A nicely done, wide angle panoramic view view of the General meeting during the Swap Meet and Recognition Lunch. (Sent in by Dee Murphy)

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Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from the Membership chairman or Secretary. At the second meeting, return your completed application, a signed release form, 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 submittals to next month's issue is the 19th!

2026 Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

(Dates may change without notice)

08/08 Club reserved for John Smith
08/09 General Meeting/Board Meeting
08/15 Club reserved for Ken Brunskill

09/12 Club reserved for Greg Ray
09/13 General Meeting/Board Meeting
09/19 GGLS Fall Meet
09/20 GGLS Fall Meet/Open House
09/26 PV&A, GGLS, SVLS Joint Meet
09/27 PV&A, GGLS, SVLS Joint Meet
10/11 General Meeting/Board Meeting
11/08 General Meeting/Board Meeting

12/13 General Meeting/Board Meeting
End of Year Business Meeting

Announcements

PLEASE DON'T THROW THESE CLUBHOUSE MOUSE TRAPS AWAY!

(They are intended to be reused)

Please toss the dead mouse outside the clubhouse (critters will eat them) or put the dead mouse in the garbage. Then set the empty trap outside the kitchen door. It will be baited and set out by John Davis for the next mouse.
Many Thanks for your cooperation.

The Fall Meet & Open House is coming up on September 19-20, 2026. The following week is the joint meet of our sister live steam clubs of Golden Gate Live Steamers, the Sacramento Live Steamers and the host club of the Portola Valley & Alpine railroad. Details to follow.

Bruce Anderson visited Bob & Sandy Morris following Bob's recent heart valve operation. The Morris' gave him several boxes of items to sell at the GGLS SWAP meet with the proceeds going to the GGLS Landscape Committee.

Sammy Tamez says on August 8th his Lodge is having a picnic at the club and everyone is invited. Tri tip and other food are being served and it's a great event every year!

New Members and Guests

Hi,

I've lived in Mountain View for a long time and just retired from the semiconductor equipment industry.

As for trains, I'm a big fan of live steam, and have several F/G (45mm) gauge Accucraft steam locos. Interested in narrow gauge steam up to 1-to-1 and would love to learn firing & running larger locomotives. At some point I'd like to get a 7.5" steam engine and possibly build larger equipment in the future.

I'm a supporter of the V&T railroad historical society and Nevada State museum in Carson City, Nevada that has a large collection of working narrow gauge & standard gauge steam.

This is me in a double Fairlie locomotive on the Ffestiniog & Welsh Highland Railroad in Wales, Great Britain, a cool 2-ft gauge railroad that I visited in May.

Bob

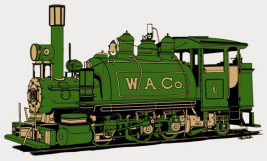
John, second time here, with son Jack, joining. Son Jack latched on to Rahim Pereira and shared a lovely afternoon with him.

Eric Wang and son Edison back to join.

Sumner, Hannah, Eleanor and Frances Orth are back. They haven't been around for a while and are interested in helping with restoring the tiny buildings.

Railroading Activities

Preserving Hawaii's Rail History Since 1970



Rahim Pereira and his family went to visit Pearl Harbor on the island of Oahu, Hawaii.
They also went to the Hawaiian Railway Society and took a two-hour trip on the coast. Highly recommended, Rahim spoke with the crew and was able to go into the cab of the diesel & blow its horn. They also enjoyed a private tour of their shop!

More information about them can be found at:
https://www.hawaiianrailway.com/

Minutes of the General Meeting

Officer Reports

President: Jon Sargent had nothing to report.

Vice President: Lew Breon says the High Track and its swing bridges are almost completed. We are excited about the new & potential members the High Track will bring!

Secretary: Sarah Buhre apologizes for issues with the club emails and will be hopefully minimizing the problems we have been having. If you aren't getting club emails, please let her know.

Treasurer: John Lisherness says the club is in good shape with lots of donations from the public coming in. The club has a big insurance bill coming up!

