

The Call Boy

Member Appreciation Lunch



Earlier this year, the Board, with membership approval, agreed to have “Member Appreciation” lunches during the calendar year. This proved to be quite popular as it is offered as a “free” lunch, and usually draws a crowd. Well, it’s not really “free” for the lead chef (burger flipper) and the usual suspects: Andy Weber, and John & Bill Smith were pleased to step aside and let our new member, David Neil take the spatula and go to work over the hot grille. David’s other life is that of a chef so it was a “no brainer” to do the barbecue even though he prefers building pizzas. Maybe a future club project would be to order and install a real Italian pizza oven to add a little variety to the usual lunch fare of hamburgers and hot dogs. Mel McDonough always likes his burgers “rare” but pizzas don’t come that way so he’ll have to adjust.

Event Calendar

December

12/10/17 GGLS Member Meeting
12/10/17 GGLS Annual Meeting
12/10/17 GGLS Board Meeting

January

01/01/18 New Years Chili Run
01/14/18 GGLS Member Meeting
01/14/18 GGLS Board Meeting

February

02/11/18 GGLS Member Meeting
02/11/18 GGLS Board Meeting

March

03/11/18 GGLS Member Meeting
03/11/18 GGLS Board Meeting

April

04/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
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President: Mark Johnson
Vice President: Rick Reaves
Secretary: Richard Croll
Treasurer: John Lisherness
Safety: Jerry Kimberlin
Ombudsman: Bob Cohen

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Track: John Lytle
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Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
Public Train Walt Oellerich
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
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**Deadline for submittal to next months' issue is
15th of the month**



Announcements

It is now time to pay your dues for 2018. Those who renew early (by December 31st) will save ten dollars off their annual membership fee.

If you decide to wait and pay on April 1st, or later, you automatically become a new member and get to pay the initiation fee.

The moral of this story is to pay early, save money, and make bookkeeping easier for our club treasurer!

Annual elections arrive in December and those wishing to help in guiding the future of the club please contact Bob Cohen.

In case you haven't been up to the track, the leaves have now turned yellow and are falling. Please volunteer your time and a rake to help in the Fall cleanup. Next comes tree pruning; don't miss out on that one!

Some people claim not to know about an event that is happening at the track. Further investigation determined that they didn't read the newsletter and if lucky, only looked at the pictures.

If you change your E mail address, please let us know!

Golden Gate Live Steamers
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Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 10:02AM. 28+ members were present.

Guests:



Bob Morris introduced Dale and Gail Wingard. Bob and Sandy met them on their Panama Canal cruise, and they are interested in joining.

New Members:



Jon Sargent introduced himself. He recently retired from a career in security and law enforcement. Together with Armando Epifani he purchased Gene Heinmans locomotive.



Another new member is Vladimir Kovalevsky

Steaming and rail activities

Michael Smith talked about his trip to the Almaden Quicksilver Park in San Jose. They have an electric mine locomotive on display. He highly recommends a visit.

Bob Morris reported on the Panama Canal cruise he and Sandy took

Bruce Anderson reported about his trip through the shop area of the Niles Canyon Railway. He saw several saddle tank locos.

Officers Reports

President: Today is the final Member Appreciation Lunch for 2017. I want to extend a hearty thanks to all of the members that spend their time keeping the GGLS up, running and functioning throughout the year.



I would like to extend a special thanks to Lisa Kimberlin for her help and effort in obtaining the food. Also, a big thanks to David Neil for cooking the food.

Remember we are looking for GGLS members to run for office for the upcoming elections. If you are interested please see Ombudsman Bob Cohen.

As always remember, "Safety First is Rule Number One In Live Steam". When operating your equipment at the GGLS facility please observe signals, and speed limits. Always operate your equipment in a safe manner.

Vice President: Nothing to report

Secretary: Nothing to report

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the club's finances. Expenses and Income for last month were essentially equal. Any member wishing more detail can contact John.

