



Andrew Osborn on the trestle as his father Joe slowly gets left behind

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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!

GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building & Grounds:	Rich Lundberg
Engine:	Mark Johnson
High Track:	Jeremy Coombes
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein, Susanne Waterman
Public Train:	John Bouey, Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Jim Dameron, Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Treasurer Assistant:	Susanne Waterman
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	Jim Dameron & Bill Smith
Web Site:	Pat Young & Rick Zobelein

Calendar of Club Events

07/13/14 Meeting
08/10/14 Meeting
09/14/14 Meeting
10/11/14 GGLS Meet
10/12/14 GGLS Meet
10/19/14 Meeting
11/09/14 Meeting
12/14/14 Year End Meeting and Elections

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from Membership chairman Rick Zobelein. At the second meeting, return your completed application and the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you're in.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Pat Young, 10349 Glencoe Drive, Cupertino, California, 95014 or at phty95014@yahoo.com.

Announcements



Metal Supermarket in Hayward & Santa Clara, California is now known as Gorilla Metals, Inc. (Sales@GorillaMetals.com). Mark Johnson continues to recommend them for purchase of small quantities of metal and the club web site has been updated with this new information.

The Pacific Northwest Live Steamers (PNLS) and the

British Columbia Society of Model Engineers (BCSME) have both invited GGLS to attend their Meets. PNLs has recently completed their new roundhouse facility and BCSME is celebrating their 85th anniversary. A copy of the invite can be found on our web site.

The Board is looking for a member to do a video recording of the assets on the club premises for potential insurance claims.

Anyone available to do this please contact Rich Lundberg (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net).

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on June 8, 2014 at 10:01 am by President Rich Lundberg with an average turnout of 25+ people on a warm 68 degree day that ended up at 100 degrees in the afternoon.

New Members and Guests:

None.

Steam-related Activities:

Christopher Smith spoke about his visit to the Sacramento Live Steamers & Los Angeles Live Steamers Spring Meet and saw some ideas that might be of use to GGLS.

Bob Morris reminded the members about the Niles Canyon Railway Steamfest celebration and their extensive events directed towards the steam enthusiast.



Pat Young received a flyer from a company called Brooklyn Peddler.com who sell train oriented toys, novelties, pins, patches, Baby Engineer kits and other. They are located in Dublin and the flyer was passed on to the GGLS Auxiliary group who might be interested in this.



The Sierra Railroad in Oakdale, California (www.sierrarailroad.com) sent a flyer describing their

Murder Mystery Dinner trip for \$90 in June, July & August and the Oakdale Beer Train on August 2 where you can taste beers from local Northern California Breweries (with live music) for \$45. They also sponsor a Zombie Hunt which seems interesting, especially if one can bring their own guns (just kidding...).

Committee Reports:



Building Chairman Rich Lundberg stated that volunteers are needed to address that the Tilden Station needs stripping, prepping and painting.



In the club house, the seam of the wood burning stove's flue pipe has been repaired by Bill Smith. Thank you Bill for doing the patch and getting all those complainers off the club's back! Members, follow Bill's example and fix those problems that need fixing and don't just complain about it.



A safety warning from Jim Dameron concerns not starting the UVAS diesel in the Shattock Barn. This is the second incident regarding the club diesels and the UVAS will be taken out of service until a suitable solution can be found to rectify the situation.

With the good weather and the dry track conditions, the Signal Committee says that the signals are working reliably & correctly.

There are reports that there are switch motor problems which are being looked at presently.



Also Dan Swanson pointed out that the signal hood are designed to be knocked off instead of breaking and if one is found, to place it close by for re-installation and notify the Signal work crew.



With regards to the ground tracks, please notify the track co-chairmen Jim Dameron or Bill Smith of any settling/uneven track problems.



High Track chairman Jeremy Coombes stated that there will be some work done in the July/August time frame and anyone interested in helping out to contact him (jeremy@loomislocomotiveworks.com).



Co-chairman Rich Croll pulling the Public Train

Public Train attendance and donations continue to be strong according to co-chairman John Bouey. The usage of hand-stamping young riders with a locomotive has become so successful that the stamp has worn out and will require a replacement. Way to go, Public Train.

For the beginner who would like to learn how to run a real live steam train, please contact John at johnb@morcompost.com.



