



David Waterman on the Johnson Pacific and Jim Lieb on the RGS 22 double heading the club's Public Train while Matt Franaszek looks on. The R+R TEAM reports that the new Bagley oil burner is a success !

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Announcements



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

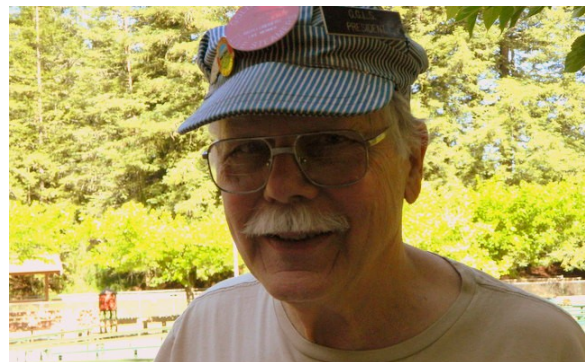


A long time young member David Waterman had just turned 18 and received a rendition of "Happy Birthday" from the members. Happy Birthday, David.



A thanks was also given to John Lisherness who has taken upon himself to instruct, educate, mentor and provide hands-

on experience to the young members of the club. Thank you John, for the passing on your knowledge and if you would like to be included, please contact John (lisherness.john@gmail.com).

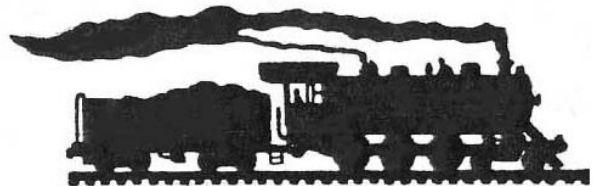


Applause and a Thank You was given by the membership to retired-president Rich Lundberg for his service as president to the club.

Important Reminders to All Members!

Use a phone land lines around the club grounds (instead of cell phones) to call 911 in case of emergency to eliminate unnecessary time delay response due to the redirection of responsibility whenever possible. This situation is prevalent through out the state of California and a delay could be fatal!

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 that describes this important procedure.



Club membership and round house dues are due now. Make the check payable to GGLS and please send all payments to Suzanne Waterman who has graciously once again agreed to help tabulate the payments to the

club for the treasurer & membership chairman. A renewal form can be found on the club web site at www.ggls.org.

Officers

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Vice President:	Andy Weber	510-523-0628
Secretary:	Pat Young	408-253-1206
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-528-3013
Safety:	Michael Smith	650-615-0475
Ombudsman:	Ken Blonski	510-260-0309

GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness (permanent member)
Rick Zobelein (permanent member)
Sheldon Yee (volunteered 2013)

GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building:	Rich Lundberg
Grounds:	Andy Weber
Engine:	Mark Johnson
High Track:	Jeremy Coombes
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein, Susanne Waterman
Public Train:	Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Jim Dameron, Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Treasurer Assistant:	Susanne Waterman
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	Jim Dameron & 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. At the second meeting, return your completed application and the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you're in.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Pat Young, 10349 Glencoe Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014 or at phty95014@yahoo.com.

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Articles, pictures, photographs, items for sale or any other information that would be of interest to the club should be sent to Pat Young interim Editor.

Deadline for submittal to next month's issue is the 19th!

Calendar of Club Events

02/08/15 Meeting

03/08/15 Meeting

04/12/15 Meeting

05/03/15 Meeting
05/10/15 Mother's Day
05/16/15 SVLS Spring Meet
05/17/15 SVLS Spring Meet

06/06/15 GGLS Spring Meet
06/07/15 GGLS Spring Meet & Open House
06/14/15 Meeting

07/12/15 Meeting

08/09/15 Meeting

09/13/15 Meeting

10/03/15 GGLS Fall Meet
10/04/15 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on January 11, 2015 at 9:55 am by President Jim Dameron with a reasonable attendance of 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 activities by having his voice recorded & used on the Lionel speaking train series. His voice will be used on refrigerator cars to warn workers of the dangers while loading ice on board!