Ombudsman: Bob Cohen as Election Committee reported the following nominees for office next year:

President- none

Vice President- Sam Tamez and John Lytle

Secretary- Richard Croll

Treasurer- John Lisherness

Safety- Jerry Kimberlin and Michael Smith

Committee Reports

Buildings:



Rich Lundberg reported that the Clerici barn is done except for the upper roof. That will wait for dryer weather. Artie Debeling will be doing the windows and door trim. Rich acknowledged the assistance of Bruce Anderson on the project.



Rich also reported that the Diamond Back building has been re-roofed by Richard Croll and crew.

Rich announced that he is looking for a replacement as buildings committee chairman, hopefully by the first of the new year.

Grounds:



Andy Weber reported that we have underground leaks. He is in the process of repairing the steaming bay drain, and will be adding a utility box and making it easier to access.

Andy also noted that the fence and signal box that got hit by accident have been repaired.

Andy also pointed out that next year will be time to prune the trees again. Andy also mentioned that leaf raking is ongoing.

Andy also advised that winter shutdown of the water supply has begun.

Safety: Jerry Kimberlin mentioned that he has put a current copy of the Safety Rules in the Policy binder kept in the clubhouse. They are also posted on the website.

Signals: In the absence of the chairman, Bruce Anderson gave a short report.

Ground Track: John Lytle reported that the 2nd and 4th Mondays are track work days. He did mention that the November 13th day is canceled because of expected rain. John also noted slow orders at the turnout leading to Tilden Station, and on the outside track at the crossover beyond the Shattock Barn.

Locomotives

RGS #22: Early last month, a pin connecting the link to the eccentric rod came out, putting engine out of service for balance of day. It was repaired and back in service by the following Sunday, and

continues to haul the public train. With the cooler temperatures, we are starting to have propane freezing problems. It is hoped that the 12volt air compressor being installed in the boxcar will produce enough heat to help with this problem. The compressor should be installed within the next couple of weeks. New folding motorcycle foot pegs were installed on #22's tender for the engineer. This should eliminate the problem of the foot pegs getting bent. A bolt that had fallen out on the reverse quadrant was replaced.

RGS #20: Driver is repaired and returned to the track. Rick Reaves and Jerry Kimberlin replaced the front driver set on the RGS20. They removed all the brake shoes as they were worn and will be relined with brake lining material from McMaster-Carr. The new RGS 20 tender is complete except for lettering.

Hunter Atlantic: The Hunter Atlantic remains in working condition. Mike Gershowitz has nothing new to report. The engine is being operated by Club members.

Heintz Atlantic: Nothing new to report.

Johnson Pacific: Nothing new to report.

Gas Engines:

1936 diesel: is back up and running after Rich Croll removed the loose wheel/axle on the rear truck, Jerry Kimberlin repaired it and was reinstalled by David Neil.

1971 diesel: running fine.

Public Train: no report

Rolling Stock: nothing to report

Callboy/Website: Pat Young said Amy apologized for the printed Callboy being late. He also mentioned that he plans to cut back on the links, especially YouTube, to lessen potential problems.

Builders Group: Pat Young said the group activities was quiet, but he is planning to add more material to the site.

Membership: Rick Zobelein reported he has handed out several applications. He also mentioned that former member Rene Quihilait's son visited us and is interested in joining.

The President reminded the members to send in their dues and roundhouse rent.

Old Business: none

New Business: Sheldon Yee reminded the members that the Chili Run will be held as usual on New Years Day. He asked for and got volunteers to bring chili.

The Board of Directors approved John Lytle's request for permission to build a storage building on one of the elevated tracks. Members were asked to vote approval, and it was given unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:32AM

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by Mark Johnson at 11:45AM. All Board members were present.

