

The Call Boy

Goleta Valley & Western Railroad



Pictured here is a very special example of a Pacific. This engine was designed and built many years ago by Ken Graham, an electrical engineer by trade who claimed not to be a machinist! Hardened and ground axles run on roller bearings as are many other moving parts in the drive train. It was a fourteen year project and the engine ran at the Montecito property of Seymour Johnson's live steam railroad *Goleta Valley Western*. Due to health, Ken sold the engine to GGLS member Bill Ulleseit who ran it up at Portola Valley until its recent sale to Brandon McCracken. Brandon recently fired it up for a run at our GGLS track (see Bruce Anderson's video). After Seymour's passing, his wife Virginia sold the property and everything was torn out. One wonders what the property looks like today after the rain and mudslides!

Event Calendar

February

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

March

03/11/18 GGLS Member Meeting
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April

04/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
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May

05/06/18 GGLS Member Meeting
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05/19-20/18 SVLS Spring Meet

June

06/02/18 GGLS Spring Meet
06/03/18 GGLS Open House
06/10/18 GGLS Member Meeting
06/10/18 GGLS Board Meeting
06/23-24/18 PV&ARR Joint Meet
with GGLS & SVLS @ PV&ARR

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



Announcements

This month there are no special announcements.

Small Scale Meet



It has been quite a few years since the club had a Small Scale Meet! Consideration might be given to host an event sometime this year if all goes well with the high track maintenance and installation of the new lift out section being fabricated. Feel free to make comments during a monthly meeting under the topic "New Business". Include this event with a Member Appreciation Lunch if the club continues with the program!

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

Track & Club House Location
2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Berkeley, CA, 94708
510-486-0623
www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Rich Lundberg at 10:01 AM. 23+ members were present.

There were no guests or new members.

Steaming Activities



Michael Smith reported that he took to Italy, and rode some trains there. He commented how clean and smooth they were. Even the restrooms were clean.

Bruce Anderson mentioned that he had met with a group from the battleship Iowa. Tours can now be arranged that include looking down into the fire room.

Announcements

none.

Officer Reports

President

Rich reiterated that he planned to serve one year only. No substantial changes are planned. He mentioned that the initiative for any changes need to come from the membership. He invited anyone who has suggestions to see him. He also emphasized that the membership needs to get more involved in the elections. He has asked the Ombudsman to begin looking for candidates now.

Vice President

nothing to report.

Secretary

nothing to report.

Treasurer

John Lisherness gave a report on the club finances. So far 100 members have paid their dues for next year and all but two roundhouse rents have been received. The President noted that the membership has slowly been declining, and suggested the members need to talk up membership in the club. See the Treasurer for details of the club finances.

Safety

nothing to report.

Ombudsman

nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Chili Run



Sheldon Yee reported the Chili Run was a big success with plenty of chili, and lots of activity out on the track.

Buildings

Rich Lundberg introduced Rick Reaves as the new Buildings chairman. Rick reported that everything was in good shape for now.

Grounds

The chairman was absent, but Rick Zobelein said he had cleaned out the drains.

The President mentioned that Andy has scheduled a work day for Saturday, January

20th. To prune the trees. Rich also showed a small “shrub” rake that he acquired to clean out the catch basins. It will be kept in the tool locker behind the club house. He also mentioned that the redwood duff gets dumped in the low area out by Diamondback.

Signals

Bruce Andersen reported that he and Steve Wood checked the system the prior Thursday, and everything was working. They are still trying to solve an intermittent failure on the signal bridge past the Shattock Barn. It was also noted that Rick Reaves had worked on the turnouts leading to the steaming bay. Ground Track-nothing to report.

High Track

Sheldon Yee agreed to take over the high track. John Nicholson reported that the aluminum part of the new lift out is done, and the steel part will be done soon.

Locomotives

Mark Johnson reported the following:

RGS #22 is out of service for repair.

RGS #20 continues to pull the public train every Sunday. The right injector was cleaned by Jerry Kimberlin, and it now works fine. Jerry has also cleaned the left injector. There continues to be issues with propane freezing. Last Sunday, the crew experimented with using a horizontal tank in water, and that helped somewhat.

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

Heintz Atlantic nothing to report.

Johnson Pacific nothing to report.

Gas engines both are running without problems.

Rolling Stock nothing to report.

Public Train

Walt Oellerich noted that in his first year as chairman, both ridership and donations are up. He thanked Richard Croll and his elves for keeping the steam locomotives running, and all the crew who helps out with the public train. The President emphasized how important the public train is to the club, and how great a learning experience it is for new members.

