



The Call Boy

All Aboard For New Year's Chili Run!



New Year's Chili Run always brings out a crowd to "run the rails" and enjoy a variety of home made chili and numerous desserts, all available in the club house. This year, the weather was perfect and while the adults were dining, the kids were running! Here, under the supervision of Matt Franaszek, the Hunter Atlantic is getting a workout. Kaeden Wemmer on the engine, followed by Luke Burwell, Jacob Hulbert, Alexander and Rishi Haken with father Armin Haken as conductor. It appears that the only other traffic on the inside main was going to be Rich Ratto waiting on the roundhouse track. Thanks to Sheldon Yee for managing this year's event!

Bruce Anderson Photo

Event Calendar

February

2/08/15 GGLS Member Meeting
2/08/15 GGLS Board Meeting

March

3/08/15 GGLS Member Meeting
3/08/15 GGLS Board Meeting

April

4/12/15 GGLS Member Meeting
4/12/15 GGLS Board Meeting

May

5/03/15 GGLS Member Meeting
5/03/15 GGLS Board Meeting
5/10/15 Mothers Day
5/16-17/15 SVLS Spring Meet

June

6/06/15 GGLS Spring Meet
6/07/15 GGLS Open House
6/14/15 GGLS Member Meeting
6/14/15 GGLS Board Meeting

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



Announcements

It has recently been discovered that there was unauthorized use of club equipment during a weekday, including interaction with the public. As such, steps are being taken to eliminate this opportunity in the future. Security options are under review, and in the interim, keyed padlocks have been placed on the club house and Shattock Barn. Combination locks are still in place at other locations.

Important Reminders to All Members!

Use the phones at the track (instead of cell phones) to call 911 in case of emergency. It is a direct line to East Bay Parks.

If you need to review how to shut off the club's water supply, there is a written document posted on the wall by the water fountain.

Dues Reminder

Please send your dues direct to our Treasurer:
John Lisherness
801 Contra Costa Dr.
El Cerrito, CA 94530

Regular Member.....\$50
Associate Member.....\$30
Family Member.....\$60

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

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

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on January 11, 2015 at 9:55 am by President Jim Dameron including 36+ individuals on a crisp, cold 48 degree morning.

New Members and Guests:

There were quite a few new faces in the club house at this meeting. David Rose, Tom Clyman, Jabber Beig and Jonathan Bennett all introduced themselves and most, if not all, had membership forms in hand. Please give them a warm welcome when you can!

Steam-related Activities:



Byron Lambie did an unusual railroad related activity by having his voice recorded for use in the Lionel speaking train series. His voice will be used on refrigerator cars to warn workers of the dangers while loading ice!!



Charlie Reiter went out to the San Francisco Model Yacht club (www.sfmvc.org/) and mentioned that the Power Squadron needs help on getting their steam powered vessels running again

A quiet moment of silence was observed for the passing of members Stan James last month and Charlie Blake in November.

Committee Reports:

On the Buildings front, Rich Lundberg had nothing to report.

New Grounds Chairman Andy Weber reported that the Thursday crew removed several trainloads of redwood duff & debris. Thank you Thursday crew!

Safety Chairman Michael Smith had nothing to report, which is good, safety-wise.

The signal system had some small problems that required switch adjustments & reconfigurations. Rick Reeves is working on the problems.

Ground Track Chairman Jim Dameron reported that a new switch was installed and the old one is being salvaged by Bill Smith for usable parts.

High Track Chairman Jeremy Coombes has been away but wanted to thank Bob Morris & others for stepping in and taking care of it. "It's nice to have someone like Bob whenever there is a need."

Public Train chairman Rich Croll reported on the current operation (as long as the locomotive is running) and Kudos to the Public Train crew for their unswerving dedication. Of course, additional help is always needed & appreciated. Please contact Rich (railroc66@yahoo.com) if you have time to spare and would like training on a real live steamer.

Locomotive co-chairman Mark Johnson presented following status on the club engines:

Heinz Atlantic: The Run and Restoration Team headed by John Lisherness is preparing to mount the boiler on to the engine chassis and most of the original piping on the engine needs replacing. The new pipe fittings have finally arrived.

Hunter Atlantic: The engine is out of service pending the purchase of a new brake valve.

The injector is not working and needs to be repaired. The Super Scale injector starting valve has arrived and needs to be installed.

Johnson Pacific: Experimentation with new oil burners and firing valves continues.

RGS #22: The broken roll pin was replaced on the engine. The lubricator has been moved to the running board for easier checking & filling. Everything is working again and the engine is back in Public Train service.

Baldwin diesel: A blown fuse was replaced by Dan Swanson and a fuel line replaced by Rick Zobelein. The engine is operational.

UVAS diesel: The engine is operational but is awaiting a replacement air filter .

