



The Call Boy

Member Appreciation Lunch



Membership Appreciation Lunch was suggested several months ago to remind the members how much the club appreciates their enthusiasm in promoting a great live steam hobby. The usual suspects were rounded up to manage the barbecue in creating a tasty meal for all comers! Here, John Smith is calling for more supplies while Jerry Kimberlin helps in rolling the dogs and flipping burgers. Bill Smith looks like he's sleeping, but he's really setting up more bread for warming on the grill. He's also supervising Jerry to ensure getting a proper "burnt" hot dog. We hope to have more of these throat the new year as it was well attended!

Event Calendar

December

12/3-4/16 SVLS Santa Run
12/10-11/16 SVLS Santa Run
12/11/16 GGLS Member Meeting
12/11/16 GGLS Board Meeting
12/11/16 Annual Election

January

1/01/16 New Years Chili Run
1/11/16 GGLS Member Meeting
1/11/16 GGLS Board Meeting

February

2/05/16 GGLS Member Meeting
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March

3/12/16 GGLS member Meeting
3/12/16 GGLS Board Meeting
(also Daylight Savings begins)

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Editorial Staff

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Officers

President: Mark Johnson
Vice President: Rick Reaves
Secretary: Chris Smith
Treasurer: John Lisherness
Safety: Jerry Kimberlin
Ombudsman: Bob Cohen

GGLS Committee Chairmen

Track: Bill Smith
Engines: Mark Johnson
Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
Public Train Richard Croll
Bits & Pieces: Sheldon Yee
Buildings: Rich Lundberg
Grounds: Andy Weber
Signal System: Dan Swanson
Boiler Testing: Jerry Kimberlin
High Track: Jeremy Coombs
Refreshments: Walt Oellerich
Sheldon Yee
Technical: Charlie Reiter
Round House: Michael Smith
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Librarian: Pat Young

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



Announcements

As you are aware, we have introduced our hobby to many new members, some of whom bring their kids up to the track to experience real railroading. (You know where this is going...). Most kids are responsible but others are prone to engage in activities that may cause great injury to themselves or others. If you witness such activity, it is YOUR responsibility, as a club member, to IMMEDIATELY intervene and terminate the activity. DO NOT search out the Safety Committee, Ombudsman, or Officer of the club just to report the activity so you can "stand down". Many of you have raised children of your own and know "the drill" in dealing with a child. GGLS RULE #1 is SAFETY!

Parents: We welcome you and your family to the track but it is YOUR responsibility to supervise your children at ALL TIMES to avoid unnecessary injury to them or others. If your child is observed in an activity that could cause great harm, you will hear about it in short order. Railroading is a great pastime and we all want to have fun in a safe manner.

Don't forget that the New Year is just around the corner which means another great chili run.

Golden Gate Live Steamers
a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

Track & Club House Location
2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Berkeley, CA, 94708
510-486-0623
www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

President Mark Johnson called the General Meeting to order at 10:03 am.

General Announcements:

Sheldon Yee mentioned that the Chili Run is approaching. He has asked for volunteers to bring chili and side dishes. Please see Sheldon Yee to coordinate what to bring.

New & Returning Members, Visitors, Guests:

Derek Schipper reintroduced himself to the club. We are glad to welcome Derek as a member of the GGLS.

Steam-related Activities:

Mark Johnson had a chance to visit the US Army Transportation Museum at Fort Eustis, Virginia. The U.S. Army Transportation Museum is devoted entirely to the history of U.S. Army transportation from colonial days to the present. It offers a unique glimpse of the importance of logistical support to the Army, and is a must when visiting the Virginia Peninsula. More information can be found at their web site at:

www.transchool.lee.army.mil/museum/transportation%20museum/museum.htm

Bob Morris reported that he visited Hearst Farms, where they have a 15" gauge G-16 locomotive with coaches.

Officers' Report:

President Mark Johnson: "We had another very successful Meet and Open House in October. We had a good number of Steam Engines and other engine types operating on both days. I would like to thank all who helped make the event a great success and also thank all who took the time to attend.

