



*From Woody Steen estate, a photo of the High Track with Harry Cook,, Bill Anderson & Larry Duggan*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## Rules of the Month

## Announcements

Rules Of The Month

By  
Dan Swanson

2011 Safety & Operating Rules

February 2016

**Section 1 - General Procedures**

**1.03 Conduct** *Consumption of drugs or alcoholic beverages is not compatible with the operation of live steam equipment. Abuse of this rule, which could endanger GGLS members, guests or the public, will not be allowed and will be reason for prohibiting operation and/or removal of equipment from the track. Use of abusive and intemperate language will not be allowed. All persons exhibiting any type of negative behavior may be subject to ejection from the premises. -*

**Section 3 - Operating Procedures**

**3.14 Access to Round House Area** *When entering or leaving the round house area with high track "bridge" in place: 1. All trains must come to a complete stop before crossing under the high track. 2. The train will then be pushed under the high track to a point where the engineer can resume normal operation of the train. Also see rule 3.15. -*



Bruce Anderson received a Christmas card on behalf of the club from a fellow live steam club in Truckee. The club is called the Truckee Donner Railroad Society, who has just laid over 800 feet of track. More about their railroad can be found at the following: [www.truckeedonnerailroadsociety.com](http://www.truckeedonnerailroadsociety.com)



Andy Weber has tentatively scheduled Saturday February 20, 2016 as a work day to trim the trees at the club facility starting at 9:00am. Bring your loppers, pole pruners and other branch cutters and make quick work of those poor trees.

## 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:	Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Steve Vitkovits
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 ([rgz48@yahoo.com](mailto:rgz48@yahoo.com)). 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, 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, interim Editor ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)).

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

### **Calendar of Club Sponsored Events**

01/01/16 Chili Run; lunch 11:30 am

01/10/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

02/20/16 Work day trimming trees

02/12-14/16 BC&W President Week End Run

02/14/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

03/13/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

04/10/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

05/14/16 Preparation/workday for GGLS Spring Meet

05/15/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

05/20-22/16 SVLS Spring Meet

05/28-29/16 LALS Spring Meet

06/04-05/16 Redwood Valley Meet

06/12/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

06/25/16 GGLS Spring Meet

06/26/16 GGLS Spring Meet & Open House

07/04/16 Lou Bradas Memorial Run

07/04/16 SVLS 4<sup>th</sup> of July Run

07/10/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

08/14/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

08/20-21/16 GGLS 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

09/11/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

10/09/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

10/14-16/16 SVLS Fall Meet

10/15/16 Preparation/workday for GGLS Fall Meet

10/23/16 GGLS Fall Meet

10/24/16 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House

11/13/16 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

11/13/16 Member Appreciation Lunch

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 called the General Meeting to order at 10:05 am.

### **New Members and Guests:**

We would like to welcome back Julian & Sean Frasier who were members a few years ago, and have decided to re-join. Welcome back guys!

### **Steam-related Activities:**

Christopher Smith visited Sacramento Valley Live Steamers for their Santa Run, where he ran his little

4-4-0 with holiday decoration all over his locomotive and cars.

### **Officer's Report:**

President Mark Johnson welcomes everyone to our 80th year as the oldest club in America. He is also suggesting changes on how the club runs the meetings, hoping to improve time and lead to less confusion.

Vice President Rick Reaves has nothing to report.

Treasurer John Lisherness was not present due to an unexpected circumstance. He was dearly missed and we hope all is going well.

Secretary Christopher Smith reported he has received valuable photo of the club at the original location, which were donated from the daughter of past member Elwood Steen. Chris has asked if anyone has photos of Elwood "Woody" Steen to come forward so we can make a copy and present it to the daughter as a way of saying thank you. He has nothing else to report.

Ombudsmen Bob Cohen has nothing to report.

Safety Chairmen Jerry Kimberlin has suggested to fellow members to have their boiler testing done early in the year. He also stated everyone is responsible for the safety and well-being of the club. If you see something, report it!

### **Committee Reports:**



**Buildings:** Rich Lundberg Reports he has installed a latch on the back door to prevent it from closing fully, where then a key code would be required, making it a hassle to get in the clubhouse on a busy day. He does suggest not using the hatch when you are alone or you're the only member in a group at the site.