Rolling Stock Chairman Rich Croll continues his work on the two new conductor riding cars. He is planning on getting them powder coated at the end of the month. The next project is the construction of a 3-tank propane box car for the RGS #22. There was some discussion about the pros & cons of propane tank immersion in a bath of water but there was no consensus on the subject.

Web Master Pat Young had nothing to report. One member had a problem with Norton anti-virus software preventing access to the club web site. This will be investigated and if you experience something similar, please contact Pat (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Builders Group Moderator Pat Young reported that Dave August submitted a link that showed his 3D printer in action. Pat noted that the printer sings a song as it was working.

Officer's Report:

Secretary Pat Young mentioned that there is an increase in membership inquiries & live steam-related correspondence.

Treasurer John Lisherness, reported on income from membership dues, roundhouse fees & record-high donations. This was offset by expenses for rolling stock components and a yearly lease payment to the EBRPD. More details can be obtained from John if interested.

Old Business:



Anthony Duarte is the newest recipient of the Dick Thomas Award for Innovation. He was given a well deserved round of applause for his use of exotic design & machining techniques that he applied to his projects.

New Business:

None.

Board Meeting Minutes

The January 11, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:20 am with Board members Ken Blonski, Jim Dameron, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Michael Smith, Andy Weber & Pat Young. Also present were Rich Croll, Byron Lambie, Dana Lambie and Perrin Meyer.

Old Business:

The Board & a round house leasees have come to an understanding about what is required of them and the expectations.

The club Bylaws state that a new trustee be elected to serve on the club Trust Fund. Jerry Kimberlin has indicated he would consider replacing Sheldon Yee.

Last month there was a question about the Trust Fund growth and income violating our 501(c)3 non-profit status. After a knowledgeable CFO with non-profit experience looked over the club's financial situation & visited our web page, she concluded that the club has no problem with either the Fund or income from donations.

Based on a suggestion from past president Steve Vitkovits, the Board passed a motion to form a steering committee. Steve will serve at its first chairman to “provide guidance & direction” to the Board regarding the future of the club.

Presently, the Board has been amiable towards large & small projects. If a group of members wish to make a proposal, by all means, bring it up to the Board. For instance, Andy Weber would like to explore the possibility of removing the ballast in the round house turn table pit and pouring a concrete slab.

New Business:



Perrin Meyer & the Meyer Family have been looking into a suitable sound system for Tilden Station which could help the Public Train crew in making announcements. Perrin presented his proposal and on behalf of his family business, has made an extremely generous offer to the club. They will provide a state-of-the-art, professional sound system (used by theme parks, rock & roll bands and many other institutions) for an extremely attractive price. After some discussion about the equipment and installation requirements, the Board made a motion to accept the magnanimous donation by the Meyer family.

John Lisherness has an idea to place a large 100 gallon propane storage tank on the club premises. This would allow club propane tanks to be refilled on site. Having it would reduce individually filling each tank off site and possibly obtaining a bulk price on propane. There are still questions concerning permits, site selections, park regulations, power needs of the tank, access by the refilling truck, etc. that need to be addressed before this can continue. Contact John for more details if interested.

The replacement of the club house's folding chairs was briefly discussed. John Lisherness will investigate this further.

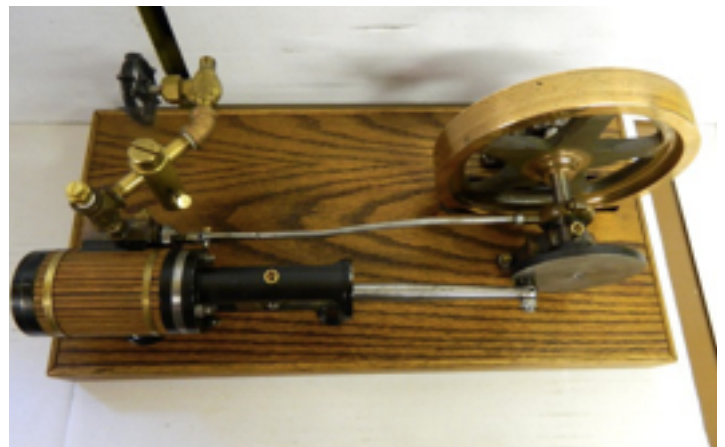
The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is reviewing our request for more train car storage on club grounds. Several club members will meet with them to discuss this need.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Michael Smith - Tapping Blocks, to be placed on the surface of flat, convex or concave surfaces to guide the drill bit in a perpendicular fashion.



Charlie Reiter - Model Horizontal Steam Engine, mounted on a hardwood plaque, refurbished complete with wood lagging on the steam cylinder.



Ken Blonski - New Caboose, from the Mountain Car Company, painted to match his diesel switcher.