Safety: Rich Croll says we will be discussing changes of the Safety Rules regarding railbikes at the Board meeting. We will be permitting railbikes at the club facility with certain stipulations and will post more about this in the safety rules booklet.

Director at Large: Sammy Tamez brought in a print of two locomotives used on the Freedom Train in 1976 for our country's bicentennial.

Ombudsperson: Lisa Kimberlin had nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Public Train: Walter Oellerich is asking people to please return the blue hand truck to the propane tank locker if you use it. since he desperately needs it to handle the propane tanks.
And he also says we can always use some help at the Public Train!

Buildings: John Erdkamp, our new Buildings Chairperson, would love to meet with people interested in creating a six-month priorities plan for the restoration or replacing some of the tiny buildings around the track.

Grounds: Andy Weber is absent.

Track: Jim McKibbin is replacing the screws in the track with ¾-inch screws around the rail joiners to more securely hold it down.

Signals: John Davis says signal by the crossover has been restored to full functionality.

Locomotives: Paul Hirsh says the RG #22 is back in the shop but ready to be put back together after fixing the axle pump.
He will be looking at the Bob Cohen Pacific to see if anything needs to be done.
The passenger propane car behind the RG #20 has been working perfectly with the three vertical propane tanks. Many thanks to Rich Croll for overhauling it and getting it ready to run.

Shop and Rolling Stock: Rich Croll has nothing to report on the rolling stock.
He did some clean up in the shop and has some things for members to take including several electric drills.

Landscape: Jo Ann Miller & Bruce Anderson have been doing clean up around the track, the latest by the little Tilden Station building. They also have planted some flowers there for the public to enjoy as they ride back into the station.

Roundhouse and Storage: Jon Sargent has seen people who have rented club storage spaces running their equipment but who have not logged in their run event in the clubhouse. He reminded members that their rental agreement for storage space requires one to log in each run event. Please make sure you are making note of your runs on the bulletin board in the club house.

Security: Jon Sargent says we will be putting a security camera in the clubhouse soon and there will be no audio recording from this camera.

Membership: Sammy Tamez invites new guests to meet him in the clubhouse after the meetings or if you have any issue concerning membership to contact him.

Web/Newsletter/Library: Pat Young says the website is in great shape (at least no complaints) and he is happy with the material sent in for the CallBoy. Also he enjoys all the kind words from the readership.
Pat noticed have we have been getting a lot of magazine donations to the club. Please let Pat know if you have suggestions or ideas on what to do with them.

High Track: Brian Parry says Lew Breon & his crew of volunteers have been replacing the ties around the track. The High Track is getting a lot of usage which is great!

Facilities: Becky Pereira says there is a hard copy of the Emergency Action Plan posted in the clubhouse and is also downloadable from the ggls.org website.

Old Business:

Kudos to the Volunteers: Jim McKibbin says they have been working on the building on Boyer's bluff. This week of pouring concrete took just a short amount of time due to the fabulous volunteers including Anthony Kosnik, Rich Croll and Charlie Buhre.

Gravel Shoveling: John Lisherness reported that he needs some help moving gravel in about a week for the crossover.

New Business:

None.

Meeting end: 10:36 am.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Board Meeting Start: 11:18 am.

Officers Present:
Jon Sargent, John Lisherness, Lew Breon, Rich Croll, Lisa Kimberlin, Sammy Tamez and Sarah Buhre.

Guests: None.

Approval of Last Month Meeting Minutes: Sammy Tamez moved to accept the minutes and Rich Croll seconded it. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

General Updates:
Boyer's Bluff: Boyer's Bluff has two Bay Laurel trees that need removal and Jon Sargent will call the company Expert Tree Removal to get an estimate. John Lisherness moved to have the tree company remove the trees and Sammy Tamez seconded it. With no discussion the motion passed unanimously.

