



# *The Call Boy*

## New Year's Chili Run and Dining Fest



A long standing tradition with the club is the New Year's Chili Run. While many stay at home to watch the parades on TV, GGLS diehards head up to the track, rain or shine, to gather for train talk and chili. The club has a chili recipe handed down from past generations and members volunteer to mix up a batch. Never "too many cooks in the kitchen" as Sandy Morris, Lisa Kimberlin and JoAnn Miller take the first bite to insure all is ready for the line forming at the kitchen door. Others brought pastries and cornbread and by the end of the afternoon, the kettle was dry, the story telling was done, and our kitchen staff was thanked for all their hard work in making this annual event a success! Additionally we wish to thank all who provided a pot of chili to add to the supply!

### Event Calendar

#### **February**

02/10/19 GGLS Member Meeting  
02/10/19 GGLS Board Meeting  
02/16/19 BAEM Meeting

#### **March**

03/10/19 GGLS Member Meeting  
03/10/19 GGLS Board Meeting  
03/16/19 BAEM Meeting

#### **April**

04/14/19 GGLS Member Meeting  
04/14/19 GGLS Board Meeting

#### **May**

5/05/19 GGLS Member Meeting  
5/05/19 GGLS Board Meeting

#### **June**

06/01/19 GGLS Sprong Meet  
06/02/19 GGLS Open House

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



## *Roundhouse Turntable*

The turntable is in need of maintenance including tie replacement at each end. Richard Croll has suggested that a steel rail/bar be installed that will serve as a track for the turntable to ride on. It would be mounted on the existing concrete base (ring). This would eliminate the table wheels getting hung up on debris on the concrete base. Feel free to discuss with Richard and offer to help him with this project.

The third lead to the table is to be completed shortly, once the road bed has been properly excavated. Help is needed to fabricate a few track panels to complete this project!

The rainy season is not over yet and it is imperative that drains and gutters are kept clean. If you happen to be up at the track, take a walk around and see if any debris has built up and take some time to clean.

Dates for the Spring Meet have been posted elsewhere. This should give you ample time to finish your winter train project (whatever that is) and present it to the members during the meet!

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

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### Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Rick Reaves. A group of 27+ members were in attendance.

### Guests/New Members

Andy Weber introduced his fiance, Joanie Levy.

### Steaming/Railroading Activities



Michael Smith went to Disneyland and rode the steam trains. They have made changes to the track plan in preparation for the new Star Wars expansion plan. For more information, see the following at: <https://publicaffairs.disneyland.com/expansion/>



Bruce Anderson, Bob Morris and Bob Cohen visited with John Bulger and saw his marine engine. It weighs 1200 lbs and has 3 ½" x 5" & 6" x 5" cylinders. Bruce shot video of it and there is more detail in this newsletter issue.



Bob Morris also went to Disneyland and he rode in the Presidential car Lilly Belle.

More information about this can be found at: <http://disneydose.com/disneyland-lilly-belle-car/#axzz5cpNSHQh9>

### Officers Reports:

**President:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** John Lisherness reported income & expenses for December as well as the beginning & ending balances in the fund for 2018. Any member wishing details can contact John directly.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsman:** Nothing to report.

### Committee Reports:

**Security:** Jon Sargent reported that the facility surveillance is working. He has cleaned & repositioned some cameras and installed some motion sensor lights. He pointed out they are not intended for the member's convenience as they have a short duration on.

**Buildings:** Rick Reaves mentioned that the coal tipple has been moved. Brian Parry said he will head up the installation and repair.



**Grounds:** Andy Weber thanked JoAnn Miller for her fabulous gardening efforts around the track. Andy has done some general cleanup of redwood duff, etc. Rich Lundberg questioned if drains were working, as there was some evidence of flooding, although it may have just been heavy rains.

**Signals:** Nothing to report.

**Ground Track:** Richard Croll reported that the new turnout has been installed for the third roundhouse lead. All that remains is for track panels to be built & installed.

**High track:** Nothing to report.

**Locomotives:** Mark Johnson gave the following report:

**RGS #22:** Rick Reaves reports that plumbing work continues on the engine.

**RGS #20:** Last month, the piston rod came loose on the crosshead again. Rick Reaves had it fixed the same day. Jerry replaced the set screw and added a second one the following week. Hopefully that cures the problem. The engine continues to perform well.

**Hunter Atlantic:** Nothing new to report.

**Heintz Atlantic:** Nothing new to report.

**Johnson Pacific:** Nothing new to report. Engine is to be used for the class that Vlad & Andrew will be giving over four Saturday mornings in January & February 2019.

**Gas Engines:** Rick Zobelein reports that both the 1971 & 1936 are operational.

**New Electric/Diesel #4760:** The engine is operational.

**Locomotive Class:** Andy Rogers reported that he & Vlad had three students. They took a walk of the track and got to run both the gas & battery diesels. In two weeks, they will do the next class and steam something up.

