Normally, we feature train related photographs but I had to pick Jon Sargent 's restoration project for this month

The CallBoy

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Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
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Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	(To Be Determined)
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from Membership chairman or Secretary. At the second meeting, return your completed application, the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the $25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email railroc66@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, the interim CallBoy editor at phty95014@yahoo.com

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

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

(Spring & Fall Meet dates to be determined)

01/01/20 New Years Chili Run
01/12/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
02/09/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
03/15/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
04/05/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/
Swap Meet & Member Appreciation lunch
05/03/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
06/14/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
07/12/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
08/09/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/13/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
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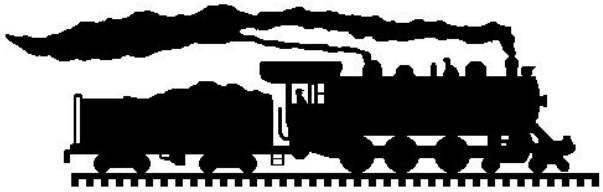
Board Meeting

Announcements



New Engineer Class for Steam Trains
By Andy Rogers

We plan two dates to train members to run a steam locomotive: Feb 8th and 22, 10 am - 3 pm, with a possible third date in March. Please Let Vlad know if you plan to attend at vlakoval@gmail.com

We're also toying with the idea of a class specifically for kids 10 to 15 years old in July, where kids must be accompanied by a parent. Please let Andy know if you're interested in this at Andy@taxbuddha.com

New Years Day (January 1st, 2020) GGLS Chili Run Report from Sheldon Yee

Well, another year has gone by and we continue to celebrate each passing New Year with a "belly-full" of delicious Chili, graciously provided by a small contingent of club members. It is to their credit that we continue to enjoy this annual ritual.

We actually had a "glut" of Chili this year, but…who's complaining?! The Club Recipe, which can be downloaded from our website, seems to be the crowd favorite and the frontrunner every year, but it's not a competition. There was plenty of food to go around, and Chicken chili and Vegan chili were interesting diversions from the main recipe. Those club members not bringing chili filled the gap with cakes, cookies, pies, corn bread, etc. and other desserts. A great time was had by all!

Special thanks go to Bob & Sandy Morris for organizing & serving the chili, and also for being indispensable all day. We salute all the members for being gracious hosts and we didn't have a lick of trouble at all. We thank all those who provided chili and treats but special thanks go to James Bradas, Dave Keitel, Vince Spadaro, Lisa Kimberlin, Pat Young, Ken Blonski and Sheldon Yee for providing the main dishes.

(Editor: Another article about the Chili Run can be found in this issue.)

Minutes of General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by President Rick Reaves. Present were 25+ members.

Guests/New Members

New Member Earl Craighill introduced himself.

Guests Wade Baer-Bukowski and his mother Katie Baer introduced themselves.

Welcome to you all and hope to see you at the track!

Andy Weber introduced Daisy Mae (his new golden retriever puppy). Joanie is shown here holding her.

Steaming/Railroading Activities

Earl Craighill mentioned that he has 9 acres in Mendocino that he is building a 7½" gauge railroad called the Betsey Ross Railroad. He has a few flatcars & an engine which runs on two 24v car batteries. He has been told that if you get a steam engine, you need a reliable engine to get it when it breaks down. More information can be found at his blog at: https://earl.mendorailhistory.org/

Mendocino Coast Model Railroad & Historical Society

He also belongs to Mendocino Coast Model Railroad & Historical Society in Fort Bragg. Their web site can be found at: https://mendorailhistory.org/

AMTRAK

Michael Smith took Amtrak to Chicago, a 2½ day trip. He visited the Museum of Science & Industry, where he saw U-Boat 505 (the submarine, not the locomotive) and also reported they have a large model railroad.

San Francisco Model Yacht Club
Established 1898 - Golden Gate Park

Charlie Reiter attended a Steam Meet for Boats at Spreckles Lake in Golden Gate Park. They had at least 8 boats making their appearance and the boats are usually under 30" long. He saw a lot of nice model work.

Officer Reports

None of the Officers had anything to report except for the Treasurer. John Lisherness reported the income & expenses for the last month and said we are still solvent. John asked for projected budgets from anyone that plans to spend clubs money this year. As usual, any member wanting more information may contact John directly.

Committee Reports

Security: Jon Sargent reported that the phone is back in service.

