



GGLS past President Jim Lieb and Eleanor trying out their Swap Meet-acquired pedal car

The CallBoy

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Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-528-3013
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Calendar of Club Events

01/01/14 GGLS Chili Run
01/12/14 Meeting

02/09/14 Meeting

03/09/14 Meeting

GGLS Committee Chairmen

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building & Grounds:	Rich Lundberg
Engine:	Mark Johnson
High Track:	Jeremy Coombe
Librarian:	Pat Young
Public Train:	John Bouey
Refreshments:	Les Cuff & Jim Dameron
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	Jim Dameron & Bill Smith
Web Site:	Pat Young & Rick Zobelein

04/13/14 Meeting

05/04/14 Meeting
05/17/14 SVLS Meet
05/18/14 SVLS Meet

06/08/14 Meeting
06/21/14 GGLS Meet
06/22/14 GGLS Meet

07/13/14 Meeting

08/10/14 Meeting

09/14/14 Meeting

Membership

Applications for membership to GGLS should be directed to Rick Zobelein, 1104 Vailwood Way, San Mateo, California 94403 or at rgz48@yahoo.com.

10/11/14 GGLS Meet
10/12/14 GGLS Meet
10/19/14 Meeting

Club Correspondence

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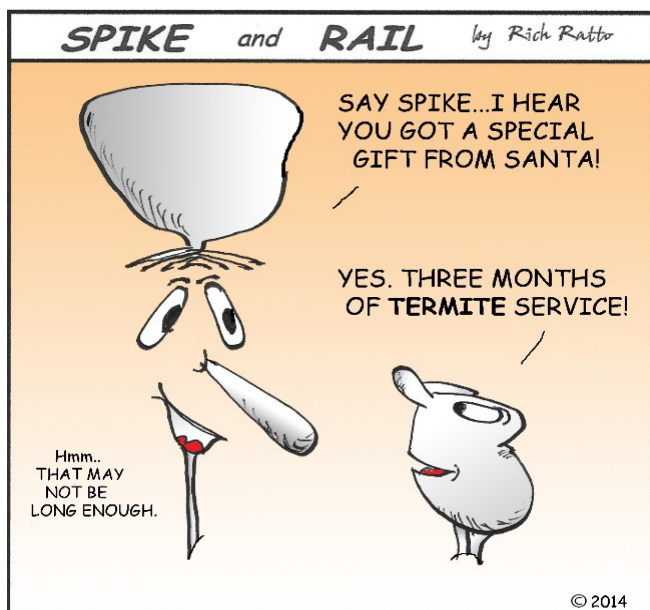
11/09/14 Meeting

12/14/14 Year End Meeting and Elections

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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!



Announcements

Membership and Roundhouse renewals for 2014 will be due on January 1, 2014. Similar to last year, John Lisherness has requested that all payments be sent to Suzanne Waterman to streamline the accounting process. See the club web site for a copy of the renewal form if desired.

Also, roundhouse dues DO NOT have the same grace period that membership dues have. They are \$200 per door and are due by January 1, 2014.

The election for the 2014 Board members was conducted and with 34 members voting, with the results as follows:

President:	Rick Lundberg
Vice President:	Sam Tamez (21 votes); Christopher Smith (13 votes)
Secretary:	Pat Young
Treasurer:	John Lisherness
Safety Chairman:	Michael Smith (18 votes); Bob Cohen (16 votes)

Thanks to all the 2014 candidates who put their hat in the ring.

Two serious incidents occurred on club property. One involved 2 incidents of damage of club property and the other with a partially-erased slur in the club house. On club premises, it is always expected that people & property be treated with the utmost respect. There will be no tolerance for activities/actions that violate federal, state, county laws or ordinances along with EBRPD and club rules/regulations.



Past member Bruce Elmer Eaton, 67, of Shingletown, CA passed away on November 17, 2013. Bruce was a skilled Dental Technician for over 47 years, he was self employed for 11 years as a Dental Technician until his illness kept him from continuing to working. Condolences go out to the family on his passing.

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on December 8, 2013 at 10:07 am by President Rich Lundberg with 41+ members attending the Swap Meet and Year End meeting on a cold but clear 28 degree morning.

