



*The maiden run of the RGS 20, younger twin to the RGS 22 driven by builder Bob Cohen.  
After some break in time, she will join her sister in pulling the Public Train.*

# The CallBoy

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## Rules Of The Month



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By  
Dan Swanson



### 2011 Safety & Operating Rules

#### Section 2 - Equipment

**2.17 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.-*

#### 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:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Dan Swanson
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, the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

### **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**

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 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 any 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](http://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 Epiphany 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 now 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 and when that is done they can fill in the hole and restore our area.

The GGLS Board has again decided to provide a \$10.00 discount to all members who pay their yearly 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 and 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 conjunction of the right of way. There are a few spots along the track that narrow and have become a troublesome spot for larger locomotives and riders.

**Ombudsmen:** Bob Cohen talked about the upcoming elections for the year of 2017 and so far on 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 to increase participation within the club.

### **Committee Reports:**



**Buildings:** Rich Lundberg mentioned that the painting and eve work of the building will be shut down during the off-season.



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

**Grounds:** Andy Weber fixed the broken pipe by the Shattuck 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 maintain the track and to do other various tasks.

**High Track:** Nothing to report.

**Public Train:** Rich Croll reported that the Public train only ran for 2 Sundays out of the month of October due to the weather. He did make the 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 in service, it carries three propane tanks and eliminates the need for the 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 for improved steaming.

**Heintz Atlantic:** John Lisherness is preparing to fasten the firebox's mud ring to the chassis so that the boiler is 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 and 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.

**Rolling Stock:** Rich Croll mentioned that the new boxcar for the RGS 20 is in service and which allows the locomotive can go through the whole 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 regards to 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](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)).

**Old Business:**  
Nothing to report.

**New Business:**  
Bob Morris brought up that he is selling donated books where 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 status: The Board received the report from Bob Cohen on the completion status of his locomotive and on the 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 than 80 lbs psi.*

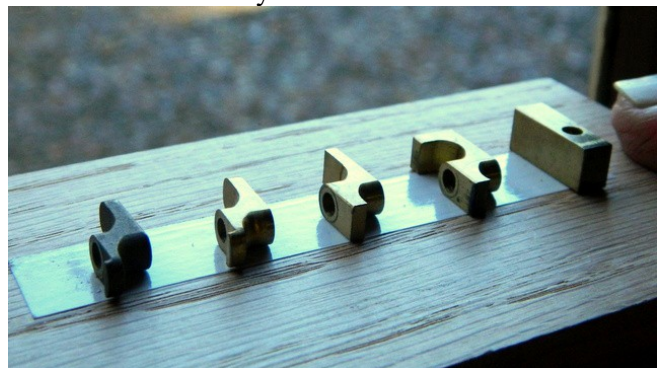
#### **New Business:**

Nothing to report.

The meeting was adjourned 11:29 am.

### **Bits and Pieces**

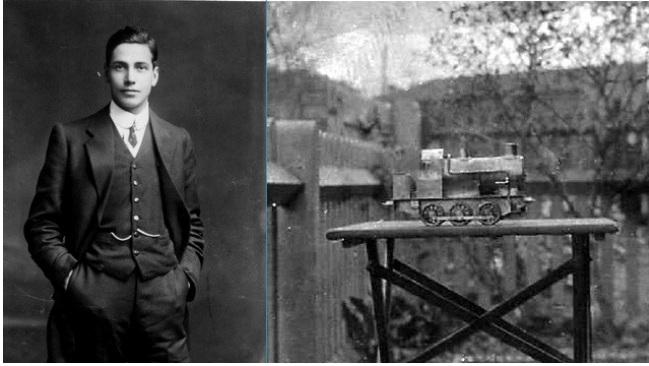
by Sheldon Yee



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



### From Our Members and Readers

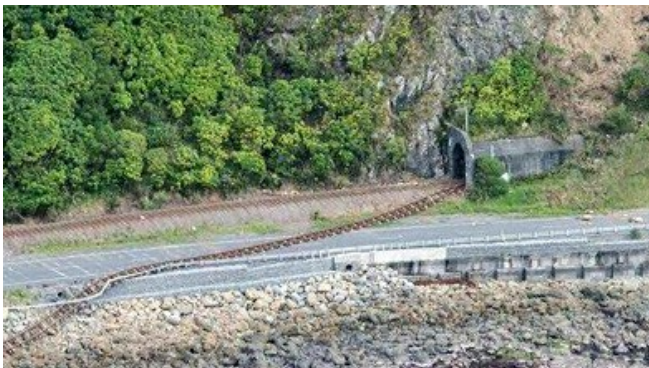


I just got an email TODAY from a distant cousin in England. She told me some exciting news concerning a miniature steam locomotive that she says was built during the period 1913—1914. NOT as you may expect, by Vic Shattock, but by Vic's younger brother, Arthur William Shattock, who sadly passed away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

Cheers.  
Ken Shattock  
Club Historian



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

## **How to Sharpen Files**

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 making some changes at their facility including this impressive trestle bridge. Something to look for at 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](mailto:acetmr2014@gmail.com) or call me at (510) 508-7180.

### 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





## Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2017.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or <b>before December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
If renewed on or after January 1, 2017	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2017, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or <b>before December 31, 2016</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
If renewed on or after January 1, 2017	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to "**GGLS**" and send them to the following address:

John Lisherness  
801 Contra Costa Dr.  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

If you want a membership card, please include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope.

*If payment is not received by March 31, 2017, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.*

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