Buildings: Rick Reaves reported that John Lytle has the storage building on Boyers Bluff under way.

Grounds: Andy Weber mentioned that work needs to be done to drain the parking lot. He wants to run a drain line, and suggested renting a ditcher. This will likely be a Saturday work day project.

He also reported that the drain valve in the steaming bay was broken, so we cannot drain the water line.

He further reported that the bank out before the Dameron Barn needs shoring up, This is another Saturday project when the weather gets better.

Roundhouse: Michael Smith stated that the new sign-up sheet for the Roundhouse & Storage Barns is posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.

Signals: Nothing to report.

Ground Track: John Lytle said if we rent a trencher for the parking lot project, he would like to do some trenching out by Boyers Bluff.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson reported the following:
RGS #22: Jerry Kimberlin reports that Rick Reaves, Richard Croll, and Jerry K replaced an unnecessary & disintegrated ball valve in the RGS-22 smoke box with a return bend. The locomotive should no longer be starved for steam. We don't know why that valve was there in the first place.
RGS #20: The RGS #20 is operational and continues to be used to pull the Public Train.
Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report.
Heintz Atlantic: Nothing new to report.
Gas Engines: The Gas Engines 1971 & 1936 remain operational. Nothing to report.
New Electric/Diesel #4760: John Davis reports that the Phoenix System Sound Card in the engine has gone bad. The Board will need to decide the best remedy, repair or replacement.

Locomotive Training Class: See the Announcements section for specific information.

Rolling Stock: Nothing to report.

Public Train: Walt Oellerich thanked his elves, Rich Croll, Jerry Kimberlin, Rick Reaves and John Davis for keeping the train running. He also gave a big thanks to everyone who had helped at the station.
He noted that we lost 9 Sundays during 2019, and while overall donations were down, the average per day when we ran was up. Walt also said the best suggestion ever made was Sam Tamez's idea to take two cars of passengers out with the train when it is put away in the Dameron Barn. The Public loves it.

Callboy: Pat Young reported no problems with the newsletter. He said the next issue may be large due to the Chili Run coverage and he may be forced to split it into two files to avoid downloading issues.

Website: Pat noted that the 3-year subscription to HostPapa, the club's hosting web service, will be coming up soon.

Library: Pat said the Live Steam magazine issues after 2007 are spotty and asked members for donations if they wish to contribute to the club's library. Also, Home Shop Machinist magazine donations are also sought.

GGLS Builders Group: Pat mentioned that Yahoo has made it now into a private group, and anyone wishing to join the group should contact him.

Membership: Walt said Sam Tamez will be back the second Sunday in February. Jon Sargent mentioned that his friend, Paul Hirsh plans to join. Paul helped with restoring the phone service. Bob Morris said he has two prospective new members.

Old Business:
None.

New Business:
None.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Rick Reaves. All Board Members were present.

The minutes of the December Board Of Director meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jon Sargent to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

Old Business

Telephone: Jon Sargent gave a brief history of his dealings with AT&T. The Board decided to stay with the current service for now. Jon Sargent is going to explore a wireless internet connection.

New Business

2020 Calendar: The 2020 Calendar, as proposed by the Callboy Editor, was approved. This includes moving the April meeting to April 5th to avoid Easter Sunday, and the May meeting to May 3rd. to avoid Mother's Day. The Board also agreed to the April 5th. day including a Members Appreciation lunch & Swap Meet.

Meets: Discussion was held concerning dates for the Spring and Fall Meets. The Secretary will check on the SVLS and PV&A dates, as well as Redwood Valleys June event. Sandy Morris will contact Jeff's Pit Stop about his available dates.

Locomotive Class: The question was raised about what locomotives are to be used in the class, as well as what the rules are concerning their use after taking the class. It was decided that the club locomotives are to be used by the members for their personal use only on Sundays when other members are present. The Public Train equipment is not to be run for members personal use. The Board is to make sure it is communicated to the membership what the rules are.

Library: Pat Young wanted to purchase back issues of some back issue of Home Shop Machinist for approximately $50 before they become unavailable. The President gave his OK.

Election: Rich Lundberg brought up the issue that for the last several years, the Ombudsman has generated the slate of candidates, and the Ombudsman office is currently vacant. Mark Johnson suggested the Board try to find a candidate for Ombudsman.