Membership Renewal: Jon Sargent presented a list of people who have not paid their dues. Sarah Buhre will email members with lapsed dues asking them to pay their dues within 30 days or they will be dropped from the membership. Members who allow their membership to lapse will be subject to a new initiation fee if they decide to join again next year. Checks can be presented in person or mailed to:

Lisa Kimberlin
324 Nevada Avenue
Pt. Richmond, California
94801

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
Rail Bikes & Handcars Safety Rules: Rich Croll passed out a draft of the Proposed Rules for permitting these vehicles on the rails here at GGLS facility. The current handcar at the club is dangerous on a grade, so rules about it will not change.
Details of the Proposal include the following:
Handcars & railbikes with coasting ability & brakes will be allowed on the track. Night time riding should include lights, both front & rear. Both would have to follow speed limits and other rules outlined in the safety rules of the club.
Riders must have a bell, horn or whistle loud enough for warnings along with required signals for safety. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times either riding behind or walking alongside and may not run by themselves around the track.
Rich Croll will update the draft and send them to the Board for approval. After approval we will post the new rules in the CallBoy and on the website under Safety Rules.

Board Meeting End: 12:09 pm.

Bits and Pieces

By Pat Young
Additional Photos by Bruce Anderson

Bits and Pieces Chairman Jeremy Coombes was laid low by an ear infection so 'Yours Truly" was drafted to step in. Expect a more polished article when Jeremy comes back (hopefully soon). In the meanwhile here is my version.

GGLS member Bob Cohen brought 2 items to Bits and Pieces. One was a set of 7 cases that belonged to an employee of Bob.

His name was Michael Allen and he was a relative of Deputy Dave, a TV personality on KPIX channel 5 in the 1950's. Dave Allen was the former owner of the Boarding House nightclub, who nurtured & booked hundreds of musicians & comedians during his career, died at the age of 65 on May 25, 1984 in San Francisco of a chest aneurysm. In 1949, he performed with a repertory theater at 960 Bush St. That same year he began working with KPIX. He later performed as "Deputy Dave" on the KPIX channel 5 children's show for eight years.

It is not known if these locos or the display case were used on his TV show. These cases have brass diesel locomotives screwed down on built in tracks inside the cases with painted backgrounds. He also does not know if the diesels are powered, or once were powered, but Bob brought the cases to see what the membership thought he should do with them.

Bob also brought a smattering of the 100 HO locomotives and 300 HO cars that he acquired and queried the audience on what to do with them.

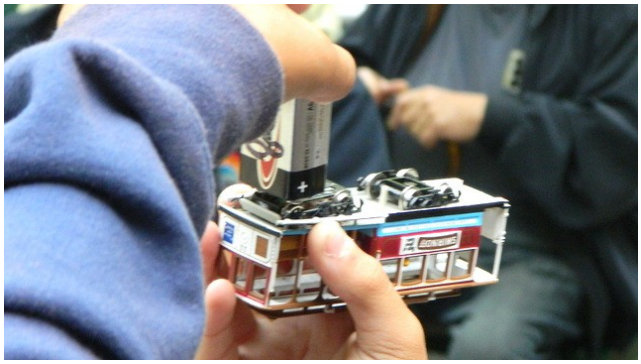
Rich Croll brought over his newest creation, a 7.5" gauge logging car.

MichCal lumber company had similar cars and Rich based it on the Russell log car that he had plans for. The trucks were scratched built and turned the wheels from reject that he had on hand.

The logging car has a lot of square headed bolts and if you look closely at the car, there are some missing items. Rich quizzed the audience about what was missing and Anthony Rhodes promptly answered that there was missing brake shoes & brake wheel ratchet pawl.
Good eyes, Anthony!

