



*One wonders. Is Rudolf helping push down Santa or preventing him from climbing out?*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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Lisa Kimberlin

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Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
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Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	John Davis
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young

## Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email [railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto:railroc66@yahoo.com)

## 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 the \$25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

## CallBoy

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 CallBoy editor at [phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)

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

## 2022 Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

01/01 Chili Run  
01/08 Train Class part 1  
01/09 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
01/15 Train Class part 2  
02/13 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
03/13 General Meeting/Board Meeting/swap meet  
04/10 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
05/15 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
05/21-05/22 GGLS Spring Meet/Open House  
06/12 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
07/10 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
08/14 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
08/27-08/28 PV&A, SVLS and GGLS Joint Meet  
09/11 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
09/17-09/18 Fall Meet/Open House  
10/09 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
11/13 General Meeting/Board Meeting  
12/11 General Meeting/Annual Meeting/Board Meeting

## Announcements



The President thanked Michael Smith for donating some hand tools & toolboxes to the club.

## Guests:



Attending for their second meeting are Carolyn & Conrad Fok. Conrad is real eager to join up and if you see them at the track, say “Hi” to them!

## Steaming Activities



Jon Sargent rode the Train of Lights in Niles Canyon with his wife & Grandson. Matt Petach, who was working on the train, mentioned that it is cold enough to have ice on the rails. Matt also said he is working to get his brakeman certification and Jon pointed out that Matt looked distinguished in his uniform. Conrad reported that he had ridden the night train at Redwood Valley Railway.

More information can be found at:  
<https://www.ncry.org/ride/train-of-lights/>

## Minutes of the General Meeting

The Meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by President Rick Reaves. Twenty members were present.

### Officers Reports

**President:** Nothing to report, but Rick Reaves thanked the club for having him as President.

**Vice President:** Jon Sargent with the help of Paul Hirsh passed out the new indemnity/release forms for members to sign. All members will need to sign one, and Pat Young will post the form on the website. Parents can sign the form for their family members.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** Absent.

**Safety:** Jerry Kimberlin reported that he will have new Safety rule books once a printing shop is found.

**Ombudsman:** Matt Petach reported that he is almost done setting the club up to accept online payments. He also mentioned that he is getting the two GGLS domain names joined under HostPapa and is setting up stable email addresses for the club officers.

**Security:** Jon Sargent reported that a group of young people were spotted playing on the turntable and attempting to fly a drone in November until they were chased away.

**Buildings:** Rick Reaves reported that the gutter replacement is scheduled for February. He also mentioned that he wanted to move the firewood shed to where Mel cuts the firewood. He also plans to move any other firewood away from the clubhouse for fire safety.

**Grounds:** Absent.

**Roundhouse:** Absent.

**Signals:** John Davis reported he is working on the T-30 switch to the Black Diamond Mine and for now, it has to be thrown manually. UPDATE 12/20/2021: T30 has been repaired and is fully functional. He also pointed out that the signal for the turnout to the shop got waterlogged and is tending to stay red. If it shows red, and the route is set for main, you may proceed after checking that it is clear ahead.



**Ground Track:** Absent.

**High Track:** Absent.

**Locomotives:** Mark Johnson reported all the locomotives on site are in running order.

He then announced his resignation of his position and asked Paul Hirsh to take over who has accepted.

John Davis has installed a new sound system in the 4760. He asked if there was any objection to putting a potentiometer on the rear of the body to control the volume. There were no objections.

**Locomotive Class:** Paul Hirsh announced that the class will be held on Saturdays January 8 & 15 from 10 to 2. He reminded those attending to bring a snack and leather gloves.

**Rolling Stock:** Richard Croll reported he replaced an air hose on the Public Train Conductor's car.

**Public Train:** Walt Oellerich once again thanked all the crew.

He mentioned that 2 or 3 people each Sunday want to donate online. He requested that information for doing that be posted once we are set up. Notice will also be put in the display case at the Tilden station.

He also mentioned that the Public loves the stickers and also asked the members to please come out on Sundays to run your trains since the Public loves to see them.



John Davis noted that Bruce Anderson and Jo Ann Miller have put up Christmas decorations at the station and around the track.

**Callboy:** Pat Young apologized for the snafu with the Callboy delivery this month and will be implementing a procedure that hopefully will minimize this from happening again.

**Website:** Pat reported that he will be doing the yearly maintenance of checking the internet links of the GGLS web site for errors. He will also be updating the calendar for 2022.