Emergency Information: Rich Lundberg informed the Board that he was present the day of BAEM's December meeting & lunch, and when he arrived, the power was off. He pointed out that the PG&E account information needs to be readily available. The Secretary will obtain the information and put labels on the power panel with it.

Roundhouse Log: Michael Smith present the 2019 log to the Board.

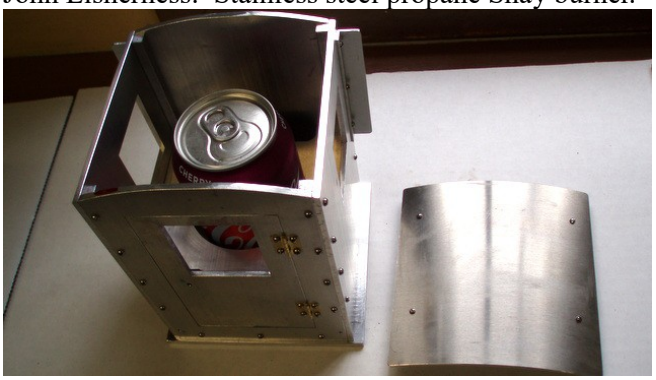
Bulgers Barn: Mark Johnson questioned the lease rate. After some discussion, no action was taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

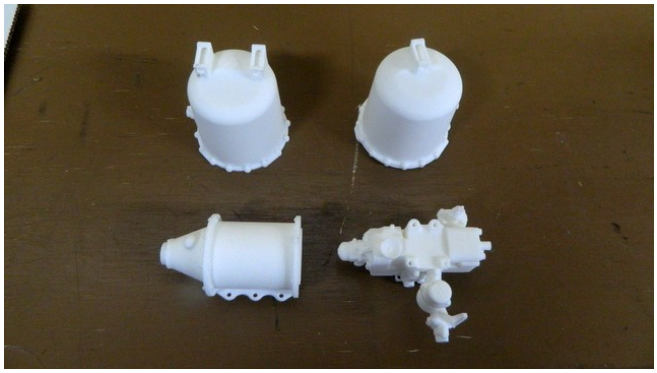
Bits and Pieces

By Sheldon Yee

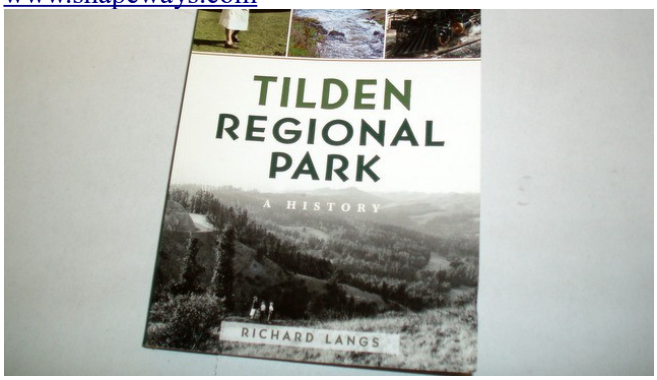
John Lisherness: Stainless steel propane Shay burner.



Michael Smith: Soda can holder which is to be mounted on his Mikado Tender.



Rich Croll: 3D printed ABS brake housing (set) from Shapeways. More of their products can be found at: www.shapeways.com



Book about "Tilden Park" donated to the GGLS library. Thank you Rich.

Charlie Reiter: Donkey Engine for a model of a Maru lumber barge/boat.

Chris Smith: Chloe locomotive (between 1½ to 2" scale) rebuild.

2020 New Year Day Chili Run

By Pat Young

The 2020 New Year Day Chili Run fell on a Wednesday but the club parking lot was full by the time I came in at 11:20 am with my chicken chili.

Once again, the event did not disappoint. It is the favorite event of the year for me. For those who rent space at the club facility, combine the Chili Run with the Spring/Fall Meets & the yearly club swap meet, you painlessly fulfill your annual run requirements.

The weather was clear and surprisingly warm, so the participants spread out to the clubhouse, picnic tables and the benches around the steaming bay. It seemed to me that a good time was had by all.

Bob Morris wanted me to ebroadcast the membership to bring more dessert but I was celebrating New Years Eve and didn't get his message in time. Next year, Bob...