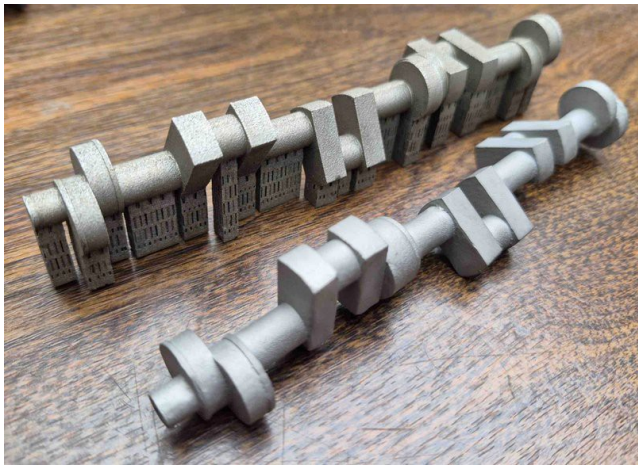
It is a well detailed model on both sides and

Our intrepid junior member Rahim Pereira showed us what looks to be a HO model of the San Francisco cable car that he got from his friend Logan.

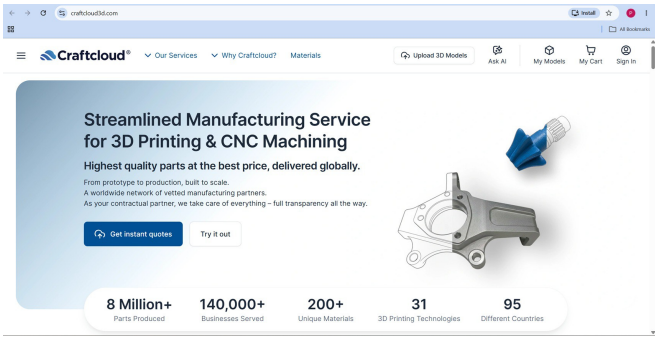


he showed that the cable car really runs by making the trucks turn with a 9V battery.
Thank you Rahim for sharing.

The saga continues...
Last month, Ben Newton reported on his effort on producing a 3/4" scale Kozo Shay engine crankshaft. His approach is unique in that instead of machining it from a solid bar or from pieces brazed together, he had a stainless steel casting made from a 3d printed object that he sent in. The cost was $90 which seems incredible but that attempt failed due to the noticeable warping of the casting.



This current attempt was to try a different casting orientation and a 3d printed crankshaft object with supports. The result was that the 316 stainless steel crankshaft casting were still warped.



He used Craftcloud (https://craftcloud3d.com) and they are more of a broker. You upload a model, set preferences for materials and then you choose from a list of quotes. If the manufacturer has any issues they'll reach out and you can message through their platform to resolve issues. They offer 3D printing in every material he was even aware of being printable these days, but the cost can vary dramatically. CNC machining is an option, too, though he has never used that part of the service.

A valid attempt sir and thank you for your innovative approach. Now will there a third attempt?

Swap Meet & Recognition Lunch Photos

A favorite event of Yours Truly is the swap meet where members have items to sell, trade or give away to to those who already have it but just can't leave a bargain on the table (or tailgate). Last year's picking was pretty meager with only Dave Luther setting up shop. But this year there was a fair amount of items in the parking lot.

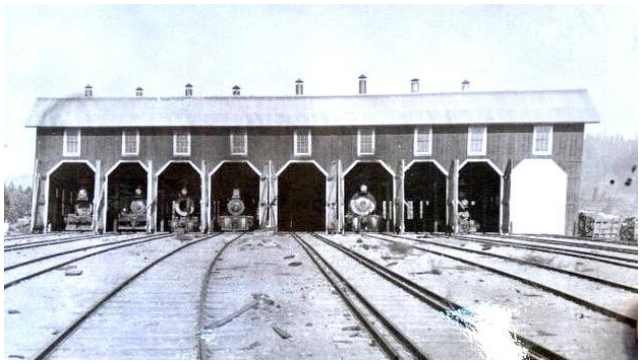
I don't remember who brought what but hopefully you can expect the same vendors next year. So save your allowance if you see anything you like for next year.

As mentioned in this article's title, this was a Recognition LUNCH and it was a lovely lunch with many attendees bringing food to share and the club providing burger & hot dogs.

I was too busy eating to take more than the one photo of Manny Pereira cooking on the grill but the food & atmosphere was wonderful and it seem that much fun was had by all.