I would like to extend a special "Thank You" to Armando Epiphani for the great Halloween decorations and display that he set up. It was very impressive, especially at night, and I have been told that he is thinking ahead for a Winter Holiday display.

The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Inspection that was scheduled for October 28, 2016 was canceled by the District. A new inspection date has not been set.

We are, again, in the colder weather months and it is important that we all observe the water shut down procedures. If you are not familiar with the water or power shut down procedures please see Andy Weber.

Please be advised that the pile of dirt near the corner of the Club House on the Steaming Bay Side is the result of some electrical work that the Redwood Valley Railway is having done. I have spoken to Ellen about this and was told that they are waiting for the project to get signed off by the PG&E Inspector. When that is done they can fill in the hole and restore our area.

The GGLS Board, again, decided to provide a \$10.00 discount to all members who pay their annual dues before December 31, 2016. So, pay your dues early and take advantage of the discount.

Finally, I want to remind everyone that the election of Board Officers will be held at the General Meeting next month. Please plan to attend the meeting and submit your vote. Also, it is not too late to run for an office. So, if you are interested in running, please see Ombudsman Robert Cohen."

Vice President: Nothing to report.

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

Secretary: Nothing to report.



Safety Chairman: Jerry Kimberlin reported that operators and riders should watch their feet in with respect to the right of way. There are a few spots along the track that narrow in relation to fixed objects and could become a hazard for larger locomotives and riders.

Ombudsmen: Bob Cohen talked about the upcoming elections for the year of 2017. So far, the ballot is as follows:

President Nominee: Mark Johnson

Vice President Nominee: Rick Reaves

Secretary Nominee: Richard Croll

Safety Chairmen Nominee: Jerry Kimberlin

Bob Cohen encourages other members to run for each position in providing support within the club.

Committee Reports:



Buildings: Rich Lundberg mentioned that painting buildings will be shut down during the off-season.

He is also looking for volunteers to help with the rain gutters on various buildings. If you can help, please contact Rich (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net).

Grounds: Andy Weber fixed the broken pipe by the Shattock Barn.



Signals: Dan Swanson reported the aspect display for the outer loop for switch TO-3 was changed on November 03 and now shows a L/H tilted light pattern instead of the previous vertical light pattern. The switch for TO-2 only throws for a diverge route. Switch actuator repair coming soon.

Ground Track: John Lytle mentioned that the track is in good shape. In the future he would like to host a Saturday work party to help maintain the track and do other various tasks.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Public Train: Rich Croll reported that the Public train only ran for 2 Sundays during October due to the weather. He did make a suggestion that the Public Train is more efficient if there are two trains operating during the Open House.

Locomotives:

RGS 22: The new box car is in service; it carries three propane tanks and eliminates the need for a tank in the tender. Other than a slight freezing issue, it seems to be working fine.

Johnson Pacific: John Lisherness has made a new propane nozzle for the Pacific. This nozzle is smaller than the original one to enable operating at a higher pressure. The goal here is to achieve a hotter, blue flame rather than a yellow one resulting in improved steaming.

Heinz Atlantic: John Lisherness is preparing to fasten the firebox's mud ring to the chassis so that the boiler may be secured in place. Then the main steam pipe will be connected to the branch pipes inside the smoke box.

Hunter Atlantic: The Hunter Atlantic passed the annual boiler inspection in September but the

safety's aren't 'popping' properly, So member Mike Gershowitz is cleaning & adjusting them and hopes to have this resolved on Sunday. Additionally the injector's operation is marginal which may require cleaning/rebuild. Additionally, the axle pump may have a check valve issue. Other than that, the locomotive runs well.

Diesels: According to Rick Zobelein, both engines are running (and the horns work).

Rolling Stock: Rich Croll mentioned that the new boxcar for the RGS 20 is in service. This allows the locomotive to run t the entire day without swapping tanks. Walt Oellerich repainted the club's orange work cars blue.