Once again, the ladies of GGLS masterfully orchestrated & directed the the hungry participants. The steamy kitchen where the food ladies were made the picture taking tough but Sandy Morris & Lisa Kimberlin (but not camera shy Jo Ann Miller) were able to pose for me successfully. We cannot lavish too much praise on what they have contributed to the event.

And speaking of hungry participants, when it got close to 12 noon, the ladies herded them into line and in they came.

Sammy Tamez, our membership chairperson, is posing with his wife who brought some wonderful home made chocolate goodies which my wife made me get some.

Here we have Mary and Dave Keitel plate in hand and ready to get a lovely bowl of big red chili.

There were several people that made the mistake of sitting next to us and I got their photographs.

President Rick Reaves and his wife Carol also came over to enjoy the Chili Run. Please to meet you, Carol!

Here we have our newly elected vice president Jon Sargent, grandson Gregory and Jon's wife Christine.

Vince Spadaro and Sabina Cuago struck an attractive pose for me and

his son, Rich, his wife Janell and future GGLS member Jaxon trying an engineer's cap on for size. Welcome a board...

Outside,

the Steaming Bays were crowded as usual with many familiar faces clustered around the usual motive power,

but Bill Smith brought down a new toy that he built. It is based on a 1935 Lionel model that sold for $1. I bet you will see this running more often and especially at the upcoming Spring/Fall Meets.

So please join us next New Years Day Chili Run for more great food, fun and railroading!

Attention GGLS Builders Group Members

The 2020 New Years Day Chili Run food was great but it was Armando Epifani and his astonishing little 1" scale engine that made the biggest impact to me at the Chili Run. It literally knocked me to the floor when I found out more about it.

I contacted Alex O'Donnell, a member of the Los Angeles Live Steamers & King Locomotive Works and he sent me the following information

Hi Pat,

I'm currently selling the 1" scale small boxcabs for $450/each. Battery not included, but they come painted and ready to run.

I do not offer a 7-1/2" gauge version, however I would highly recommend looking into the Plum Cove Studios Generic Electric or Ride Trains chassis if that's the route you'd like to go.

My 1" scale boxcab chassis uses a 450 watt scooter motor which runs down to the rear axle and then the front axle via bicycle chains. I can offer the unpainted chassis mechanism without the shell or electronics for $300. Depending on how mechanically inclined you are, I can offer more bare bones kits too (i.e. just wheel sets and motor) if that's the route you're looking to go.

I use Interstate SLA1156 12 volt sealed batteries.

Weight without the battery is around 30 pounds which translates to around $30 for shipping via UPS Ground according to their online estimator to the Bay Area.

Lead time is around 6 months and no up-front deposit is required - payment shall be made when the unit is ready for delivery.

Hope this answers your questions,

Alex O'Donnell
King Locomotive Works
alexodonnell94@gmail.com

To you members out there that want to run but the sticker shock got to you, this has to be the least expensive entry-level locomotive that I have ever come across!

Mel, Thank You & Happy Birthday

Story & Photo By A Wintefest Elf

If a tree falls in a forest and some Winterfest elves hear it, did it really fall? Heck yea!!! Then the elves listened intently for screams and fortunately none were to come. The elves called Tilden as an FYI and chain saws would later be heard clearing the fire road above GGLS.

"Inquiring Minds Want To Know" so the elves ventured out to see what had happened. The roots of an evergreen with a trunk about thirty inches in diameter had let go taking out branches from other trees as it came down.

Mel would eventually hear the story, causing his eyes to glisten — wood? Wood? Knowing that Mel had a birthday approaching, the elves went to work with a section of track, a hand truck, and a pickup. Sadly Mel won't get all of the wood, there's probably literally a couple of tons of it, but he'll have enough to help keep the members of GGLS warm next winter.

Mel, thank you & happy birthday from your friends at GGLS.

Jon Sargent's Family Car Photos

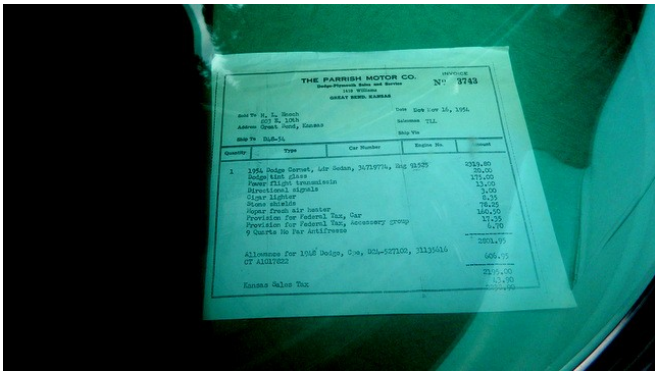
By Pat Young

When a proud Vice President Jon Sargent drove his car in the parking lot, it drew more than just a few glances.