**Builders Group:** Pat reported that Charlie Reiter had submitted some articles which are quite enjoyable to read.

**Membership:** Absent.

#### Old Business

**Election:** The voting will be done online as it was last year and the Secretary will mail physical ballots to those without email access.

Additional nominations were opened and none were made. A motion to close the nominations was made by Jerry Kimberlin & seconded by Pat Young. The motion passed.

The slate for next year is as follows:

President:	Jon Sargent
Vice President:	Richard Croll
Secretary:	Matt Petach
Treasurer:	John Lisherness
Safety:	Jerry Kimberlin
Board Member at Large:	Mark Johnson
Ombudsman:	Lisa Kimberlin.

#### New Business

None.

Reminder was made to bring chili and other food for the New Years Day Chili run. The GGLS sponsored recipe is on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:06 AM by President Rick Reaves. Also in attendance were Richard Croll, Jon Sargent, Jerry Kimberlin, Mark Johnson and Matt Petach.

A motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, to accept the November Board Of Directors Meeting minutes. The motion passed.

### Old Business

**Past President List:** Richard Croll has updated the list up to the present day. He will send it along to Pat Young to post on the website.

**Track Screws:** Richard Croll purchased 5000 and they are here now.

**Rail:** It was decided to purchase 300' of steel rail from Accucraft in Union City. Mark Johnson & Rick Reaves will pick it up.

### New Business

**Membership:** It was decided we could allow the discounted dues for a new member in December.

**Lock Combinations:** It was determined that the water shutoff training must be done in order to obtain any of the combinations. The need for a backup trainer when Andy Weber is not available was discussed.

**Woodshed:** Rick Reaves asked the Board to approve moving the woodshed at least 25 feet away from the clubhouse. There was no objection.

**Redwood Leaves:** Discussion was held about their disposal. Suggestion was made to use plastic garbage cans to transport them to the Park District dumpster.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

## Bits and Pieces

Submitted by Pat Young



In our first Bits and Pieces segment indoors, Charlie Reiter showed off his AC generator from Cringle Model Engineering that he built from a kit of aluminum parts and painted in Christmas colors.

He showed another generator that he built (and featured in the November 2021 CallBoy issue) to a guy that referred him to a web site in the United Kingdom. It's easy to build, the aluminum casting are nice (but it's metric so a 6mm reamer would have been a great help) and he changed it slightly to use banana jacks instead of screw terminals. Charlie hasn't put a load on it yet so he doesn't have any specifics on the voltage output.

More information about this kit and other models that are available can be found at:

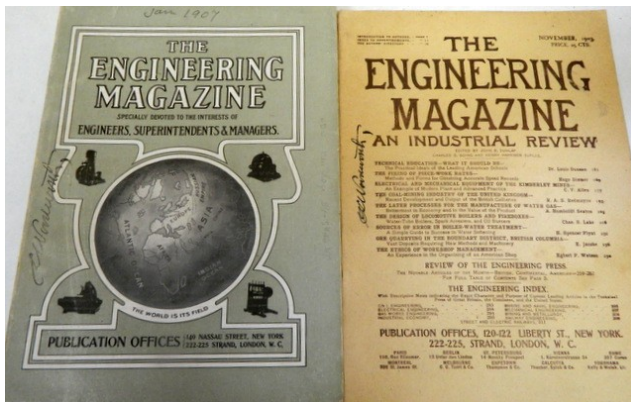
[www.cringlemodelengineering.co.uk/casting-sets](http://www.cringlemodelengineering.co.uk/casting-sets)



Charlie next showed a rubber tire for the McLaughlin tractor wheel made from a sheet 4 inches wide with treads cut on a radial arm saw. He fixtured the rubber sheet, clamped it down solidly, put a pair of dado sets together so he could make each groove in one pass, 3/4" wide & 3/16" deep. It smelled bad when do the individual cuts.



Monday after the December meeting he bonded the second tread. He thought that if he had to do more bonding he might get really good at it but it does look like it will stay on.



His third item that he presented were two magazines titled "The Engineering Magazine" dated 1907 and 1903. Printed during the building of the Panama Canal, articles include "Electrical and Mechanical Equipment of the Kimberley Mines", "The Later Processes for the Manufacture of Water Gas" and "Ore Quarrying in the Boundary District, British Columbia".

Finally, Charlie wanted to dispute the notion that he is the top builder in the club. "When you try to do things, sometimes you get lucky."

We are happy to be the beneficiary of all the builder's & presenters' efforts.