Hobart Mills Trip

By Mike Ward



Hi,

while in Tahoe last week I went on a tour of the Hobart Mills railroad trestles & vague artifacts of the Hobart Town which once housed over 1,000 people.

They had a 9-bay engine house (square) fed by a (no longer visible turntable) with 9-service pits (still there) to service both narrow gauge & standard gauge engines.

Also saw the remnants of three 28' log cars, from which the wheels were long gone.

Note that the center bay was dual gauge as was the turntable. Had to be a 4-rail turntable so that when the turntable spun around, the tracks would align in both directions.

Their next Trestle tour is in September.

Then we went on drives & hikes along logging spurs to visit wood trestles; now all fallen down, just like ours, but the timbers are humongous in real life. More pics later.

Also saw a logging in the Eastern United State online video that is a great watch. Had lots of wonderful early still photos of railroads, logging & trestles and has giving me ideas for a logging operation at Steve's lumber camp.

This 11:36 minute YouTube video is from author Archibald History and titled "How 19th Century Logging Railroad Actually Worked" and can be found at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iWiyEBMFKuI

Best, Mike

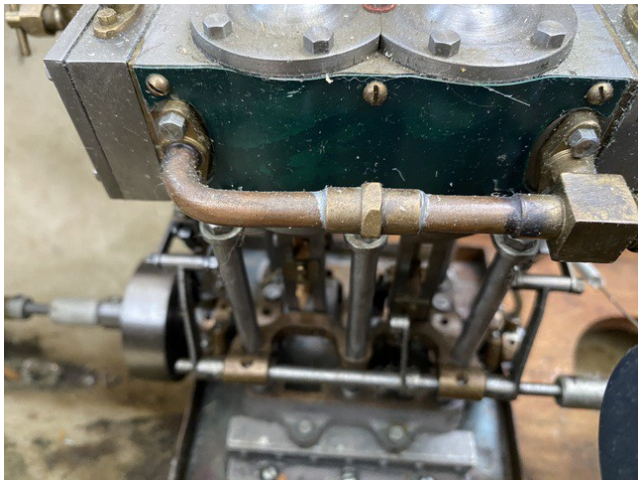
For Sale

RC Steam Tug

Sponsored by Pat Young

June 13, 2026

Here's your chance to own is RC Steam powered Tug Boat. Do you Live near a lake or pond? Just think of the fun you could have operating this steam driven radio controlled tugboat. Could become a whole new hobby for you and your family. This is really not a toy for kids but this is the only category it fits into.



I'm offering a completely Scratch Built, 1:12 scale tug boat. Modeled after the tug boats that push barges up and down the waters of Arrow Lakes in British Columbia. It is 55" long, live steam, propane fired, make up water pump, fire control 80 psi steam, steam whistle, throttle valve, forward & reverse, condensate capture, Stuart 2-cylinder 3/4" bore double acting engine, rudder right and left, radio 2.4.

Powerful enough to pull 2 people in an aluminum boat. Boat is located in Airdrie, AB, Canada.

Asking price $2900.00 CAN OBO.

Crating and Shipping available at buyers expense.

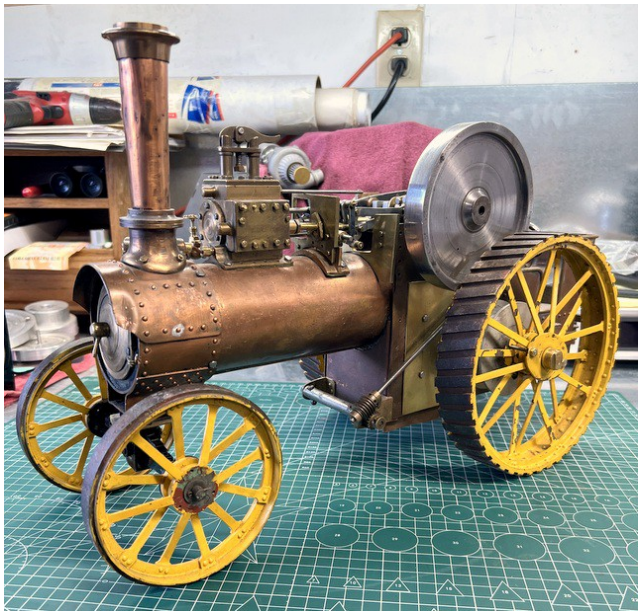
More photos upon request and training can be arranged to whoever buys it.