Callboy/Website: Pat Young reports that there are no complaints with the CallBoy newsletter but is investigating something called "crawl errors" on our web site.

Membership: Rick Zobelein mentioned that the Public Train crew is always in need of volunteers and it's a great way to get involved with helping out the club.

Roundhouse: Michael Smith reported that everyone has received their new lock combinations.

Builders Group: Group moderator Pat Young uploaded Jerry Kimberlin Tech Talk on how he casts boiler number plate to the Yahoo Builders Group. If you would like to be a member, contact Pat (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Old Business:

Nothing to report.

New Business:

Bob Morris mentioned that he is selling donated books and the profits are turned over to the club.

General Meeting adjourned at 10:50 am.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:18 am.

Old Business:

By-Laws update by Bob Cohen: Bob reports that he has been working on the RGS 20 and has not worked on the By-Laws project.

Bob Cohen Locomotive Project: The Board received a report from Bob Cohen as to the status of his locomotive and items that still need work.

The RGS 20 locomotive needs to pass our set criteria standards below:

- 1. The locomotive must meet all the safety requirements in the safety handbook. A copy of the handbook can be found in the clubhouse.*
- 2. It must pass a boiler inspection.*
- 3. It must be able to raise a head of steam within 45 minutes. A head of steam is considered "popping" pressure.*
- 4. The locomotive must pull the loaded Public Train twice around the track, hauling the standard number of cars and passengers.*
- 5. While pulling the Public Train twice around the track as per the above, the steam pressure must not go lower then 80 lbs psi.*

New Business:

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned 11:29 am.

Bits and Pieces

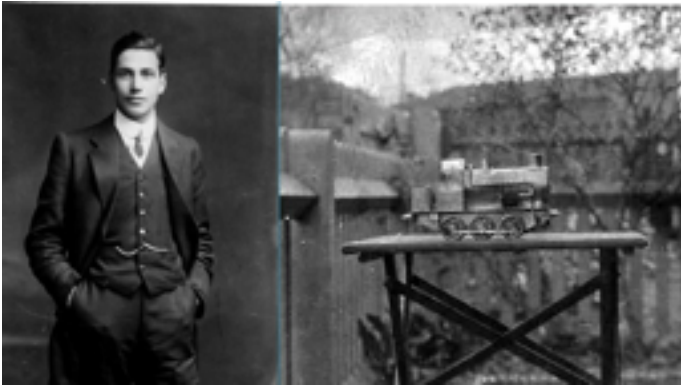
by Sheldon Yee



Roy Motz - Smokebox Door "Dogs" (Clamps) and a fixture to hold the dog for machining.

From Our Members and Readers

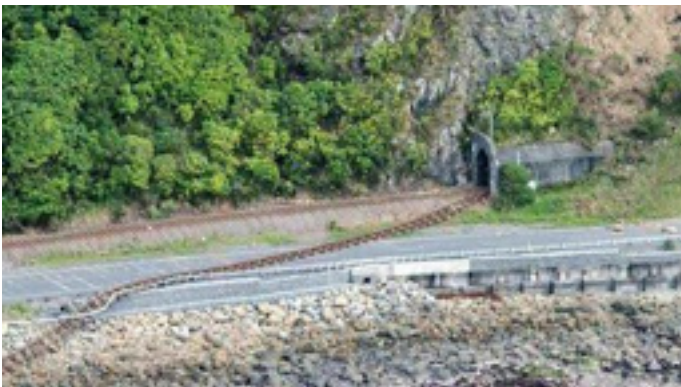
From Ken Shattock:



I just got an email TODAY from a distant cousin in England. She told me some exciting news concerning a miniature steam locomotive that she says was built during the period 1913—1914. NOT as you may expect, by Vic Shattock, but by Vic's younger brother, Arthur William Shattock, who sadly passed away in 1915 at age 22.