## **Harley has a Heartbeat**

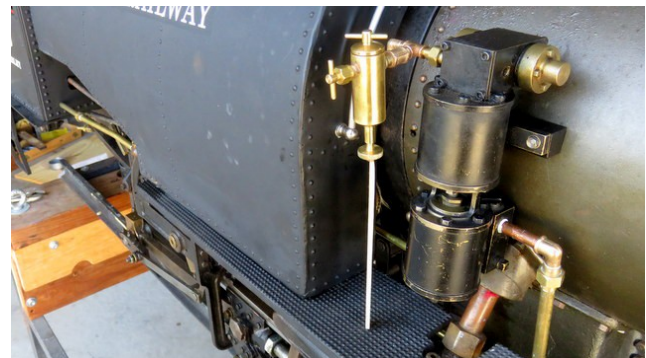
From Bruce Anderson

Hi to the Friends Of Harley Society,

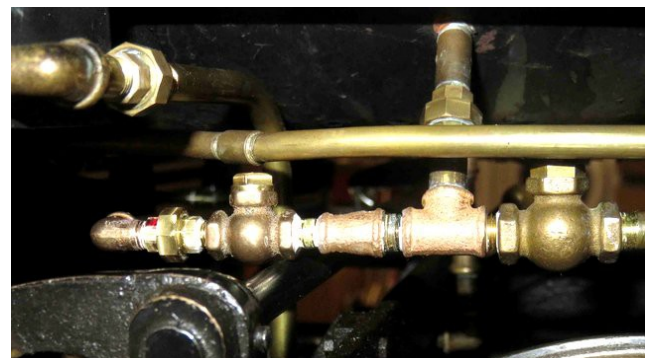
Yee-haw!!!

Hopefully another step forward for Harley! Using compressed air, I tested the plumbing of a steam powered water pump and it works! Harley's water glass rose by about an 1/8" which measured out to be about a cup of water in thirty seconds. I also measured the water in Harley's boiler represented by the water glass to be about 3/4 of a gallon. Next step will be adding a steam line to the pump.

"To Infinity & Beyond"!



p.s., This water pump was one of three made by Dave Gumz.



Using the lowest pipe, water from the steam pump comes in from the left or water from the injector comes in from the right; then it goes up and into the boiler.

I just need to route steam to the pump now. Yes, I'll pull out the popsicle stick support. :-)





Since I have Dave's 4-6-0 as well, the two locomotives can swap stories about my mad antics at the track. Now they're more than just blood brothers!

### GGLS Builders Group



Ingeniería



10:28 AM · Nov 3, 2021 · Twitter for Android

John Lisherness send in this link to a 2:20 minute twitter video from author Elzo titled "Ingenieria" showing model engineering at its best as a cute Lego motorized car slowly evolves to tackle ever challenging obstacles. Pretty engaging little video.

This video can be found at:

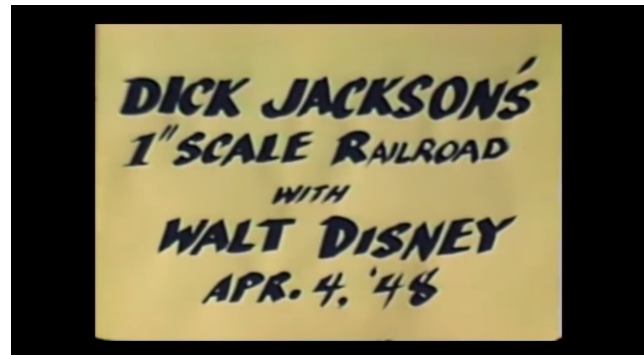
[https://twitter.com/Elzo\\_/status/1455949934449111040](https://twitter.com/Elzo_/status/1455949934449111040)

A slightly longer version (5:51) YouTube video can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwHHErfX9hl&t=1s>

### Video Recommendations

John Lisherness has passed on the following videos that he thinks the readership would enjoy viewing:



A short 1:35 minute YouTube video from author "MrWardKimball" titled "Walt Disney - Home Movie Footage by Ward Kimball" filmed in 1948. It is believed to be the first time Walt Disney experienced large scale live steaming.

This video can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uI7q\\_x9uGiQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uI7q_x9uGiQ)



A 25:21 minute YouTube video by Marsh Steam Videos titled "North Yorkshire Moors Railway - Autumn Steam Gala 2021". The NYMR once again steps up and hosts an all out action Autumn gala featuring three visiting locomotives which all put on some memorable performances up the 1/49 Bank and beyond ...

