



The Call Boy

New Switch Installed at Round House Lead



There were originally two leads to the turntable; however trains were sometimes stored on one of the tracks during a meet, leaving one open line to the turntable. A third lead will soon be available due to the installation of an additional switch, connecting to a new stub installed at the turntable. This is the final part of a multi-step project that started with track realignment and installation of a new high track swing-out bridge. Now, large engines will have easier access without the chance of derailing due to sharp radius curves. Many thanks to the crew including John Lisherness, Richard Croll, Bill Smith and Jerry Kimberlin who helped with construction and installation.

Event Calendar

January

01/01/19 New Years' Chili Run
01/13/19 GGLS Member Meeting
01/13/19 GGLS Board Meeting

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

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President: Rick Reaves
Vice President: Andy Rogers
Secretary: Richard Croll
Treasurer: John Lisherness
Safety: Jerry Kimberlin
Ombudsman: Bob Cohen

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Buildings: Rick Reaves
Grounds: Andy Weber
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High Track: Sheldon Yee
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Sheldon Yee
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Call Boy

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



Section Valves for Water Supplies



Above is a picture of the water valve pit near the high track. Large valves control water supplies as listed on individual tags. Small valves are drains. When opening supply lines, be sure to close drain valves otherwise you will flood the pit. When closing supply valves, be sure to open the appropriate drain valve.



Supply for steaming bays located next to one of the bays. Left is supply, on the right is the drain

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Club Meeting Minutes

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

There were no new members or guests.

Steaming activities:

Michael Smith talked about the Cal Train Christmas train, which runs between San Francisco and San Jose. It is decorated for Christmas and collects Toys-for-Tots along the way.

Jon Sargent went to the train show at the Richmond Craneway Pavilion. There were plenty of model trains to see. John Lytle also attended and was impressed by an N scale narrow gauge (Nn3) layout.

Rich Lundberg talked about the Heisler from the Mt. Tamalpais and Muir Woods Railroad that is on its way back home from Scotia. It has gotten as far as Sonoma county. He brought an article along from the Marin Independent Journal.



Last month, due to the chance of rain, the GGLS station crew decided to take the afternoon off. Here, we see them (Sam & Ollie) getting taken for a ride up at Redwood Valley.

Announcements

Rich Lundberg announced that he brought a bag of Meyer Lemons and asked members to take them.

Sheldon Yee reminded members about the New Year's Day Chili Run. He has at least 6 people bringing chili. He asked other members to bring side dishes or desserts. He also mentioned that the chili should stick to the club recipe since it will all be put together in large roasters that Sandy and Bob Morris are bringing.

Ken Brunskill mentioned that the Bay Area Engine Modelers have an outstanding website, with much valuable information for amateur machinists and suggested we put a link to the site on ours.

Rick Zobelein reported that Cal Train has begun work on electrifying the peninsula line.

Officer Reports

President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: The Secretary received an invitation from the Finger Lakes Live Steamers in New York to their 50th Anniversary in August 2019. Information will be posted and listed on our website.

We also received a very nice note from Cal Tinkham's wife Mignonne thanking us for the card we sent. She mentioned that back in 1965 when they were dating, he brought her to our track. She also mentioned that GGLS was the first live steam club he joined back in the 50's, so there was a special place in his heart for GGLS.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the club's finances. Any member wishing details can contact John directly.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Ombudsman: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Security: Jon Sargent reported everything is operating well. He mentioned there were obscuring trees that needed to be trimmed. He also plans to reposition some camera lights for better coverage.

Buildings: Nothing to report.

Grounds: Chairman was absent, but Rich Lundberg reminded members to shut off the water and open the pipe drains.

Signals: Bruce Anderson reported that they are fixing some issues. He also thanked Rick Zobelein for repairing the Regulator wall clock in the clubhouse.