Web and Callboy

Pat Young noted that Bruce Anderson had submitted some video recommendations. He also reported that Loren Byron had given some recommendations for YouTube videos on tool modifications for the GGLS Builders group.

Roundhouse

Michael Smith announced that the new roundhouse waiting list has been posted. To be added to the list, a member must contact Michael directly. The new sheet for marking down running has also been posted.

Old Business none.

New Business

Meets

The President announced that we need chairpersons for the meets. He gave a brief description of what the duties are. Bob and Sandy Morris said they will take the job on. They will be looking for helpers. Sandy noted that new ideas are welcome. Rich gave a brief history of the open houses.

Security

Last Sunday, Lisa Kimberlin discovered that two video cameras had been disabled in what appears to be vandalism. The President has given the EBRPD police a report on this. It appears nothing else has been stolen or

damaged. Rich reminded the members that if you see criminal activity at the club site, not to confront them, but to leave and call 911. He stated that the Board of Directors would be discussing security at the Board Meeting.

New Members

The President brought up the need for new members. John Lytle suggested members going to events such as Great American Train Show, or model railroad shows and promoting the club.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55AM.

Minutes of Golden Gate Live Steamers

Board of Directors meeting

January 14, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 11:40AM by President Rich Lundberg. All the officers and board members were present.

Security

Discussion was held concerning our present security system and what changes we may want to make.

Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, to look into beefing up existing system by adding cameras and motion detector lights. Motion was passed unanimously. Bob Cohen and John Sargent were asked by the President to work together on this.

Mark Johnson made a motion, seconded by John Lytle, for the experts to look into the availability of a high speed internet connection for the existing system. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Dues collection

It was pointed out that the Membership Chairman needs to notify delinquent members after March 1st. The Secretary asked the Membership Chairman to provide him a list

of members who are dropped after the March 31st. deadline. The idea of electronic payment was brought up and will be looked into.

Roundhouse

Michael Smith reported to the board that the waiting list had been updated and posted. He also brought the board up to date on spaces vacated and to be assigned.

A revised set of Roundhouse Rules was presented to the board by Michael. Action on them was tabled until next month.

Michael was thanked by the board for all the work he has done as roundhouse chairman.

High Track Bridge

As was reported during the general meeting, the new bridge is being fabricated and should be ready for installation soon. It was mentioned that the installation will effect both the high track and ground track access to the roundhouse.

Donated Bell

Jerry advised the board that the holes are dug, and waiting for better weather so the concrete can be poured. The post is on hand.

New Business

Clubhouse Roof

Rich Lundberg informed the board that it was time to replace the roof on the club house. Richard Croll was asked to secure bids.

Parking Lot

Discussion was held concerning the parking lot. Rich Lundberg is to investigate.

Continuity of Offices

Discussion was held concerning the Secretary and Treasurer, and what is being done to keep track of what these officers do, how records are kept, and how we should archive.

Restrooms

It was brought to the Board's attention that some members are not cleaning up after themselves when using the toilet. Bob Cohen is to find signs reminding members to keep the toilets presentable.

Membership cards

Discussion was held about membership cards. It was determined that the Membership Chairman will provide them to members that send him a self addressed stamped envelope.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM

Bits and Pieces

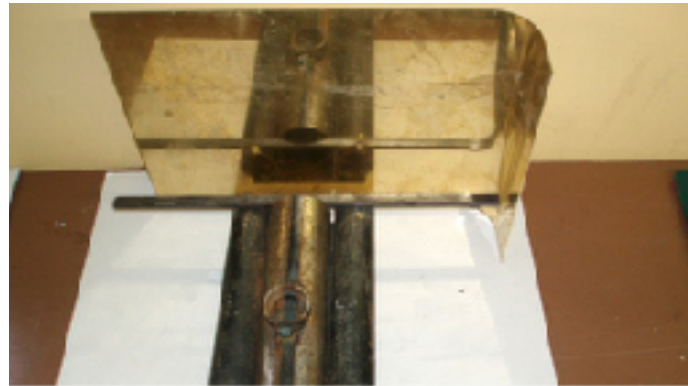
by Sheldon Yee



Jerry Kimberlin – Tire for RGS locomotive.
D.O.M. (“Drawn Over Mandrel”) Tubing.



Walt Oellerich – Old GGLS Photos.



Rich Croll – Home-built jig for bending sheet metal to appropriate radius for use on a tender. A 12-ton press is applied in conjunction with the jig to make the bend.



Charlie Reiter – A “Georgina” stationary steam model, made from shop scraps. Model incorporates Epicyclic gearing. Some old steam hobby books & magazines.