This video can be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfYF14bt97k>

If you enjoyed the above video, take a look at the following for more like minded video:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/Pmarsh1952/video>



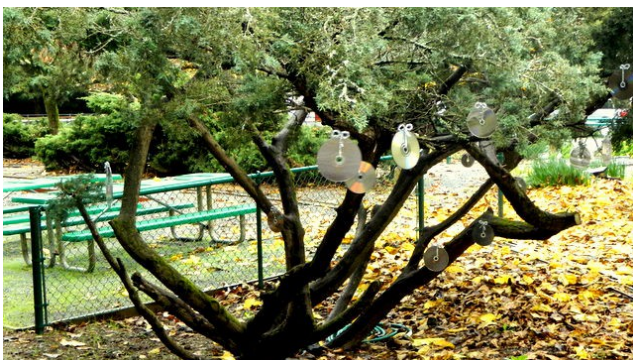
## Holiday Decorations at GGLS

From Jo Ann Miller

It was a festive time in December as Bruce Anderson and I decked the Halls of GGLS with some merriment.



There were many holiday decorations In Tilden station and along the station wire fence.



Also there were shiny silver orbs hanging from the

large juniper near the picnic area,



red ornaments on the conical evergreen near the roundhouse,



an inflatable Santa in a chimney near the tool shed and colorful lights inside the tunnel. The decorations are part of our efforts this year to further welcome, engage & entertain the Public.

In addition to chatting with the Public, the station crew gives out GGLS stickers, takes photos of riders on the train and warns riders to be on the lookout for deer, bears & owls, so that they can report back to us how many they spotted. The Public seems to really enjoy what we are doing since ridership & donations are up and we have many repeat riders.

Walt would like to see more club members running their trains on Sunday, as our guests frequently ask about member's trains and love seeing them, even if they are just on display.

Glad tiding to you all and best wished for 2022!



## Trip Photos

From Rich Croll

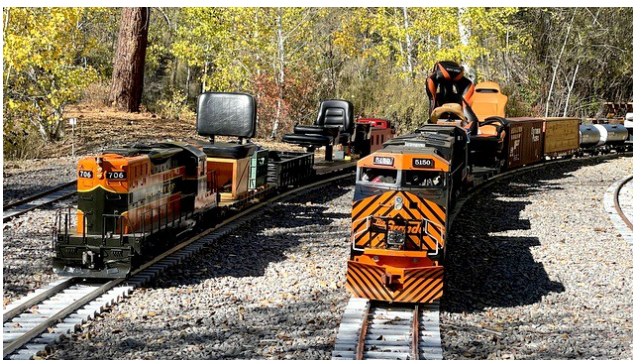
Here are some photos from my trip with Walt to Train Mountain and one of the gold spike ceremony at Portola Valley & Alpine railroad.



This photo is the engines meeting at PV&A during the golden spike driving



Here is Walt with his locomotive at Rio Grande on the Train Mountain Railroad in October. The Rio Grande Hotel in the background was built by my Brother John Croll this year.



Trains at Beauchamp on Train Mountain Railroad in October.



This is a shot on the Aspen Loop on Train Mountain Railroad in October.



For Those Senior Moments

Four young and attractive ladies were on a road trip when their car's air conditioning stopped working. The summer's sun was making their travel miserable and they decided they needed to stop somewhere and cool off.

One of the ladies eventually spotted a large pond towards the back of a nearby meadow. The ladies got out of the car and climbed over a fence and approached the pond.

One lady put her foot in the water and remarked it was nice and cool. The ladies suddenly realized they had not packed any swim suits. They looked all around and did not see anyone so they decided to go skinny dipping and cool off.

After a few minutes an old man was seen walking in their direction carrying a bucket. One of the ladies yelled out to the man to stop and come no closer. She told him we are not getting out of the water until you leave. The man stopped short of the pond, raised the bucket in the air and told the ladies not to fuss as he was not there to see them naked...

but simply wanted to feed the alligators.



### For those Flying during the Holidays

An airline pilot wrote that on this particular flight he had hammered his ship into the runway really hard. The airline had a policy which required the first officer to stand at the door while the passengers exited, smile, and give them a "Thanks for flying United".

He said that, in light of his bad landing, he had a hard time looking the passengers in the eye, thinking that someone would have a smart comment. Finally everyone had got off except for an old lady walking with a cane.

She said, "Sonny, mind if I ask you a question?"  
"Why no Ma'am," said the pilot, "What is it?"