New Members and Guests:

Guests Charles and Barbara Hayes introduced themselves. They have been here before and we hope that we can entice them to join up. John Cockle also showed up pulling a trailer with a real live rail speeder which he has for sale. Welcome Charles, Barbara and John!

Steam-related Activities:

Member Matthew Thomas spoke on their two visits,



one to Sierra Railroad (www.sierrarailroad.com) in Jamestown, California where one of their locomotives was decked out as their Santa Train with Christmas tree lights.



and their visit to the steam powered aircraft carrier Midway (www.midway.org) with a view of the steam boiler controls.

Mark Johnson visited Disneyland in Anaheim, California and was able to get a special ride on their tender of their 3-foot narrow gauge park railroad.



Dave August brought in a silk screen frame made & used by past Dave Gumz to produce the lettering on the back of jackets that are seen occasionally being worn by some of the older members.

Committee Reports:

Grounds and Buildings chairman Rich Lundberg mentioned that Building activities has shut down for the winter but the water was left on again which has the potential for the yearly problem of burst pipes. Again, please remember to turn off the water supply if you turned it on when you are done!



Bob Morris gave a quick Tracks report stating that the Boyers Bluff spur track is almost ballasted. Last month he went to emergency because of a heart condition and it's good to see him up and about!



The Public Train report was given by co-chair Rich Croll where they are limping along with the small amount of dedicated members who continue to show up but somehow were able to run every Sunday. Again more volunteers are needed to help give more breaks to the Public Train crew, so if you can spare some time any Sunday for an hour or two, please volunteer.

Rich also gave the Rolling Stock report by mentioning that he has ordered a pair of trucks from Real Trains for evaluation of use on the Public Train riding car. A pair of trucks have also been purchased for a propane holding box car to be pulled behind the RGS 20.

Mark Johnson turned in the following on the club's motive power:

RGS 22: The engine was repaired and is back in service. However last weekend a bolt that was holding the eccentric links fell out. John Lisherness has ordered new bolts and the engine will be repaired again.

Pacific: The rebuilt Pemberty injectors were returned by Harold Stark from Indiana and are reinstalled back on the engine. They are working however, they are the

only means of putting water into the boiler. The Engine Committee is looking at additional means of putting water into the boiler. David Waterman has removed the oil burner for cleaning and possible replacement.

Hunter Atlantic: Water hoses between the tender and engine were replaced by Michael and Christopher Smith. They are investigating ways to get the water gauge to give a more accurate indication of water over the boiler's crown sheet. So for now, remember to keep the water glass at half full when running the engine.

Heinz Atlantic: Seven propane burner jets that were removed from the engine when it was taken apart and the whistle are missing. If found, please return them to John Lisherness.

RGS 20: Still under construction by Bob Cohen.

Baldwin diesel: Up and operational.

UVAS diesel: Up and operational.



With regards to the Yahoo GGLS Builders Group, Steve Vitkovits showed off a T-shirt that captured the spirit of the Builder's Group with the slogan "Design It, Build It, Steam It" on the front with a locomotive designed by Damon Kelly on the back. Those interested in purchasing one for \$20 can contact Steve at (ferrous@comcast.net).

Steve also hosted a mini-Builders Group meeting for Mikado builders & those in the South Bay and gave a brief summary of the event. It had 100% invite participation of 12 people and everyone had a tour of Steve's workshop with a Q&A session about his Mikado in-progress.

High Track chairman Jeremy Coombes talked about doing improvements to the High Track by grading, leveling and the general structure maintenance next Spring.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Pat Young reported on his submittal of the Integrated Pest Management documents to the Park Department with regards to the weed spraying done on club property.

The other item that he was involved with was the coordination of the Swap Meet held in conjunction with this meeting. It seems very successful with about a dozen car in the parking lot participating and a good time was had by all. The only thing that might change is that the date should be moved to the summer time to escape the cold!

Treasurer John Lisherness had a quick report on the club finances although some of the numbers did not reflect sales of club property at the Swap Meet. The club fund numbers are in a very good shape and more specific information can be obtained from John if interested.

Sheldon Yee, host of the club's annual New Years Day Chili Run, made a final invite to all members & guests to our pot-luck style feed feast and to bring food, snacks or small pot of your favorite Chili concoction. He hopes everyone has a chance to attend.

Old Business:

No Old Business.

New Business:

No New Business.