GGLS Builders Group

From GGLS member Loren Bryon, he has provided several links that readers interested in building & construction might find interesting.



A 4:17 minute YouTube video by Ichiban Moto when he made a jerry rigged ultrasonic cleaner out of some jars and a used electric palm sander using CLR lime cleaner as the cleaning solution! And it seems to really work!

The video can be viewed at the following URL:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1DtY2VwSyY



A 5:11 minute YouTube video by tubejim101 where he made a sonic parts cleaner that cost him \$30 to build! He uses a cleaning solution called super clean and seems to work well for him.

It can be found at the following URL:

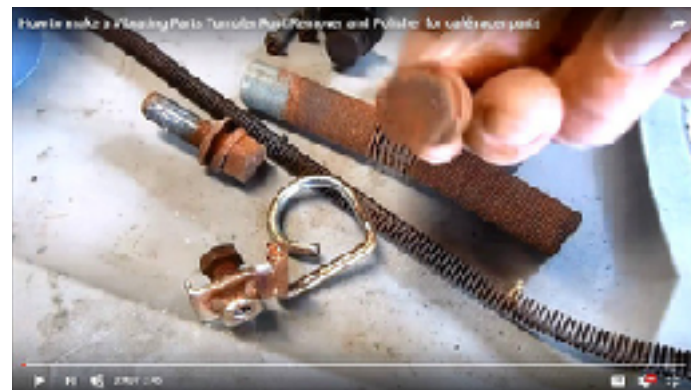
www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI7E-JGSzuQ



The 8:44 minute YouTube video by TunderHead 289 recommends that you use a non-California version of Pine-sol as a soaking agent to clean a 1960 carburetor.

This video can be viewed at the following URL:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=zDkOgnPidPs



A 3:34 minute YouTube video by Ichiban Moto where he made a vibrating parts tumbler from an old sander, bunt pan & new kitty litter!

Seems to work pretty well and can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DGT20ghWMZA>

Michael Smith's Italian Railroad Vacation



We spent two weeks in Italy starting the day after Christmas 2017 and visited Venice, Florence, Rome and the Vatican-seeing Pope Francis in person as he walked down the isle of St. Peters during a Saturday mass we attended.

We rode Trenitalia (Train Italy) high-speed trains between Venice and Rome which traveled at 300 km/hr (180 miles/hr) along with the slower commuter trains. The trains are fast, clean and safe and have no grade crossings that I saw. The high-speed trains run on separate tracks than the regular passenger trains. We found a $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch scale live steam model of a 2-8-0 in the Vatican's Carriage (Pope mobile) Museum. This was a model of the first train to enter the new state (1932) as the Vatican has its own train station inside the walls. The tracks link to the Italian railway tracks."

From the Membership

To start off the New Year, GGLS member Bruce Anderson has sent in several recommendations that the reader might find interesting.

A little late, Bruce wanted readers to know that he produced a 26:31 YouTube video that chronicles some of the activities of the 2017 GGLS Fall Meet.

This video can be viewed at the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/qonLyP18KPs>



A 10:50 minute YouTube video submitted by member Bruce Anderson, it shows the MacLean Family running their restored 4-6-2 Allen Pacific running during the 2017 Fall Meet.

The MacLean Pacific #4535 & 4-4-0 PHOENIX YouTube videos can be seen at:

<https://youtube.com/embed/RyAnSBGUCE4>

Bruce stated that the "Pacific #1275 was built by the late Ken Graham and brought to the GGLS 2018 New Year's Day Chili Run by the McCracken family. What a handsome piece of work built over a period of 15 years and completed around 1980. Thank you for sharing this locomotive and your wonderful family with us, Brandon!"