**Grounds:** Andy Weber mentioned that the grounds are being nicely maintained. He also talked about hosting a pruning session for the club, the date has yet to be

announced.

**Safety Committee:** Jerry Kimberlin has nothing to report the otherwise mentioned annual boiler testing and watch out for unsafe acts.

**Signals:** Steve Vitkovits comments that T33 is not working properly. Dan Swanson is building extra block signals so the club can have spares on hand. It was also suggested members should do a quick walk around on a day that trains will be run to make sure everything is normal with the track and the signals. Mike Gershowitz also asked for public train crew members to do the visual inspection of the track before the Public Train is ran and mark any problems on the map white board.

**Ground Track:** Bill Smith has nothing to report.

**High Track:** Jeremy Coombes was not present so Robert Morris stepped in. He has nothing to report. Christopher Smith has 4 ¾" gauge ties he would like to donate to the club to replace the deteriorating ones.

**Public Train:** Richard Croll mentions that the public train crew only ran one weekend in December due to weather conditions. He also would like to thank all those who volunteered for the Public Train Crew.

**Locomotives:**

**RGS 22:** The Locomotive has been steaming steadily for a few months. The brakes need attention on the locomotive.

**1936 "Baldwin":** Currently needs a new horn.

**1971 "Uvas":** Currently Operational

**Heinz Atlantic:** The boiler is ready to be re-attached to the chassis. The valve gear is worn and needs attention.

**Hunter Atlantic:** Brake cylinders and brake pipe needs to be installed. The injector needs to be tested also

**Johnson Pacific:** A new cradle is being machined by John Maryott.

**Rolling Stock:** Richard Croll has reported the numerous leaks in the brake system have been detected and will be repaired soon. The club will have a new riding car for the 1971 "Uvas" with a swivel seat to ease turning around.

**Web site & Callboy:** Pat Young has completed an end of the year check of all the links on the website and they are all functional. He also mentioned that the

September issue was the shortest Callboy in a long time.

Membership: Rick Zobelein comments that 40 members paid their dues early, making them eligible to get \$10 off the membership cost.

Roundhouse: Michael Smith posted a new roundhouse run log, and has asked for members who run their equipment to log it down. He also has printed a new updated version of the roundhouse wait list

Mike Gershowitz suggested the idea of roundhouse renters who have extra space to share the track and the cost to accommodate more members.

### **Old Business:**



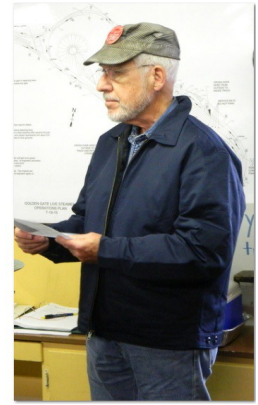
Sheldon Yee would like to thank everyone for coming out to the Chili Run. He says there were 7 pots of chili and has suggested this to be one of the more popular Chili Runs with an excess of 100 people showing up. He also would like to thank those who brought all the delicious chili.

### **New Business:**

President Mark Johnson would again like to note that we are the oldest club in America and suggested that members volunteer to help the 80th Anniversary committee, which is led by Sandy Morris. Let's work together to make this a fun event! Rick Reaves was appointed as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the 80th Anniversary Committee. The monthly meeting for this committee is between Bits and Pieces and the Board of Directors meeting.



John Smith has been voted into a Life Membership unanimously by the membership. Congrats John!



The club has decided to adopt a new club jacket. Members would order online from a selected jacket model that will be emailed out. You would then choose your size that you prefer and have it shipped to your address. Finally everyone would bring their jacket on an elected date and Sandy Morris will have then silk screened with the approved logo, at cost to each member of course. Please check your email from our club Secretary with the link to purchase the jacket voted on by the members.

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:35 am.

### **Old Business:**

The motion for the Board of Directors on a matter concerning ongoing pending discipline to send a letter of membership termination for five years was finalized and passed.

### **New Business:**

The motion for the Board of Directors to appoint Bob Cohen as the Systems Administrator for the security camera system was passed.

The motion for the Board of Directors to give permission to Bob Cohen to buy three metal First Aid Cabinets for use in the club was passed.

The motion for the Board of Directors to give certain approved personnel the lock combination for the Public Train Barn was passed.

The motion for Bob Morris to have two months rent in Jim Dameron's old spot at a rate of \$16.75 per month was passed.

