



The Call Boy

NEW YEAR'S DAY CHILI RUN



It's time again for the annual Chili Run on New Years Day! It's never too late to be another "cook in the kitchen" and bring something to share with the rest of the members attending. Cookies, cakes, cornbread, and pies are welcome along with anything else you may have. Last year's servers, pictured above, were Sandy Morris, Lisa Kimberlin, and Pat Young. Not seen here is Sheldon Yee who, no doubt, is lining up everyone and heading to the kitchen to get the serving line going. This is a "must do" event even if it is raining or freezing outside. You would be surprised how many members can fit in the clubhouse!!

Event Calendar

January

01/01/18 New Years Chili Run
01/14/18 GGLS Member Meeting
01/14/18 GGLS Board Meeting

February

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

March

03/11/18 GGLS Member Meeting
03/11/18 GGLS Board Meeting

April

04/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
04/08/18 GGLS Board Meeting

May

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

The Call Boy

Editorial Staff

Pat Young
Rick Zobelein

Officers

President: Rich Lundberg
Vice President: John Lytle
Secretary: Richard Croll
Treasurer: John Lisherness
Safety: Jerry Kimberlin
Ombudsman: Bob Cohen

GGLS Committee Chairmen

Track: John Lytle
Engines: Mark Johnson
Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
Public Train Walt Oellerich
Bits & Pieces: Sheldon Yee
Buildings: Rich Lundberg
Grounds: Andy Weber
Signal System: Steve Wood
Boiler Testing: Jerry Kimberlin
High Track: Jeremy Coombs
Refreshments: Walt Oellerich
Sheldon Yee
Technical: Charlie Reiter
Round House: Michael Smith
Web Page: Pat Young
Librarian: Pat Young

Membership

Rick Zobelein
rgz48@yahoo.com

Call Boy

Articles and photos submitted for insertion in the
Call Boy should be sent to Pat Young at:

10349 Glencoe Dr., Cupertino, CA 95014
phty95014@yahoo.com

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



Announcements

Anthony Rhodes reported that the Bay Area Engine Modelers held their December meeting at our facilities, and put our new tables to good use. Their meeting was well attended.

Bruce Anderson mentioned that a pair of chairs made of skis had appeared near his storage shed. He also pointed out that someone had put Halloween decorations on the outside sink.

Richard Croll asked who owns a pair of propane tanks chained to the old propane cage. The owner identified himself, and they will be moved to the new cage.

Richard Croll announced he has space for one additional person for a January trip to the Maricopa Live Steamers operations meet.

Jim Pate Jr. has informed us that his father Jim Pate passed away on 12/05/17. Jim was very active in club activities many years ago. One of his favorite pastimes was running Carsten Henningson's 2.5" scale "Cyclops" and pulling the public train.

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

Meeting was called to order at 10:01AM by President Mark Johnson. 26+ members were present.

Guests:



A guest of member Vince Spadero, Sabina Caugo, was introduced

Steaming Activities:

Chris Smith took his Pacific to Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Santa Run. They gave over 800 rides.

Officers Reports

President: Again, I would like to thank all members and visitors who have made the effort to attend today's important meeting.

Today is not only General Membership Meeting, but, also the Annual Meeting where the Election of GGLS Board Officers will take place.

Up until a few days ago I was planning on running for President again, and with your confidence and votes, I was planning on serving for another year as your President. Unfortunately, I recently found out that I have a medical matter that requires attention, and which precludes me from running for office again. With that said, given this recent turn of events I have asked Richard Lundberg to run for the

Office of GGLS President. Fortunately, Richard has accepted and will run for President with the proviso that he will only serve in the office for one year. I fully endorse and support Richard Lundberg running for GGLS President. Hopefully, next year I will be able to consider running for office again. Or, better yet, and it is sincerely hoped that in a year's time other members will step up and run for a GGLS office. As I have stated many times the Golden Gate Live Steamers is a wonderful Club and it offers a lot to the members and the community. The group will only remain as viable as the members who hold the offices and maintain the club business affairs and the members who work on the club's projects keeping everything going and in good shape. In short, the membership needs to be active with the Club.

So, on that note, I have been the GGLS President for the past two years. Today is the last meeting at which I will be presiding over as the GGLS President. I want to thank all those who stepped up and assisted with Club business and projects to keep the ship underway and running.

Vice President: Nothing to report

Secretary: Annual pesticide report has been sent to the park district.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the income and expenses for the month, amounts received this year for dues, roundhouse rents, and donations from the Public Train. Also mentioned the expenses for the lease and insurance. Thirty-six dues payments have been received and 7 roundhouse rents to date.

Ombudsman: Nothing to report

Committee Reports

Buildings:



Rich Lundberg reported that except for a few more shingles, the Clerici barn rebuild is finished. Rich acknowledged the wonderful job Artie and Susan Debeling did on the windows and doors, and suggested the members look at what they did. He also pointed out that this is the sort of project that members can work on at home.