**Rolling Stock:** Richard Croll explained about the rolling stock expenses. Most of it was for a pair of Tom Bee swing motion trucks on the engineer's car for the new diesel. He reported the car does not tip and stays on the track. A tractor seat has been installed also.

**Public Train:** Walt Oellerich reported on last year's ridership. The total was 23,700 riders and mentioned that the club ran 50 out of 52 weeks. Rich Reaves mentioned the idea of some sort of incentive for working on the train. Walt noted that members have suggested running on Saturday and said if we have a crew of 3 willing to do it, it can be done. He suggested they could use the diesel.

**Web/Callboy:** Pat Young mentioned that someone asked about the 2019 calendar on the GGLS website. This will be updated when the information becomes available.

**Builders Group:** Nothing to report.

### Old Business

**Public Relations:** Sandy Morris talked about an idea of having a club Liaison Officer to handle communication to members, other clubs and the Public. She mentioned Mailchimp as a good free service to do it with. It could be used to contact the Public, members, etc.

### New Business

**Operations Meet:** Rick Reaves brought up the idea of doing an Operations Meet with spotting freight cars on the club tracks. Richard Croll said he had thought about this and even with the existing track work, it would be doable. Richard and John Lytle have discussed this for a long time. Any interested members are encouraged to contact either Richard or John.

**Appreciation Lunches and Swap Meets:** President Rick Reaves stated that these will be reinstated this year.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

### **Minutes of the Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 11:20 AM by President Rick Reaves. All board members were present.

The Secretary distributed the minutes from the December meeting. Andy Rogers made a motion, Seconded by Rich Lundberg to accept the minutes with the corrections. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**Telephone:** Bob Cohen reported that he ascertained that we had no calling plan. He was able to get a 1-year contract for \$65 plus tax per month with unlimited calling, but no long distance. Rick Zobelein said he contacted Verizon and if the club switched service, the club could have wireless cell phone service. Rick was asked to get details.

**Bylaws:** Richard Croll distributed copies of the proposed Bylaws. Richard gave a rundown of the major changes. Motion was made by Rich Lundberg, Seconded by Jerry Kimberlin for the Board to review the proposed Bylaws and comment back to Richard Croll. The comments are to be distributed to the Board before the next meeting. The motion passed.

**Club Brochure Handout:** The first draft done by John Faucon was discussed.

**Park Brochure:** Richard Croll said we are already listed under railroads in the online park directory. That site refers directly to our website with a link. The Board felt that was all that was needed.

**High Track Lift Out:** The Board decided to let the Thursday crew handle it.



**Bulger Barn Locks:** Jon Sargent was asked to change the locks per GGLS policy for all club owned storage buildings.



**Coal Tipple:** The board agreed that Brian Parry will handle the installation and rehabilitation of the coal tipples moved from the roundhouse area.

**Calendar:** The Secretary pointed out that the second Sunday in May is Mother's Day. The meet dates also were discussed. Sandy Morris reported that Jeff's Pit Stop was only available April 13/14 for the Spring Meet. Discussion was held as to when we wanted to do the Meet and what we should do about a caterer. Andy Rogers made a motion, Seconded by Rich Lundberg, that the May meeting be held Sunday, May 5th, the Spring Meet/Open House be June 1/2. And the Fall Meet/Open House be September 21/22. Motion passed. Sandy Morris was asked to contact Jeff's Pit Stop to see if they are available for the June dates.

### **New Business**

**Club/Board Minutes:** After much discussion, the Secretary was asked to use his discretion and not to put in personal items. Some discussion was held about format issues, etc. but general feeling was no changes were needed.

**Insurance Policies and EBRPD Lease:** Andy Rogers, as a new member of the Board, he asked if he could get the insurance policies & lease to look at. He wanted to make sure we have necessary coverage on the insurance and wanted to make sure we are complying with our lease. The Secretary will see he gets the documents.

**Club Email Address:** Rick Zobelein suggested we should have a club email address. The Secretary agreed and asked who a preferred provider was. It was suggested he use Gmail so he will set up an account.

**Liaison Officer:** The Board discussed the suggestion by Sandy Morris that a Liaison Officer Board position be created. Rick Reaves thanked Sandy for her suggestions and said the Board would embrace her ideas, but not pursue the idea of a Liaison Officer. The Secretary expressed an interest in Sandy's suggestion of using Mailchimp.