Locomotive co-chairman Mark Johnson and John Lisherness presented the following status:

Heintz Atlantic: Paul Thompson has completed painting of the boiler jacket and the paint job looks real good. New axles have been made and the drive wheels & bearings are being modified.

Pacific: The new burner is ready to be installed and tested.

RGS #22: The engine is having problems with water delivery to the boiler and it appears that dirt & debris materials may be getting into water lines somewhere between tender & pumps/injectors. This problem is being looked into by Rich Croll.

Also the brake beam broke and has been repaired by

Rich Croll.

Baldwin diesel: The spark plug ignition boot was added by Dan Swanson and there is now no arcing problems. The engine continues to be operational.

UVAS diesel: The engine is not operational pending repair of the directional valve by Rick Zobelein.



Rolling Stock chairman Rich Croll did a quick mention that there are 9 Public Train riding cars in service and he continues in evaluating a suitable truck replacement for the riding car fleet.

The production of the CallBoy has become a mechanized process, according to Interim Editor Pat Young. He produces a rough draft with photos that contains the club & board minutes, Bits and Pieces segment, Editors Video Choice, any special announcements, the Classified Ads and flyers of interest. This is sent out for review and the amended copy is sent out to online editor Rick Zobelein. To produce the printed version, he edits out the amended copy until it fits in the 8 pages. Member articles, photos & submittals to the CallBoy or our web site are always welcomed.

The web site maintenance is continuing smoothly and it looks like club facility reservations is slowly increasing, which is probably a good thing.

Officer Reports:

There were 2 visitors last month and Secretary Pat Young wanted to thank the Public Train crews for their warm reception shown to both of them. One visitor was Neil Sardinas from Pennsylvania who is in the process of building a Pennsy 0-6-0 B6sb switcher with a slope back tender. The other was David Viewing who was royally received and left his card & an open invitation to Northampton SME if anyone planned a

visit to the British Isles. I'm hoping the continued good work by our club members will go towards reducing any ill feelings towards the club.

We have paid our club insurance premium for next year and I have filed away the common policy declarations document in the club house if anyone is interested.

Treasurer John Lisherness gave a detail report of the club treasury total after the large outlay for the club yearly insurance premium. He also handled the mundane task of filling out the various forms & documents required by our Federal, State, and probably other agencies that allow us to continue to exist (thank you, John, for doing this). More specific information & details can be obtained from John if interested.

Old Business:



Last month, Sandy Morris made a proposal to form an auxiliary group within the Golden Gate Live Steamers organization. This month she explained in more detail the goals and function of the group as being directed toward fund raising, club events/activities & family-oriented activities and a preliminary meeting was convened. This group is open to everyone and anyone interested in participating can contact Sandy (nanasan1@sbcglobal.net) for further information.

New Business:

None.

Board Meeting Minutes

The June 8, 2014 Board Meeting began at 11:25 am with Board members John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Sammy Tamaz, Mark West & Pat Young with Bob Cohen, Rich Croll & Mark Johnson attending.

Old Business:

The policy for disposal of burnt coal cinders & ashes

has been decided upon but the oil usage/disposal discussion continues and a suitable club policy has not yet been reached.

Roundhouse member fuel storage within the Roundhouse was talked about. After some discussion, which included detailed consultation with the club's Safety Manual, the following amendment to the manual was passed by the Board: "A maximum 5-gallon diesel oil container or coal storage in the proper container is allowed in the roundhouse, one container per stall". The designated container must be appropriate for the material stored (e.g. yellow labeled container for diesel fuel) and this only applies to roundhouse leasees.

New Business:

None.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Dan Swanson - Old Magazine articles regarding GGLS: April, 1953 issue of "The Miniature Locomotive" contained an article on Victor Shattuck (GGLS Founder), and in a 1987 issue of the same magazine featured an article on the GGLS organization & track.



From time to time, other articles on our facilities have

appeared in modern day magazines.



Jerry Kimberlin - 3 items - first, a press die made from heavy steel to produce arch bars, secondly a Jig made to produce miniature angle stock (jig holds a piece of square stock immobile to allow bandsaw to make a slit cut lengthwise along the manufactured bends on opposing edges), nice job but I'm certain that I have seen small angle stock which would save the effort...nice work, though.



