



*David Neal showing his wonderful talent on the Grill at the Membership Recondition Lunch. Thank you David!*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## Officers

President:	Mark Johnson	510-889-9451
Vice President:	Rick Reaves	510-479-3386
Secretary:	Rich Croll	510-276-3893
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-647-8443
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
CallBoy Editors:	Pat Young (printed version), Rick Zobelein (email version)
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:	John Lytle
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,

## 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

12/10/17 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting

## Golden Gate Live Steamers

## Minutes of General Membership Meeting

November 12, 2017

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 the members that winter shutdown of the water 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays are track work days. He did mention that the November 13<sup>th</sup> 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**

The 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 Neal. 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

## **Golden Gate Live Steamers**

### **Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

**November 12, 2017**

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 19<sup>th</sup>.

High track bridge

Nothing new to report

Bell

Pole has been delivered. Post holes to mount 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.



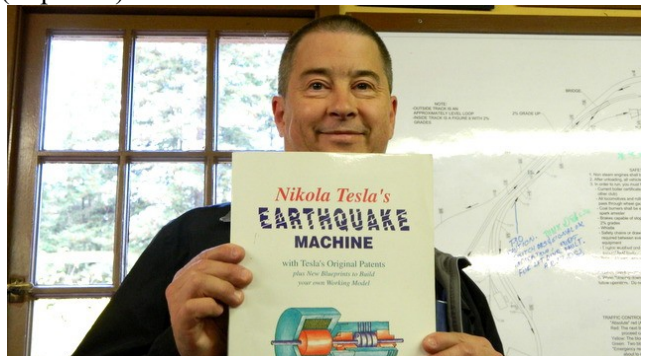
Working Air Fittings & Valves (Westinghouse design) where the glad hands are from Shapeways and he made the valves, each valve composed of 6 different components, 5 which were made from lost wax castings.



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

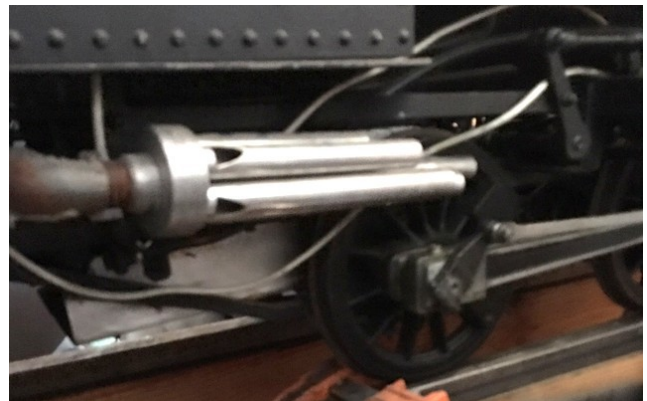
Treasurer: John Lisherness

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.

Dave Wemmer  
510-406-1984  
[david.wemmer12@gmail.com](mailto:david.wemmer12@gmail.com)



### 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 <b>before December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
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 <b>before December 31, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
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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