Rich also talked about the need to keep the catch basins clear during the winter, especially one near the clubhouse. He pointed out that a map showing the location is on the wall, and a laminated copy is hanging on the kitchen wall and can be taken outside to help locate them. He emphasized that if taken out, it must be returned. Mark Johnson noted that someone notched a kitchen window and ran a cord out through it. The cord was ordered to be removed, and members were reminded not to do things like this.

Grounds: Not present

Safety: Nothing to report

Signals: Bruce Anderson said he has been assisting Steve Wood with fixing the signal box that got knocked over.

Ground Track: John Lytle reminded the members that he is doing track repairs on the 2nd. And 4th. Mondays. Anyone is welcome to come up and assist.

Locomotives:

RGS #22:

Engine was taken out of service last Sunday, with unusual exhaust sounds under load. The only thing determined so far is the valve chamber gaskets are leaking very badly. The engine appears to have blown a steam chest lower gasket. Jerry Kimberlin has the 12 pieces of DOM tubing on hand and ready for machining. Jerry will be working on that project as time permits.

RGS #20:

All repairs have been done, except for replacing one gauge. While in the shop, the brake shoes were taken off and friction material was applied. New tender has been hooked up and engine will be fired up Sunday for the public train. If #20 now works satisfactorily, long term repairs # 22 will be started sometime next year.

Hunter Atlantic:

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

Heintz Atlantic: Nothing new to report.

Johnson Pacific: nothing new to report.

Gas Engines: Both engines are running without problems.

Public Train:



Walter Oellerich thanked all the members who have helped this year and noted several new members have joined the crew. He also noted that the public loves our train.

Rolling Stock: Richard Croll reported that a 3-way brake valve has been added to the conductor's car. Along with the similar valve installed on the new #20 tender tank, this will allow either the engineer or the conductor to operate the brakes on the entire train.

Website: Pat Young mentioned that he has cleaned up dead links on the site. He noted that fees for the site will be due soon.

Callboy: Pat reported the Secretary is providing the minutes in a new final, finished format.

Builders Group: Bruce Anderson will be posting a video about his silver soldering and installing one of Anthony Duarte's injectors on Harley.

Roundhouse: Michael Smith reminded members to mark down their running on the sheet on the wall, so he doesn't have to verify that they have done their required running.

Membership: Not present, but Mark reminded members to get their dues in.

Chili Run: Sheldon Yee confirmed chili providers. He asked members to bring extras such as cornbread, cookies, cake, etc. and beverages.

Old Business: None

Regular meeting was recessed, and annual meeting commenced at 10:37AM

Annual Election

The following statement was made by the President: In accordance with the GGLS by-laws the General Membership Meeting will now go into recess so that the GGLS Board Election can be held.

Bob Cohen Ombudsman to conduct the election
Ombudsman Bob Cohen read the ballot with the following nominations:

President: Rich Lundberg

Vice President: Sam Tamez, John Lytle and Chris Smith

Secretary: Richard Croll

Treasurer: John Lisherness

Safety: Jerry Kimberlin and Michael Smith.

As each office was announced, he asked for additional nominations, and none were made. Nominations were closed, and ballots were distributed.

The results of the election were:

President: Rich Lundberg

Vice President: John Lytle

Secretary: Richard Croll

Treasurer: John Lisherness

Safety: Jerry Kimberlin

The General Meeting was reconvened at 11:02AM, then adjourned at 11:03AM

Board Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:45AM. All Directors were present

Old Business

Roundhouse: Chairman Michael Smith reported that he contacted Fred Byl, and he has been running.

The waiting list was discussed, and it was determined that the rules concerning family members need to be clarified.

A motion was made by Bob Cohen, seconded by Rick Reeves, that the waiting list is to be maintained solely by the roundhouse chairman. Further, those wishing to be added to the list must contact the roundhouse chairman. The list is to be updated and posted every two months on the bulletin board and in the Callboy. The motion passed unanimously.

Further discussion was held concerning the roundhouse, but was tabled until next month. Chairman was instructed to bring draft of new regulations next month.

By-laws: Richard Croll, committee chairman, set next meeting date Sunday, December 17 at 10AM

High track bridge replacement: John Lisherness reported that John Nicholson has the material and bridge is under construction.

Donated Bell Display: Jerry Kimberlin had nothing new to report

Next years calendar: Secretary Richard Croll presented a proposed calendar for next year. He checked with both Sacramento Valley Live Steamers and Portola Valley and Alpine, and neither saw any conflicts. The Board approved the calendar as presented, and it will be sent to Pat Young for posting on the website.

New Business

School visit: The Secretary advised the Board that a home school had contacted us about coming to the track in March, so their students could learn about steam locomotives, and the building of the transcontinental railroad. The Board approved such a visit.