And third, a coal bucket painted "Safety" orange with black lettering, presumably for use around the Steaming Bays.

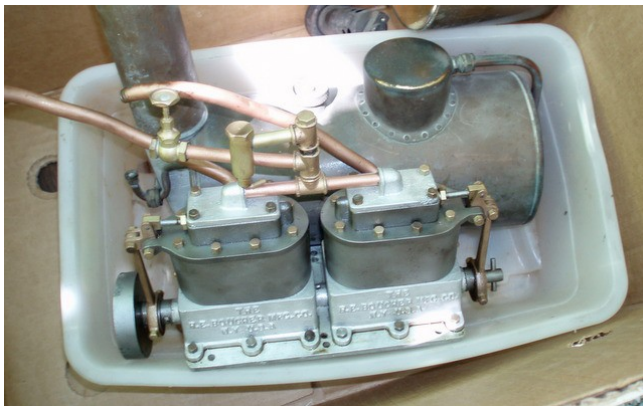


Bob Morris - 3 items - A fire grate for use in a 4-6-0

Little Engines Loco. The bend is to wrap around a drive axle?!



An old time "Putt, Putt " boat model (made in Japan),



and a Bouchart (sp?) model boiler, with white gas burner and a 2 cylinder, single acting steam engine of the same make (the Bouchart equipment being offered on EBAY, presently).



John Lisherness - 2 items - a grouping of home built Poppet check valves, and some parts from the club engines being serviced (the main axle from the club's Heintz Atlantic, containing run out error of 0.025 inches upon rotation, causing wobble,



and the fire pan from the club Pacific loco, with an undisclosed malady.



Christopher Smith - Dummy generator for bell ringer.



Dave August – ¼ Full scale road roller (in progress), scratch-built, one of two (the other being constructed by club member Charlie Reiter) in construction. Excellent workmanship ...HEAVY... engine features slip eccentrics, which allows for forward/reverse action with a single eccentric movement. Currently running on air, the Road Roller will eventually operate with a Propane burner.



Anthony Duarte - Newly machined & exquisite expansion links for his "in progress" locomotive project.

COAL ASH DISPOSAL POLICY

June 2014

At no time shall locomotive operators dump coal ashes on the ground. Specifically, when shutting down, coal ashes shall be dumped on the small steel table provided at the steaming bays. The collected contents shall then be dumped into the small metal garbage can in the steaming bay area for disposal. Alternatively, the ash may be dumped in the ash pit at the Round House. Where coal is dropped onto the track in the event of an emergency situation, the locomotive operator shall remove the dropped coal and ash as soon as it is safe to do so.

Safety Reminder:

Pick up Loose Nails/Screws Whenever You See One

Please be careful not to drop any nails/screws around the facility and kindly pick up any that you come across. We are finding numerous "new" nails & screws in the parking lot and along the tracks. The one that you see and ignore may be the one that later finds your tire and causes a flat on the freeway.

Thanks,
Michael B. Smith
GGLS Safety Committee

GGLS Club Facility Reservation



One of the member benefits that is frequently forgotten is the use of the club facility for private events, meetings and parties. There are multiple picnic tables, rest room facilities & a barbeque that can accommodate large numbers of participants. There is no fee associated with its use (except for extremely large gatherings where we ask for a small donation) and more information on club facility usage can be found on the club web site (www.ggls.org). Web master Pat Young provides a service using the Calendar page on the club web site to reserve dates for members wishing to use the club facility. If you would like to reserved the club on a specific date, please contact Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com) or call for confirmation for club premise availability.

Builders Group

As club librarian Pat Young pointed out to the new builders that there is a wealth of information in the club library that members can take advantage of, especially our collection of the Home Shop Machinist, Projects in Metal and Machinist Workshop. Please feel free to check out the material by leaving a slip of paper with your name and the name/date of issue borrowed.

Also a check valve drawing provided by Charlie Reiter from a design forwarded by Steve Vitkovits from an original concept from John Lisherness was sent out to be shared with other GGLS Builders Group members. If anyone else would like a copy, please email Pat (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Online CallBoy Additional Material

The following additional material can be found on the online version of the CallBoy:

Editor's Video Picks

Classified Want Ads

Pacific Northwest Live Steamers 60th Anniversary Announcement

British Columbia Society of Model Engineers 85th Anniversary Announcement