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

Committee Reports:

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

Andy Weber, the club's newest Grounds Chairman, had nothing to report but 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 where some switch adjustments & a reconfiguration mode adjustments were needed to be made. 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 from the High Track 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 like this."

Public Train chairman Rich Croll was positive about the current operation (as long as the locomotive is running) and Kudos to the Public Train crew for their unswerving dedication. But as always, additional help is needed & appreciated. Please contact Rich (railroc66@yahoo.com) if you have a few minutes to spare and training on a real live steamer is provided.

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

Heintz 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 fitting needed for the replacement have arrived.

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

The injector is not working and the cause needs to be investigated & repaired. The Super Scale injector's starting valve has arrived and needs to be installed.

Johnson Pacific: Experimentation with a new oil burner & burner firing valve adjustment continues.

RGS #22: The broken spring (roll) pin was replaced on the engine. The lubricator has been moved to the running board for easier checking & filling which no longer requires getting down on all fours to check the fluid level. Everything is now working on #22 and the engine is back into Public Train service.

Baldwin diesel: A blown fuse was replaced by Dan Swanson and the engine is operational.

UVAS diesel: The engine is operational but is awaiting a replacement air filter and should be accomplished this week.

Rolling Stock Chairman Rich Croll is continuing his work on the two new conductor riding car and is targeting getting them powder coating at the end of the month. The next project after that is the construction of a 3-tank propane box car for running behind the RGS #22 Public Train engine. There was some discussion about the pros & cons about the immersion of the propane tank in a bath of water but it seems there was no consensus on the subject.

Web Master Pat Young had nothing to report but one member had a problem where the Norton anti-virus

software prevented access to the club web site on the grounds that it thought it was malicious. This will be looked into 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 that he talked about last meeting in action. Pat noted that the printer sings a song as it was working.

Officer's Report:

Secretary Pat Young mentioned that there seems to be an increase in membership query & live steam-related correspondence.

A long treasurer report was given by John Lisherness and the income from membership dues, roundhouse fees & record-high donations was pretty much consumed by normal expenses, components for the rolling stock & the 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 and was given a well deserved round of applause for his use of exotic design & machining techniques that he has 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 with Rich Croll, Byron Lambie, Dana Lambie & Perrin Meyers attending.

Old Business:

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

The club Bylaws indicate that there is a need to re-elect a new trustee to sit on the club Trust Fund. Jerry Kimberlin has indicated he would consider being the replacement for Sheldon Yee.

Last month there was a question on whether the Trust Fund investment growth and income from donations violates 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 problems with either the Trust Fund or income from donations.

Based on a suggestion from past president Steve Vitkovits, the Board passed a motion to form a steering committee and elect Steve as its first chairman to 'provide guidance & direction' to the Board with regards to the future of the club.

The Board has pretty much been amiable towards large & small projects and if a group of members wishes to make a proposal, by all means, bring it up to the Board. For instance, Andy Weber would like to explore the possibility to replace the rocks in the round house turn table pit with a concrete slab.

New Business:



Perrin Meyer & the Meyer Family have been looking into a suitable sound system for the Tilden Station which would benefit both the Public & the operation of Public Train crew. Perrin presented his proposal and on the 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 character 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 that would allow club propane tanks to be refilled on site. Having it would be a boon to reduce individually handling each one back & forth and possibly obtain a better 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 and John Lisherness will investigate this further.

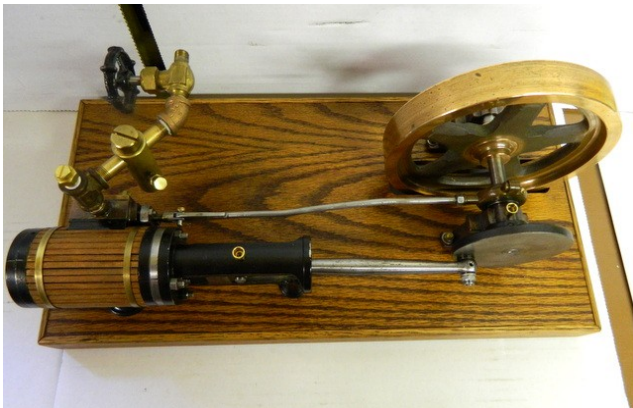
The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is curious about our request for more train car storage capacity on club grounds. Several club members will meet with their management to discuss this need.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