Old Business

Roundhouse: Roundhouse chairman Michael Smith reported that Fred Byl had not run all year according to the log. Michael will contact him. Michael will also contact Berne Holman, who has apparently moved out of the area, and cleaned out his stall.

Discussion was held about the roundhouse rules, and how names on list are being maintained. Michael Smith is to bring rules to next board meeting. Discussion was tabled until next month.

Bylaws: Nothing new to report. Next meeting will be held Sunday, November 19th.

High track bridge: Nothing new to report

Bell: Pole has been delivered. Post holes for mounting have been started.

John Lisherness reported on the matter discussed in closed session at the last Board meeting. The matter is considered closed.

New Business

John Lisherness made a motion, seconded by Bob Cohen to purchase enough material to make new steel tires for both club ten wheelers. Motion was passed unanimously.

The Secretary mentioned that we need to set next year's calendar. He presented a proposed schedule. The Secretary will contact Sacramento Valley Live Steamers and Portola Valley and Alpine to make sure we have no conflicts.

Officers Nominations:

Mark Johnson brought up the fact that no one has agreed to run for President. He may be willing to serve one more year.

Meeting Adjourned at 12:17PM

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Jerry Kimberlin – Steam Dome for Garratt Locomotive, in progress, made by a “Lost Foam” technique (explained in detail during the GGLS Bits and Pieces portion of the monthly meeting). Used Closed-cell foam (like Styrofoam), with a hot wire held against a rotating workpiece in a lathe.



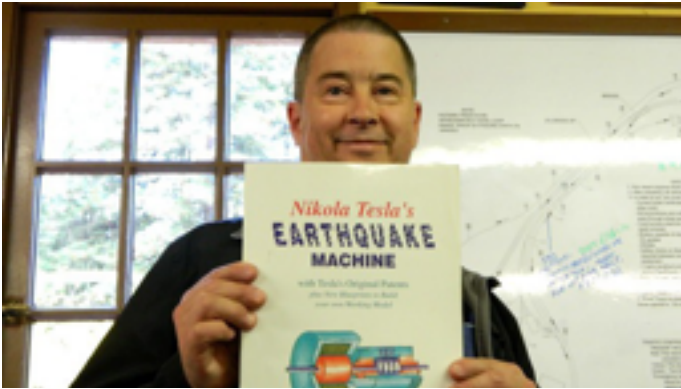
Working Air Fittings & Valves (Westinghouse design) where the glad hands are from Shapeways and he made the valves, each valve composed of 6 different components, 5 which were made from lost wax castings.



Rich Croll – All Purpose Work Car. All steel under-carriage & frame with all wood top.



Mark Johnson – Tool holder set for a small lathe, similar to the Sherline line of tools, at a very low price (imported).



Michael Smith – an old book, by Nikolai Tesla, on the construction of an Earthquake machine. It would be interesting to compare the work of this master to the Earthquake machine at the Academy of Sciences in Golden Gate Park.

2018 GGLS Board Election Slate

President: *none*

Vice President: John Lytle
Chris Smith
Sammy Tamez

Secretary: Rich Croll

Treasurer: John Lisherness

Safety: Jerry Kimberlin
Mike Smith

For Sale

November 11, 2017

A 7½” gauge, coal burner 0-4-0 switcher with a Winton boiler. Built in approximately 1972 we purchased it in 2012 and had a fair amount of reconditioning work done to tighten it up (list of work performed on it is available upon request).

It runs great, was very lightly used by us and has a great sounding whistle. Comes with rack shown in picture, a bridge span for loading & unloading, previously used propane burner & tank and has other miscellaneous parts etc. It fits comfortably in the back of our Toyota Sienna van for easy travel.

More pictures available upon request or drop by our house by Albany, California for a look. Will deliver within greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Asking Price: \$11,500 or best offer.

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Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2018.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2017	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2018	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2018, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2017	\$ 50
If renewed on or after January 1, 2018	\$ 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 payment is not received by March 31, 2018, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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