Ground Track: John Lytle reported that he has been keeping the storm drains clear. Rich Lundberg mentioned that members should check the storm drains if they are at the track during the winter. Bruce Anderson said he found the drain pipe coming down from the roundhouse plugged.

High Track: No report.

Locomotives:

RGS #22: Jerry K., Rick Reaves and Rich Croll have reinstalled the boiler for a test fit. The Boiler will need to be removed again during the re-piping and ashpan/burner work on the engine.

RGS #20: Rich Croll repaired a sloppy main rod bearing on the right side of the engine. The engine continues to perform well.

Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report.

Heinz Atlantic: Vlad continues to work on the engine. Nothing new to report.

Johnson Pacific: The Johnson Pacific has not been out this last month but will be used for the class Vlad & Andrew will be giving over four Saturday mornings in January and February 2019.

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

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

Rolling Stock: Richard Croll reported that he had fixed the brake hangers on one riding car. This may be the last one with the old hangers. He also reported he has made a stand for the control box of the new diesel (see Bits and Pieces) and new pedestals for the seats. He also has Tom Bee swing motion trucks on hand for the car.

Public Train: Walter Oellerich reported the ridership was low for November because of the smoke from the fire in Northern California.

Web/Callboy: Pat Young reported he is going to validate the URL links on the website. He also apologized for some errors in names of member photos in the Callboy.

Membership: Sam Tamez reported that we had a guest visit who said he will be back to join in three years when he retires.

The regular meeting was adjourned at 10:18 AM.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting was called to order at 10:19 AM.

Bob Cohen read the nominees as follows:

President: Rick Reaves

Vice President: Andy Rogers

Secretary: Richard Croll

Treasurer: John Lisherness

Safety: Jerry Kimberlin

The President asked for additional nominations for each office and there were none. Ballots were distributed, 30 ballots were returned and the vote was unanimous for all offices, except one write in vote for Donald Trump for President. The Annual meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM and the regular meeting reconvened.

Club Meeting Reconvened:

Old Business

Coal Tipple: Brian Parry said we might move it on the day of the Chili Run. John Lytle suggested putting it near the steaming bay leads. Rich Lundberg suggested Brian & John look at the site and decide.

Public Relations: Rich Lundberg reported that the Board of Directors had looked at the old club information handout and discussed it. The idea is for a sheet to give to people at Tilden Station that are interested in more information about the club, with contact information. John Faucon volunteered to

look at the old one and see what he can do. He works as a technical writer.

Ken Blonski brought up the fact that we have no listing in the EBRPD Parks Guide. The President thought it was a good idea and will bring it to the Board.

Round House Lead: Richard Croll reported that the new turnout is ready, but one existing one needs new ties. He suggested work could begin immediately if there were no objections to taking the lead out for a week or so. There were no objections.

Old Lift Out: John Lisherness mentioned that the it needs to be sand blasted before we can install it.

New Business

John Lisherness brought up to reactivate the Member Appreciation lunches & swap meets we did in the past and suggested they were a good idea. President elect Rick Reaves said they are on his radar.

Meeting adjourned at 11:01 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 AM by President Richard Lundberg. All Board members were present.

The minutes from the November Board Of Directors (BOD) meeting were distributed by the Secretary. Jerry Kimberlin made a motion to accept them. Bob Cohen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Old Business

Telephone: Bob Cohen has not had the time to handle. He agreed to contact the phone company and report back to the Board next month.

Bylaws: The proposed Bylaws were sent to the committee members for comment. The committee will meet before the next Board of Directors meeting. The committee will look at possibly

changing the quorum for member meetings. Some discussion was held concerning the Ombudsman position and whether it should exist.

Public Relations/Handout: The Secretary will send what information he has to John Faucon. John Lytle mentioned the display case at Tilden Station needed attention.

EBRPD Parks Guide: Rich Lundberg felt the club should be listed, with our regular operating times, but not the Open Houses. The Secretary will contact Ken Blonski to find out who we should contact at the East Bay Regional Park District.

