloisonne Pin $5

Name_____

Phone ( ) _____

Description	Quantity	Size	Color	Price Each	Cost
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Make Checks Payable to Sandy Morris

Mail **Order Form** and **Payment** to: **Sandy Morris, 769 Franklin Drive, Brentwood, CA 94513**

Orders may be picked up at the GGLS Fall Meet Saturday, September 18/19.

Pins and Patches are available at any time.