Propane tank heaters: Rolling stock chairman, Richard Croll, asked about purchasing 110volt propane tank heaters for the public train. Jerry Kimberlin offered to bring up a drum heater to test. Tabled pending test

Video Surveillance System: With the approval of Bob Cohen, Mark Johnson appointed Lisa Kimberlin as an additional/secondary security system video monitor. Her duties will include checking the system on Sundays to make sure it is working, and to report any problems to Bob. The Board of Directors approved this change.

Restrooms: It was brought to the attention of the Board, that some members are using the restroom and not cleaning up after themselves. The Board reminds members to please clean up after themselves.

Chairs: Discussion was held concerning the Adirondack chairs made from skis. It was determined that the club does not want them, and the donor will be contacted to see if he wants them back. A two-person seat that appeared will be kept, and painted to match other benches.

Coal: Discussion was held concerning several buckets of coal that were left near the fence. Members will be encouraged to take it away and use it.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:36PM

Washington Amtrak Derailment

The new “bypass route” was based on a lightly used freight line laid out in 1891. The intent was to allow for 110mph max speed based on a major upgrade which never happened due to budget constraints and planned number of round trips. PTC was not in operation. Investigation continues.....

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Bruce Anderson - Christmas Wreath and a rotating festive display, powered by his Walking Beam, Steam engine powered Generator.



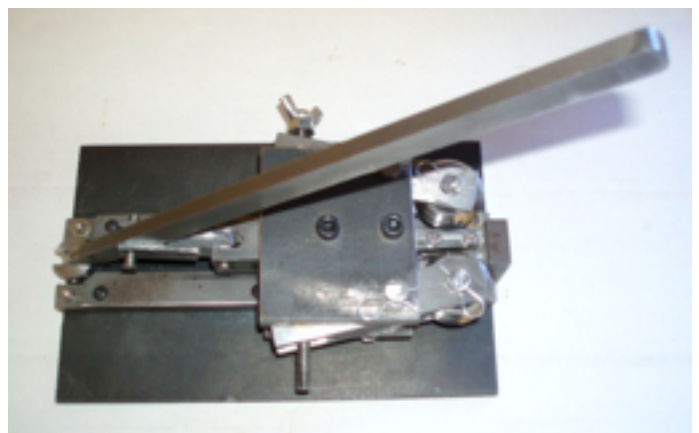
DVD entitled “Stagecoach Santa”, starring GGLS member Byron Lambie. Produced around Year 2009.



Photo of Santa Claus on a Steam Locomotive model.



Rich Croll – Dummy Generator for his 2-1/2” scale Shay.



Jerry Kimberlin – “U-bolt” bending machine, used to produce scale steel u-bolts not available in stores...for his model projects.



Rich Lundberg – Walnut File Handle



Chris Smith – The repair of GGLS member Mel McDonough's lead truck off his $\frac{3}{4}$ " scale Northern Locomotive.

Brian Perry -



1:32 scale Model "GS-4" steam locomotive.



1:20.3 scale Model "Shay" steam locomotive.



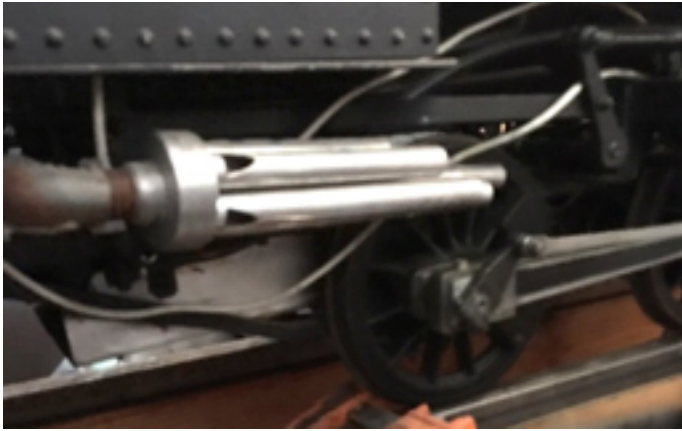
1:20.3 scale Model "Heisler" steam locomotive.

For Sale

November 11, 2017



A 7½" gauge, coal burner 0-4-0 switcher with a Winton boiler. Built in approximately 1972 we purchased it in 2012 and had a fair amount of reconditioning work done to tighten it up (list of work performed on it is available upon request).



It runs great, was very lightly used by us and has a great sounding whistle. Comes with rack shown in picture, a bridge span for loading & unloading, previously used propane burner & tank and has other miscellaneous parts etc. It fits comfortably in the back of our Toyota Sienna van for easy travel.

More pictures available upon request or drop by our house by Albany, California for a look. Will deliver within greater San Francisco Bay Area.

Asking Price: \$11,500 or best offer.

Dave Wemmer
510-406-1984
david.wemmer12@gmail.com



Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2018.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2017	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2018	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2018, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2017	\$ 50
If renewed on or after January 1, 2018	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to "**GGLS**" and send them to the following address:

John Lisherness
801 Contra Costa Dr.
El Cerrito, CA 94530

If payment is not received by March 31, 2018, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

The Golden Gate Live Steamers is a 501(c) 3 non-profit corporation.