This 1954 4-door Dodge Coronet sedan has been in Jon's family since it was bought & lovingly taken care of. Jon has been taking time to restore and here is the result of his effort.

It has a rebuilt 250 hemi engine and after the cleaning of the engine compartment, it looks amazing.

The interior also has been restored and looks brand new, too. Didn't check to see if it still had the new car smell but I understand you can buy a spray can to do that.



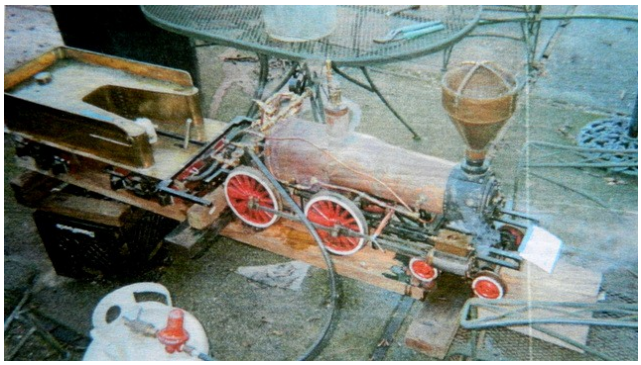
And if you look closely, you can see the original sticker price behind the back seat.

If you have good eyes, you can see that it came with tinted glass, power flight transmission, directional signals, cigar lighter, stone shields, Mopar fresh air heater, 9 quarts of Mopar antifreeze and tax for an out-the- door price for $2,238.90. You maybe can rent an apartment in the Bay Area for a month.

For Sale

Partially Completed 4-4-0 American

December 3, 2019



Partially completed Little Engines 4-4-0 7.5" gauge American engine & tender for sale. Locomotive has a newly rebuilt chassis & copper boiler, runs nice and has most accessories. As shown the tender has a brass body.

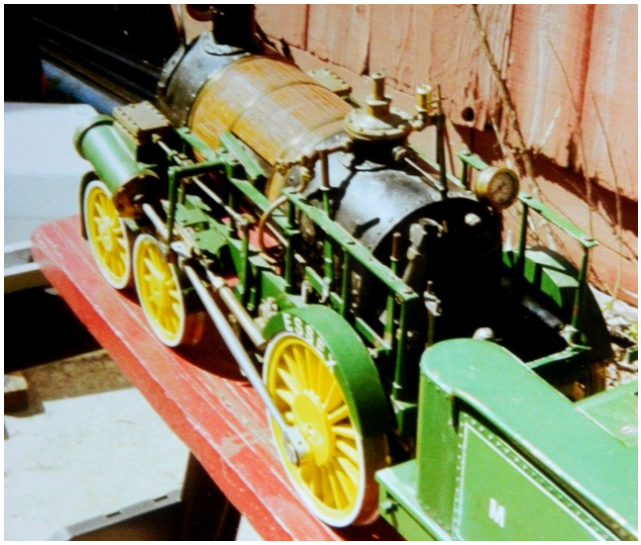
Asking price is $5,500.

If interested or have questions, contact:

Dave Bradas
Napa, California
94558

dabradas@yahoo.com
(707) 252-7390

For Sale
Andy Clerici's 4-2-0 Essex
November 27, 2019



This lovely locomotive has a new lead truck and new tender bearing. And a second safety valve I installed to comply with many club's regulation.

This locomotive has been converted to run on propane and runs smoothly.

Asking price is now lowered to $7,000 for engine and tender only.

Asking price is $8,500 for engine, tender and riding car shown above.

If interested or have questions, contact:

Dave Bradas
dabradas@yahoo.com
(707) 252-7390

For Sale
1" Gauge Racks
September 1, 2019

I have some racks left over from my 1" days which originally fit in a trailer. Powder coated and is actually stackable.

Asking $150.

Mike Davis
Prefer email contact at 2094023090@vzwpix.com