The motion to standardize the roundhouse locks was tabled.

The motion for the club steam oil supply to be available for use by club members was passed.

Discussion of the improvement of club membership involvement was tabled.

Discussion of club reservations by members was reviewed and can be found and read in the Club Policies and Procedures book at section 2.7.1.

The motion for Rick Reaves as the liaison between the Board of Directors and the 80th Anniversary Committee was approved.

The Motion for the Board of Directors to approve the voting of the general membership on the matter of donating funds to other non-profit railroad clubs in the Bay Area was passed. It will be voted on the general membership this coming month.

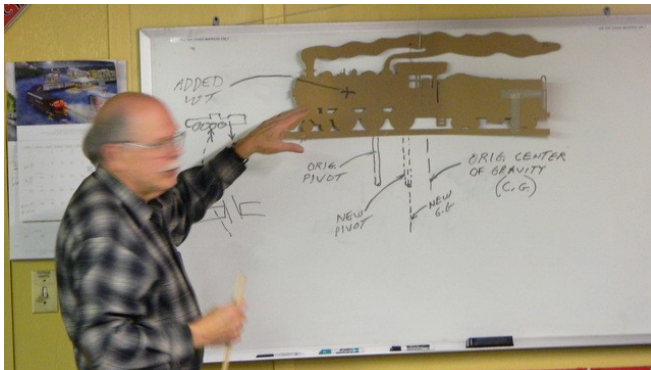
The meeting was adjourned.

### **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee

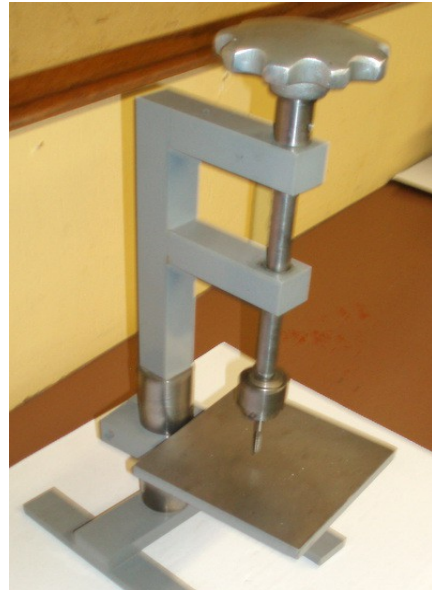


Jerry Kimberlin - Bell, line valve and backhead turret for 2 1/2" scale Garratt locomotive in progress.

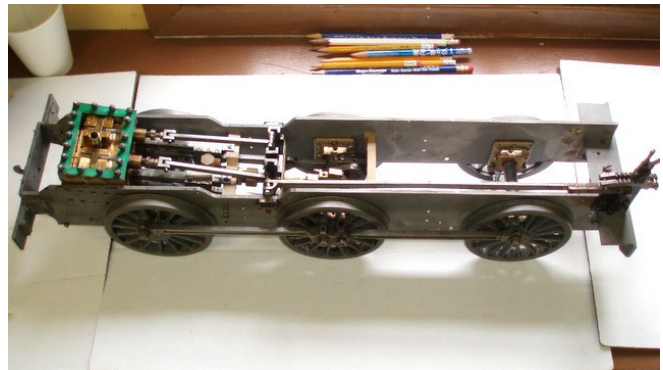


Rich Lundberg - Locomotive Weather vane design

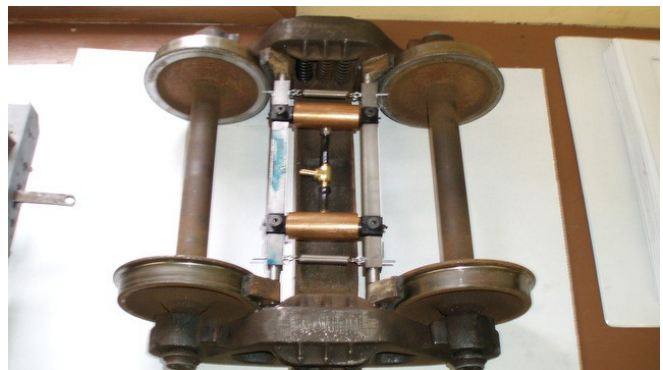
"do's and don'ts". Relocation of center point to allow correct directional bias.