Cousin Dea says the following: "Did you know that while Victor's brother Arthur was ill he made a working model of a steam train out of brass and copper. I have an old photo taken at the time and I saw it working many years ago as a teenager because Mum's brother John had it, but don't know what happened to it."

Take a look herein. Amazing huh? I never knew ANY of this. My Grandpa never said BOO during the fourteen years I lived with him!



The recent earthquake in New Zealand did some substantial damage including landslides that shoved the track leading out of the tunnel into the river.

A 4:29 minute video titled "How to Sharpen Metal Files" by Dale Derry ("Metal Tips and Tricks") submitted by GGLS member Loren Byron that shows how Dales uses chemicals to sharpen a metal file.

Changes at PV&A



One of our sister live steam clubs, the Portola Valley & Alpine Railway is building this impressive trestle bridge. Something to look for during their next meet.



For Sale

November 20, 2016

British Railways Class 16 electric Locomotive



Two year old 1" scale, 4.75" gauge locomotive with wireless radio controlled system for control of speed, braking and pressure regulated dual tone air horn.



There are 4 motors where each axle are powered and it includes a new Extreme Racing 30 12v battery and trickle charger.

It's lightweight but has plenty of power, easy to pick up and I have pulled 6 adults with it.

Asking price: \$1,400

Purchaser can pick the locomotive up in Berkeley or it can be shipped for approximately \$130.

For more information, please email me, Armando Epifani, at acetmr2014@gmail.com or call me at (510) 508-7180.

Rules Of The Month

December 2016

By
Dan Swanson

2011 Safety & Operating Rules

Section 2 - Equipment

2.17 Weighing of Equipment *All engines and tenders, intended to operate on Club tracks, are required to be weighed and have their recorded weights on file with the club. The present weight limit for engines and cars is 400lbs. per axle. In addition in the event of observed extreme or overloaded conditions on rolling stock which may exceed the norm, equipment may require weighing at any time by the discretion of the Safety Committee.-*

Section 3 - Operating procedures

3.12 High Track Riding Cars *Riding cars on the high track may be of any scale but shall be four and three-fourths (4 3/4) inches in gauge. They shall be of the flat car configuration with the engineer and any passenger sitting "side saddle" (i. e. both legs shall be on the same side of the riding car).-*

Section 6 Safety Committee

6.10 Failure to Appear *Failure to appear before the Board of Directors when summoned or otherwise required to do so shall be interpreted as a default and the Board may then take any action deemed appropriate without further recourse on the part of the individual.-*

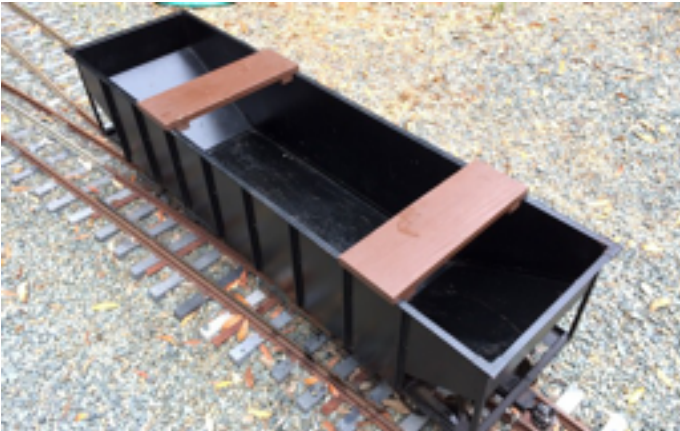
For Sale

September 13, 2016

1½" scale 3-bay hopper car



Three bay steel hopper car in very good condition with little running time. Car body and cast iron trucks by Tom Bee. Can be used as a riding car and/or display car for your train.



Detailed with optional ribs welded onto car sides. Ends have been reinforced for the included safety chain hardware.

Would keep but running out of storage space. Hopper car can be viewed at Tilden Park most Sundays by contacting us at the below phone number.

Asking **\$900** but will consider any reasonable offers, especially from GGLS club members.

Michael B. Smith