Board Meeting Minutes

The December 8, 2013 Board Meeting began at 12:07 pm with Board members John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Mark West, Sheldon Yee and Pat Young with Charlie Reiter, Ray Vitkovits and Steve Vitkovits attending.

Old Business:

The future of the present version of the Interpretive Center was discussed with Charlie Reiter & Steve Vitkovits. The Board members believe that there is a declining lack of enthusiasm to champion and continue with the project.

The current opinion on what to do with the project is to discontinue all work relating to the project, return any funds specifically donated for it and contact the East Bay Regional Park District about our decision.

It is not the Board's position to abandon support for stationary steam but is interested to hear how it

should proceed from the membership.

In the previous board meeting, there was a long discussion on our electronic club-to-member communications in general and member-to-group communications in specific.

Pat Young used a link to an article sent in by Rich Lundberg to construct the following criteria list that will be used to evaluate suitable products for our use.

In the "Must Have" category of the criteria list, there must be the ability to do message moderation where email message are reviewed for appropriateness.

In the "High Wants" category, the points for consideration was (1) there would be minimal/no impact to membership in delivery/receipt of email and (2) there be a facility for members to do group emailing to membership.

The "Nice to Have" category included (1) the new facility be low/no cost and (2) Ease of Management.

A start was made to look into archiving historical & technical documents in electronic format for future reference. The most promising solution seems to be to place the electronic material onto the club's web site since there is unlimited storage capacity, there is automatic backup and the transfer bandwidth capacity is relatively quick.

New Business:

No New Business.

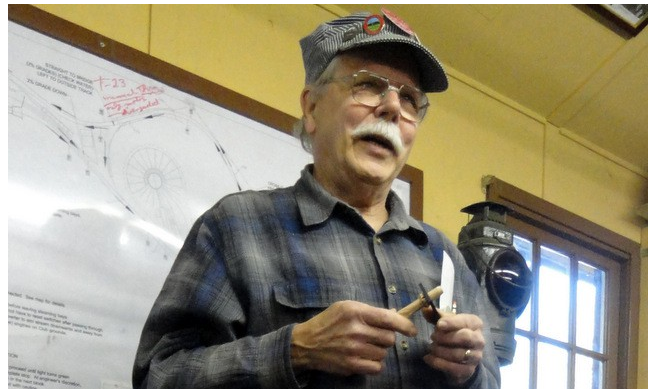
Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee

Photos by Stan James, Sheldon Yee, Pat Young



Rich Croll - Tender Top w/Water Filler Lid - Used Brass Hinges for lid.



Rich Lundberg - Dowel Plate, made from Plate Steel. Gauge plate with Dowel Sizer. Drive rough wood peg through hole to create a smoother dowel.



Jerry Kimberlin - Shay Propane Burner with Arch Plate, with a Slide feature on burner base plate to meter the primary air flow. With Star burners. Shay Safety Valves.



Number Plate for Club Engine. Hay Baler Parts : Hubcaps for Wheels made from cast aluminum, inscribed "CASE".



Gears for idlers on the Hay Press.



Charlie Reiter - Throttle for scaled-up "Kozo" style HEISLER locomotive. Nice Brass work.



Matt Franaszek - Repairs made to the Smokebox front cover and the Cab (to be prepped for paint) of the HEINZ Atlantic (Club Engine).

Bless Our Junior Members

We bitch and complaint about not getting enough help but one thing we can't say is that our junior members don't help out! We are lucky and proud to have a fair number of them helping out and we can't thank them enough for their contributions.



Jim House took this photo showing one working on the injectors of the club Pacific locomotive.



And Let no one say that our junior members Matt Franaszek and David Waterman don't get down-and-dirty working at the club!

Additional Features in the Online CallBoy

The following items can be found in the online version of the CallBoy. These include the Editor's Video Picks on a home built chicken plucker, a link submitted by Charlie Reiter about the resurgence of steam engines in the conversion of solar to electricity, a quick recap on the GGLS Swap Meet and the Want Ads Classified section.



Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2014.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	\$ 50
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to “**GGLS**” and member Suzanne Waterman has graciously agreed to help out with the membership & roundhouse accounting, so send payment to the following address:

Suzanne Waterman
Box 151358
San Rafael, California
94915

If you want a membership card, please include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope. If payment is not received by March 31, 2013, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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