High Track Lift-out: Discussion was held about sandblasting. It was decided to try sand blasting it ourselves.

Bulger Barn: All three tracks have been leased by John. It was pointed out that since it now belongs to GGLS, the locks need to be changed to comply with the roundhouse/storage building rules.

Coal Tipple: John Lytle reported a new site had been found. He asked about moving the water tank close to it. Richard Croll suggested we consider moving the larger tank, near the roundhouse, to the coal tipple site.

Security: Jon Sargent has two more cameras to be installed.

New Business

Calendar: Tabled.

Club Roster: Bob Cohen asked if anything could be done about printing the roster off the internet. The Secretary told Bob he could send him a roster as an Excel file.

Meeting Adjourned 11:38 AM.

Bits and Pieces



Rich Croll – Steel Support structure for the hand control box of the club's new electric locomotive.



Ken Brunskill – Worthington horizontal steam pump brass casting from Coles (no longer in business).



Charlie Reiter – His Great-Grandfather's advertisement sign plate of his engraving business which is made of brass.



Worthington horizontal steam pumps brass casting in progress. Parts.

From the Membership

A 12:24 minute video from "The Atlantic" web site is recommended by Charlie Reiter and is produced by Miguel de Olaso.

He states "At 430 miles long, the formidable Mauritania Railway, nicknamed the "backbone of the Sahara," boasts some of the longest and heaviest trains in the world. Its journey begins in Zouerat, Mauritania, where 22,000 tons of iron ore are mined daily and transported across the searing desert to the port city of Nouadhibou, on Africa's Atlantic coast. Sometimes the train also carries passengers—merchants who travel illegally atop the train to transport food and supplies to remote Saharan communities. The ride is treacherous. Many die en route.

Malick, a 27-year-old merchant, takes his chances. He relies on the train for his livelihood, as do the many people who live along the train's route. Miguel de Olaso and his four-person camera crew, disguised as fellow merchants, made the 30-hour trip with Malick in the train's open-top wagons. The resulting short documentary is a deeply immersive, cinematic glimpse into a way of life that exists nowhere else in the world.

"If the train goes through a sandstorm, you feel like you want to die," de Olaso told The Atlantic. "All you can do is just close your eyes and let it pass."

The train ride was so unbearable that de Olaso vowed never to return. But he was moved to come back time-after-time to film the resilience he saw in the Mauritanian merchants, whose grueling journey

plays out against the backdrop of one of the Earth's greatest and most unforgiving vistas."

<https://www.theatlantic.com/video/index/576562/mauritania/>

From GGLS member Bruce Anderson:

"While taking to a friend about California's wildfires, he recalled a KOVR News story on Union Pacific's Fire Train. These were used to protect passengers, crews, and equipment (trestles, snow sheds, ties, etc.) from fires. Thought you might be interested."

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/50-eratF13Y>

Wild Fires Today:

<https://wildfiretoday.com/2010/08/24/fighting-fire-with-a-train/>

A 10:47 YouTube recommended from the Stars of Sandstone News newsletter where it describes our team of 36 Afrikaner oxen. More detailed information on the philosophy behind our breeding, training and using the Afrikanders is included in this newsletter which can be found at:

http://starsofsandstone.com/images/pdf/dec2018/Sandstone_NL_10_final.pdf

Presidential Funeral Train

GGLS member Bruce Anderson came across two video links documenting the Union Pacific locomotive 4141 escorting President George H. W. Bush's casket from the suburb of Houston to College Station, Texas to his final resting place next to his wife Barbara.

<https://www.click2houston.com/video/president-bush-s-casket-to-travel-by-train>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YfxgG6dzMeY&t=164>

From member Rick Zobelein:

Peninsula Rail Line (CalTrain): Past & Future





Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2019

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2019, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 50
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

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

Lisa Kimberlin
324 Nevada Avenue
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

If payment is not received by March 31, 2019, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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