Greg Orme
Iron Horse Park
gorme@telus.net

For Sale

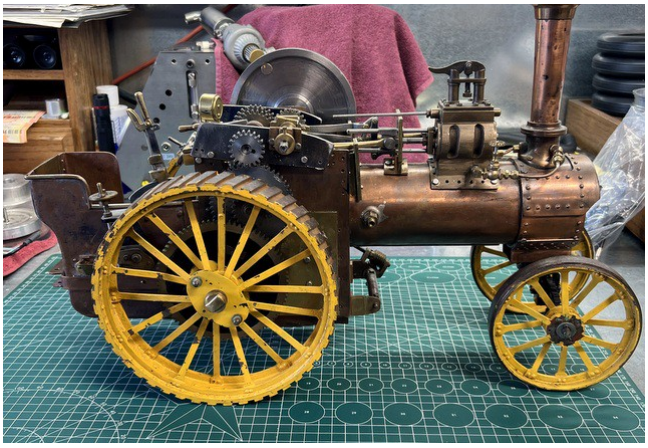
1" Minnie Traction Engine

June 30, 2026

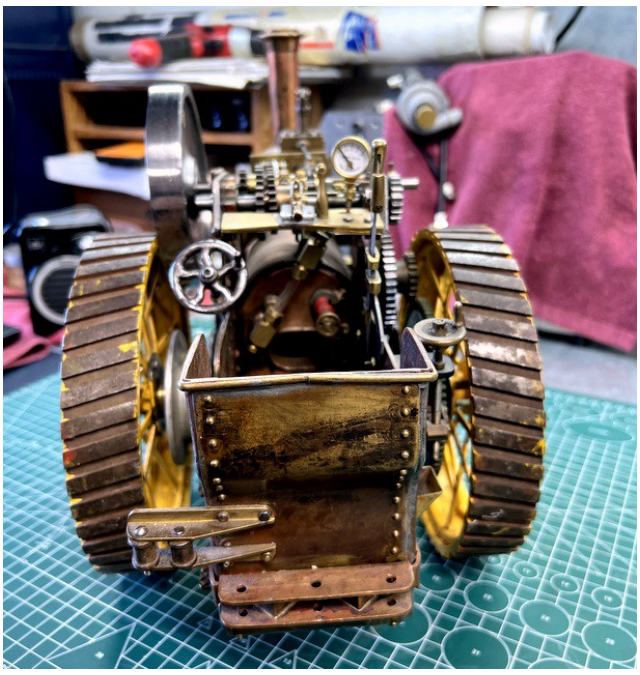


This is a popular 1" scale project that is looking for a fair amount of tender loving care from someone to complete it.

This model engine came from the United Kingdom and it comes with the book "Scale Model Building Traction Engine featuring Minnie" by noted author L.C. Mason, water pump castings, flywheel castings and spare gears.



The overall dimensions of the traction engine are 18” long x 12” tall x 9” wide and weight about 35 lbs. I believe it has a Maxwell Hemmens copper boiler which I have not pressure tested but it does have a serial number stamped on it.



It needs a new crank machined as it’s a bit out of squared on the flywheel side.

So I have another similar traction engine that's finished and decided I don't need two.
I am asking **$1,800 or Best Offer** and keep in mind a professional made copper boiler out of England by itself is around $2,200.

I can meet someone halfway between my location in the Sonora area of California if you want to pick it up or can ship it at the buyer's expense.

Thanks for looking and feel free to contact me for more information

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