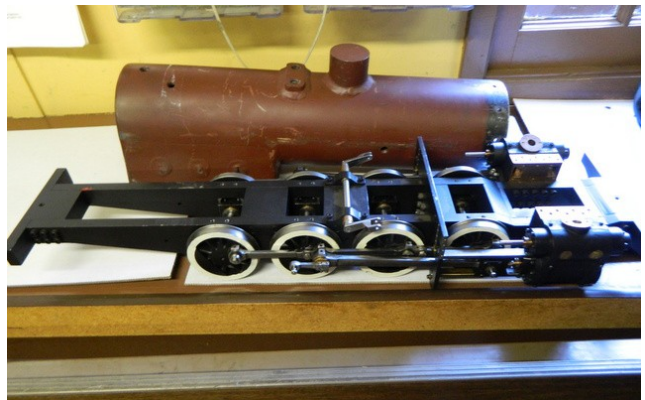
Michael Smith - Tapping Blocks, to be placed on the surface of flat, convex or concave surfaces to guide the drill bit in a perpendicular fashion.



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.



Anthony Duarte – $\frac{3}{4}$ " 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.

Roundhouse Notes-January 2015

For lessees who have not paid their roundhouse stall/storage location rent for 2015, please send a check to John Lisherness asap. ***All rents were due by January 1st, 2015.***

All roundhouse stall/storage location 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.

For present lessees, please let me know if you have spare space in your areas. We have members on the waiting list who may want to share with you until spaces become available for them.

David Waterman who will shortly be an adult has been officially assigned roundhouse stall no. 10 which was previously listed under his mother's name. Christopher Smith, next member on the RH waiting list with equipment ready to operate, has recently been assigned a vacated roundhouse stall.

Michael B. Smith, Roundhouse Committee

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.”



PREPARING FOR A DAY OF STEAM ENGINEER TRAINING

From left to right: Jacob Hulbert, Matt Franaszek, and Sam Lerman-Hahn firing up the Hunter Atlantic on New Year's Day and preparing for a day of steam engineer training.

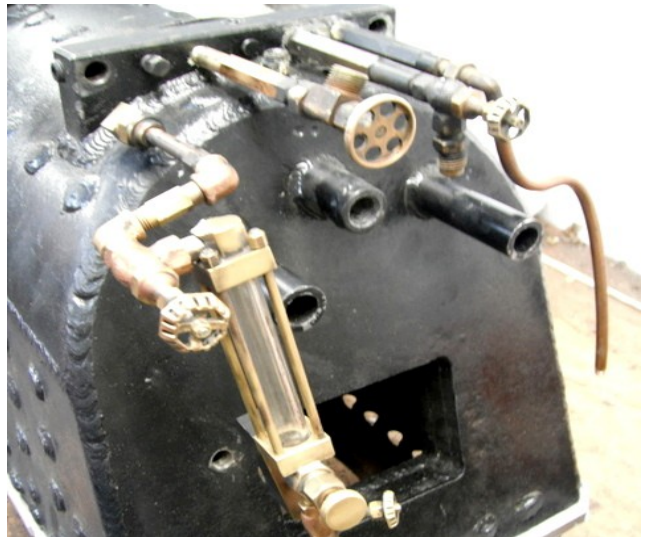


ALL ABOARD THE HUNTER ATLANTIC

From the back of the train forward: dad Armin Haken with sons Alexander and Rishi; Jacob Hulbert, Luke Burwell, Kaeden Wemmer, with Matt Franaszek instructing.



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



PIPEWORK BEGINNING ON THE HEINTZ ATLANTIC



Matt Franaszek removing the worn out injector steam valve from the Hunter Atlantic.



Matt Franaszek & David Waterman outside the Shattock Shop discussing modifications for the Hunter.

Photo From Rick Zobelein



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 below 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 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!

Chili Run Photos from Bruce Anderson



Christopher Smith agrees that it can get cold at the track



Matthew working with young engineers