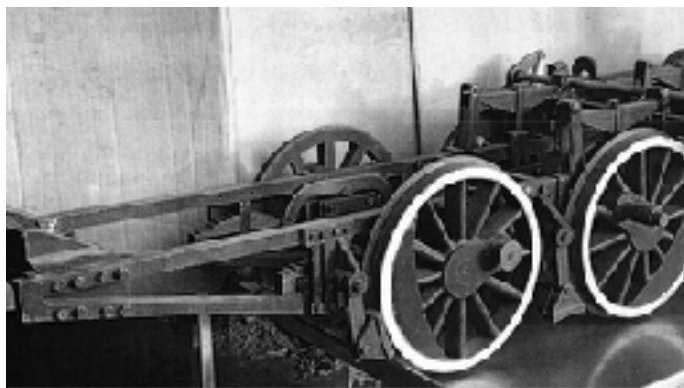
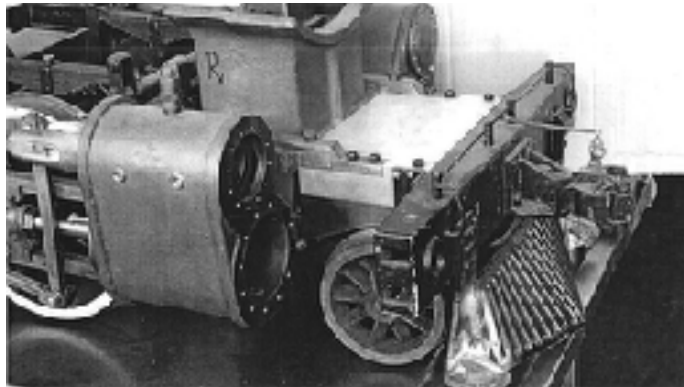
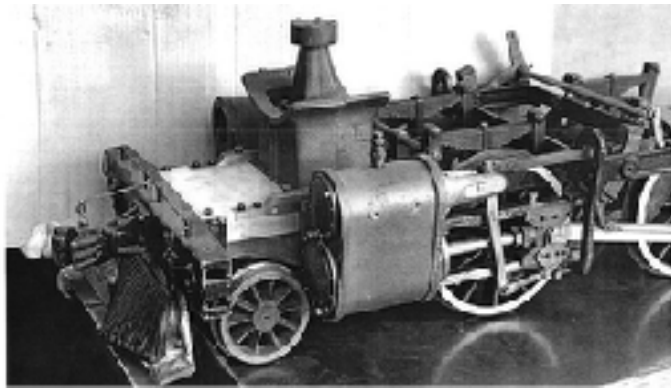
The "Pacific #1275 Visits GGLS" 5:43 minute YouTube video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/8bBUqOT14ts>

For Sale

January 2, 2018

A partially built Little Engines, 7.5" gauge, 2-6-0 for \$3,900 which is semi-negotiable.



The buyer can pick it up at the ranch or arrangements can be made for delivery.

If interested or for more information, contact:

Dave Luther
(209) 533-4444
(209) 743-0442

Roundhouse Waiting List

Attached to this newsletter is the current rounds waiting list. It will be included in the newsletter every other month. This will keep members up to date on who is available for a space in the roundhouse. Any questions regarding this list should be directed to Michael Smith who is responsible for managing this list.

Washington Amtrack Derailment

As a followup on last month's summary of the derailment, the engineer was aware of the "upcoming" curve. However he did not see the sign that was posted two miles ahead of the curve requiring a reduced speed when entering the curve. He was training two other individuals present in the cab at the time.

CSX Railroad

Recently appointed CEO of CSX was hired to improve railroad operations based on his success with Canadian railroads. Due to known health problems, he managed the corporation from home but recently passed away unexpectedly. The corporate board decided that all future CEO hires will provide a full disclosure of any health problems that may prevent them from fulfilling their responsibilities.

Both these articles fall under the "Plan Ahead" category.....

DATE OF LIST: 01/01/18

**WAITING LIST FOR GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	John Fenlon	11/17/12	Roundhouse
2	Benjamin Lerman (Sam Lerman)	12/18/12	Roundhouse
3	Pat Young	06/18/15	Roundhouse
4	Brian Parry	10/04/15	Roundhouse
5	Don Ratto	01/31/16	Roundhouse
6	Lisa Kimberlin	02/21/16	Roundhouse
7	Bruce Anderson	03/18/16	Roundhouse
8	Edson Lee	03/18/16	Roundhouse
9	John Lytle	05/04/16	RH/Storage
10	Gene Heiman	07/29/16	Roundhouse
11	Derek Schipper	11/13/16	RH/Storage
12	Armando Epifani	01/08/17	Roundhouse
13	Isaac Gonzalez	06/30/17	Roundhouse

**WAITING LIST FOR SECOND GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	John Lisherness	03/10/13	Roundhouse
2	Matthew Thomas	11/24/13	Roundhouse
3	Mark Johnson	07/08/15	Roundhouse
4	Bob Cohen	03/16/16	Roundhouse
5	Michael B. Smith	06/12/16	Roundhouse
6	John Lytle	05/01/17	Roundhouse

Regular members of GGLS requesting to place their name on the Waiting List for a roundhouse stall and/or storage location shall contact Michael B. Smith, GGLS Roundhouse Chairman by email at smithrailroad124@gmail.com. I will confirm your request by return email. Your name will be placed on the next issuance of the Waiting List which is updated bimonthly.

The current list shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and inserted bimonthly in the CallBoy. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (850) 615-0475 or at the email noted above.

Last list dated 10/10/17

MBS