Roy Motz - Homemade Tapping Table, for use with small taps. The weight of the sliding spindle is enough for small taps.



Chris Smith - In progress restoration of Derby 4F 3/4" scale British locomotive.



Rich Croll - Brake job for Riding Car truck. Brake shoes made of special friction material (McMaster Carr source).

## **Recognition**

By Steve Vitkovits

Now that the design phase of the Safety Modification to T51 Project is done it's a good time to recognize members who worked on coming up with a solution. They are as follows:

Rich Croll raised the issue of improving safety at T51 with Rich Lundberg and subsequently remained active by participating in discussions of potential solutions.

Rich Lundberg acted upon Rich Croll's comments by bringing them to the attention of the Signal Team. He participated in all discussions about how to implement a safer crossover.

Steve Wood while busy with switch actuator construction and installation, was always available for answering questions about controller operation and wiring.

Dan Swanson quickly built signal head prototypes and components for rapid evaluation. He suggested using a flashing red aspect to increase visibility and attention getting.

As the project swings into the implementation phase, the following team members will join in as follows:

Walter Oellerich helped with the original signal installation and will do the block isolation and bond wiring.

Rick Reaves the new Vice President and member of the signal team with an interest in controllers and switch actuators will be a welcome hand.

### **Photos from the Woody Steen Estate**

A set of photographs was given to the club by the Woody Steen estate and scanned by Bruce Anderson. He passed them on to Ken Shattock, the club's unofficial historian with sometimes unbelievable in-depth knowledge on the members and events of the club. He has provided the following information:



Dwight Rourke (longtime editor of the CallBoy)



Display window with a photo of Harry Cook in the background.



The Model Engineering Show, sponsored by GGLS and similar to the ones in Britain, had stationary & traction engines, boats, airplanes, locomotives. It was opened on May 1955 by the Vice-Consul of the British Embassy in the 3rd floor Ballroom of the Oakland Civic Auditorium and was three days in length. A portable 2 1/2", 3 1/2" & 4 3/4" gauge track was also set up in the Ballroom for giving rides to the Public, same as at Tilden Park!

### Milestone of a Member



For a model engineer, one of the premiere milestone one can have is the maiden run of a locomotive that one has worked on religiously, seemly forever. Dave August recently reached that milestone during steam up and initial test run of his 2-10-2T Minaret-style locomotive on the club track.

Dave, congratulations on this accomplishment that many of our members hope to reach one day!

### Quadriplex?



Sent in from Ken Shattock, a project that boggles the mind!

*"In 1915 Baldwin built three Triplex locomotives for the Erie Railroad, and another for the Virginian Railroad in 1916. Initial results were apparently promising, for Baldwin laid plans to build an even more monstrous loco- a Quadriplex, or four engines in one. George Henderson was the designer. Apparently the Santa Fe Railroad was seriously interested for a while.*

*A machine of this length could not be built with a rigid boiler, so note the bellows connection in the middle. This notion was not specific to the Quadriplex- see Flexible Mallets for another example. In engineering terms, this sort of technique is called "Asking For Trouble". The bellows were found to be troublesome as the cinders would collect between the fins and cause binding. A later design used a ball joint connection. Note that the designer recognized that forward vision*

*wouldn't be too good if you had to squint along the length of such a boiler, so the loco was a cab forward. The driver was to communicate with the fireman at the back by means of a voice pipe.*

*The Baldwin Locomotive Company seriously intended to build this monster, but after it became clear that the Triplexes were failures there were (perhaps fortunately) no customers."*

### Wanted

Railroad Supply 1 ½-inch scale couplers  
January 5, 2016

Want Railroad Supply 1 ½-inch scale couplers (Need total of 3 pairs) rough or machined, and freight car trucks (rough castings up to running trucks).

Also looking for 1 ½" scale old time RRSC gondola and/or flat car. All items for personal use at GGLS. Please advise of prices. Thank you.

Michael B. Smith  
(415) 558-4536 or  
[michael.smith@sfdpw.org](mailto:michael.smith@sfdpw.org)

### Wanted

OPERATING TOY TRAIN LAYOUT  
January 5, 2016

Want American Flyer S-gauge and Lionel O-gauge toy trains.

Please advise what you have to offer. I am an operator and not a collector/reseller. Will pay fair prices depending on the condition of items. Thank you.

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