The little old lady said, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

### For Those Traveling in a Strange Country

**On a beautiful summer's day,  
two English motorcyclists  
were driving through Wales.  
They stopped at  
Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogeryc  
hwyndrobwylllantysiliogog  
och for lunch, and one of the  
riders asked the waitress,  
'Before we order, I wonder if  
you could settle an  
argument for us. Can you  
pronounce where we are,  
very slowly?'**

**The girl leaned over and  
said, 'Burr ... gurr ...  
king'.....**

### For Those Holiday Outdoorsy Travelers

#### Jack Daniels Fishing Story

I went fishing this morning,  
but after a short time I ran out  
of worms.

Then I saw a cottonmouth  
with a frog in its mouth.

Frogs are good bass bait.

Knowing the snake couldn't bite me with the frog in its mouth, I grabbed it right behind the head, took the frog, and put it in my bait bucket.

Now the dilemma was how to release the snake without getting bit. So, I grabbed my bottle of Jack Daniels and poured a little whiskey in its mouth. Its eyes rolled back, and it went limp.

I released the snake into the lake without incident and carried on fishing, using the frog.

Not long after, I felt a nudge on my foot. It was that damn snake ... with two more frogs.

Life is good.



### For Those Thinking of a New Year Resolution

Sometimes



My greatest  
accomplishment is just  
keeping my mouth shut.



### **For Sale**

Diesel Switcher, Riding Car & 2 Storage Stands  
12/24/2021



I am selling my 1.5" scale diesel switcher, riding car and 2 storage stands.



The diesel has about 50 hours on it and runs pretty well. It is perfect for the individual starting out.



Along with the engine, a lightly used 2-seat riding car



and 2 rolling metal storage stands for the engine & riding car comes with the package.

Pick up must be made at my home in Concord, California.

**Asking Price is \$7500 firm for the whole package** (a good price since a new engine like this alone, cost twice as much).

For more information contact me at:

Paul Thompson

[blueboy396@yahoo.com](mailto:blueboy396@yahoo.com)



### For Sale

Allen Model Locomotive Kits  
November 14, 2021



Allen Models Chloe (0-4-2T) **locomotive KIT of castings only** with new Ed Perry boiler

Asking Price: \$2500 each (two KITS available)

More information about this locomotive can be found at the following Allen Model web site:

<https://allenmodels.com/locomotives/chloe.html>



Allen Models Ten Wheeler (4-6-0) **locomotive KIT of casting only** with new Ed Perry boiler and tender body.

Asking Price: \$3500 or best offer.

More information about this locomotive can be found at the following Allen Model web site:

<https://allenmodels.com/locomotives/ten-wheeler.html>

If you have questions or are interested, contact Dave Bradas by email or phone:

[dabradas@yahoo.com](mailto:dabradas@yahoo.com)

or

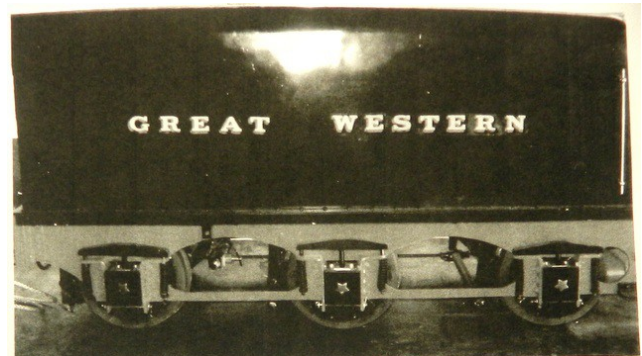
(707) 337-1449

### For Sale

New & Unused British Prototype 7.5" Gauge Live  
Steam Locomotive, Tender & Riding Car  
October 3, 2021



Item 1: 1.5" scale 0-4-2T locomotive, coal or wood fired, commercially built copper boiler with 200 psi hydro test certificate. Locomotive is light weight and can be moved around by two people, probably.



Item 2: 1.5" scale 6-wheel tender riding car.



Item 3: 1.5" 4-wheel coal lorry riding car modeled after historic prototype in the Nation Museum in York, Great Britain.



Item 4: Storage & transport dolly for locomotive & tender.

Item 5: 25 construction drawings for the locomotive.

Item 6: 3 sections of transport track.

This package can be viewed at Walnut Creek, California for those interested.

**New Asking Price: \$8,000 or Best Offer for the entire package; no individual sales.**

If something different appeals to you or you have questions, please feel free to contact me:

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