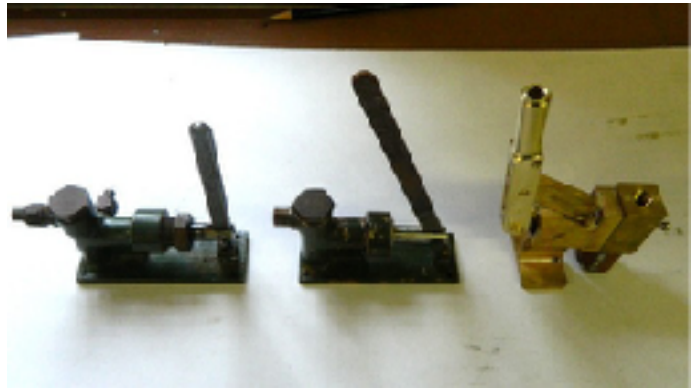
**Contact List:** The Secretary mentioned that the club contact list needed to be updated. The list will include Rick Reaves, Bob Cohen, Richard Croll and Jon Sargent. The Secretary will post an updated list in the clubhouse.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 PM.

### **Bits and Pieces**



Rich Croll – Sandbox for his Shay Locomotive, made of steel plate; rivets set with a rivet gun.



Charlie Reiter – Water Pumps of various types and Wheel Hubs for his Model Maclaughlin Steam Tractor.



Jeremy Coombes – a Rosebud style grate for his Petrolea  $\frac{3}{4}$ " locomotive built by Stan James.

### From the Membership



From Bruce Anderson:

“I just posted a video on Winterfest 2018 on YouTube if you’d like to check it out. For the real gear-heads out there, I intend to make an Equipment Prep. version eventually.

Happy Winterfest & T.G.I.F., Bruce”

Winterfest 2018:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/V9RpOALgmY0>

Also from Bruce Anderson, here is his visit report to John Bulger:



Bob Morris, Bob Cohen and Bruce Anderson visited John Bulger’s home to see his 1,200 pound compound launch engine. The high pressure cylinder measures 3 ½" x 5" while the low pressure cylinder measures 6" x 5". John had planned on having the engine drive a 24" diameter propeller; a possible home for it will be a retired powered navy launch/whale boat.

Some dimensions on the drawings were in inches, some were in metric, and some were non-existent.

Then John scaled up the drawings approximately 2.08x (a 2 7/8" diameter cylinder became 6" diameter). Why just over a factor of two I asked? His decision was made to maximize his shop equipment (mill and boring head) plus he likes large projects. John has been working on this engine for about two years and ran it on two relatively small air compressors. Video was taken and will be added to the editing queue. John would have christened his launch NEPENTHE after the mythical elixir that removes sorrow but the engine and shop are now with its new caretaker.



Brian Parry took point during our New Year’s Day Chili Run to gather volunteers for a moving party. The coal tippie & water tower needed to be moved from the Round House area to make way for a new lead into the turntable. Their new home will be in the Service Yard adjacent to the Shattock Barn. Many thanks to Brian and all who helped save these structures.

### For Sale

Harper 2-6-0 Mogul and Tender  
October 6, 2018



A beautiful 2-6-0 Ed Adams masterpiece is for sale. This is a Wabash style Mogul which looks to be an early Allen kit. It is in pretty good shape and was converted to burn propane. It has a water pump, injectors, scale fitting and much more. It has just recently been hydro tested and should pass a future boiler test certification.



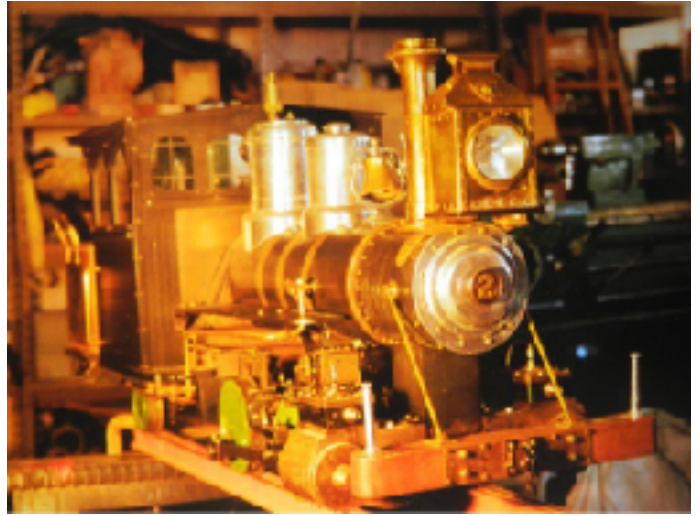
The photos speak for themselves since Ed Adams does museum quality work and you must view it (in Napa) to appreciate it. Please feel free to contact Dave for more information.

Asking a newer, NEW lower price of \$7,500.

If interested or have questions, contact:  
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### For Sale

0-4-2 Chloe  
October 6, 2018



An 0-4-2 Chloe that is propane fired with a steel boiler. Beautiful workmanship!

Now a New asking price is \$7,500.

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