For present lessees, please let me know if you have extra space in your area. We have members on the waiting list who may want to share with you until spaces become available for them. Christopher Smith, a member on the RH waiting list with equipment ready to operate, has recently been assigned a vacated roundhouse stall.

Activities of the Restore & Run Team

from John Lisherness

“It was Sam Lerman-Hahn's suggestion that GGLS have steam locomotives for members without engines that inspired our Restore + Run Project.”



Anthony Duarte – 3/4" scale locomotive, bought on Ebay. Design is based on Martin Evan's "Caribou", but will be modified to suit owner's taste. Chassis and Boiler shown.



PREPARING FOR A DAY OF ENGINEER TRAINING

From left to right: Jacob Hulbert, Matt Franaszek, and Sam Lerman-Hahn firing up the Hunter Atlantic on New Year's Day.

Roundhouse Notes-January 2015

From Michael B. Smith, Roundhouse Committee:
For lessees who have not paid their roundhouse rent for 2015, please send a check to John Lisherness asap. ***All rents were due by January 1st, 2015.***
All roundhouse lessees are reminded that the roundhouse is not for long term storage of equipment. You are expected to operate your equipment a minimum of four (4) times per year. Please log your runs on the 2015 Operating Log located on the clubhouse bulletin board.



Matt Franaszek working on the Hunter to reposition the compressed air inlet.



While GGLS was having their monthly meeting, Rick was over at the Blackhawk Auto Museum for a Porsche car club lunch. On display in a nearby room was the European Train Enthusiast layout. Rick introduced himself and was taken over to a specific location on the layout. Pictured are a couple of miniature cars in a station parking lot. The two cars with open door and trunk were never made that way, but created by our past member Jim Lowe. His skills live on in the panels he created that are a permanent part of this traveling display. The ETE members enjoyed their past visit to GGLS and hope to return in the future!

2015 New Years Day Chili Run by Sheldon Yee



We had a great time at the Chili Run, as always. I can't remember when we had such a large crowd before -- definitely one of the biggest turnouts in a long time. As planning goes, we figured on at least four (4) large pots of chili, but we actually ended up with seven (7) pots. How's that for enthusiasm?! Not a scrap of chili was left over. Kudos to all of the members and their families, who provided all of

the incredible desserts. I have to give a sincere thanks to all who made that day possible.

We didn't have as many engines running, as we expected. Despite the cold snap that has pervaded our lives this past few weeks, I'd have to give this event an A+ rating. And Boo Hoo! to those of you who missed it. You'd better not forget it next time!



Christopher Smith agrees that it can get cold at the track!



New member Jacob Hulbert and the Hunter Atlantic



Rick Zobelein running his Railroad Supply Mikado



For Sale

November 19, 2014

Kennecot Copper Belt Electric Engines

Two available where each one has 2 24-volt electric motors per axle (total of 8 motors) with a flat car riding car included with the purchase.



This engine has very good power, pulling at least 36 passengers. For those looking for a good engine to get into the hobby, here's your chance!

Reduced for quick sale \$3,000 for each engine & car.
Contact Bob Morris for an appointment.
925-240-9034



For Sale

November 19, 2014

¾" 4-8-4

Built by former club members Al & Joe DeFietas, Roy has completely rebuilt this ¾" 4-8-4 engine from the ground up.

The basic castings were from Friends Models and many improvements were done during the rebuild.

The brothers used only treated water in the steel boiler, it is fired on Kerosene and the operating controls are at the back of the tender.

When the brothers were alive this engine was run at every club meeting & weekends but the engine has not been run since the rebuild.

Included with purchase is an engine stand shown and a sheet of plywood with rails & tie down attachments for a truck bed/van.

This is being sold "as is" and the asking price including a new riding Car is \$6,000.



1.5" scale Allen 4-6-0

This engine is a beautiful Allen 10 wheeler modified with details not offered with the standard kit.

The steel boiler has copper flues and is oil fired. The water supply system has a single cylinder steam water pump, an axle pump and injector. The engine has operating brakes and all the special tools for servicing this train.



Included in this sale is a Mercer 5' long gondola car, and beautiful WP caboose built by Roy from wood.



Also, towable trailer which has room for 2 more cars (not included) with extra tie downs.

Price for this ready-to-run package is \$20,000.

Roy will be available for questions and instructions on how to operate either train to prospective buyers.

Roy can be contacted at 209-478-6843 or by email at rmotz@att.net.

For Sale

November 18, 2014

4.75" gauge Experimental Steam Locomotive



Originally built by Chris Leggo this locomotive has a copper boiler, is coal fired, twin injectors, many monitoring gauges and a very unique valve gear.

LOA 6', weight 220 lbs. and comes with a riding car and coal. Buy now price: \$2,000 or Make Offer!

All offers will be considered, so this locomotive will be sold!

Any questions or for more information contact:

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