



The Call Boy

Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad Meet



As a private club, it is rare to have the opportunity to run on their track up in the hills of Portola Valley. This year GGLS was invited, along with members of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers. It was a cool day, approaching 100 degrees so shade was all important. There has been some extensive work done over the last few years. Tom Miller's operation (OR) has been shut down as he has found other interests and one of Portola's members took the opportunity to acquire one of Tom's engines. Tom's Big Boy went off to New Zealand for it's new home. The Tank Collection is being slowly removed as can be seen in the picture above! Good time had by all!

Event Calendar

July

07/08/18 GGLS Member Meeting
07/08/18 GGLS Board Meeting

August

08/12/18 GGLS Member Meeting
08/12/18 GGLS Board Meeting

September

09/09/18 GGLS Member Meeting
09/09/18 GGLS Board Meeting
09/15/18 Smith Lodge Meeting
09/22/18 GGLS Fall Meet
09/23/18 GGLS Open House
09/29-30/18 PV&A Trip/Train Mtn

October

10/14/18 GGLS Member Meeting
10/14/18 GGLS Board Meeting
10/20-21/18 SVLS Fall Meet

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

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Grounds: Andy Weber
Signal System: Steve Wood
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High Track: Sheldon Yee
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Sheldon Yee
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Membership

Open Position

Call Boy

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

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



Announcements

Membership Opportunity!

After over ten+ years, Rick Zobelein will be retiring as membership chair. This is an excellent opportunity for another member to step into this position. You will be able to meet and greet inquiring guests and prospective members, informing them of the benefits and educational offerings of live steam railroading with the Golden Gate Live Steamers! Additional responsibilities include maintaining a club roster and providing name badges. Interested parties may contact the Board for review.

Sandy Morris announced she has tee shirts for sale.

Richard Croll announced that Precision Steel Car Company has Z bar available; used for single sheath freight cars.

The club received an invitation from the Southern Oregon Live Steamers in Medford, for their Labor Day Meet. Details will be put on the website.

Members were reminded of the Portola Valley & Alpine meet and a poll of members planning to attend was taken.

Rich Lundberg showed a catalog from Astragal Press that has books on early tools and technology

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM by President Rich Lundberg. There were 23+ members present.

Guests

Mark Fleming introduced himself. He is interested in joining and is restoring a 2½" gauge 4-6-4 locomotive started by his grandfather.

Steaming and Railroading Activities



Chris Smith talked about 6 weekends of steaming. He traveled to the Eagle Point Railroad in Tennessee, a track in Georgia, the privately owned American Flat Railroad and Mining Company in Fiddletown, California, the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, the Los Angeles Live Steamers and GGLS.

Bruce Anderson also went to the privately owned American Flat Railroad and Mining Company in Fiddletown, California. He also visited an outdoor railroad near Castro Valley that is all live steam.



Richard Croll talked about his trip to Norway. He rode trains on four days and in one trip went to Hamar where he got a tour of a railroad museum.



Vladimir Kovalesky rode an evening moonlight dinner train on the Yosemite Sugar Pine railroad behind a Shay. It also included a blue grass concert.

Officer Reports

President-Nothing to report.

Secretary-Nothing to report.

Treasurer-John Lisherness reported on the club's finances. Anyone wishing more detail can contact John.

Safety-Nothing to report.

Ombudsman-Nothing to report.

Committee Reports

Meet/Open House



Bob Morris thanked the Thursday crew for cleanup and everyone who helped & participated.

He noted a low turnout of locomotives. There were around 20, with 6 of those from Sacramento.

Bob also thanked Jeff's Pit Stop Barbecue for having food available.

He also reported that there were no issues with the bathrooms this time. There were also no problems with the Public Train on Sunday.

Bob also thanked the Bay Area Engine Modelers for displaying their models. The public really likes to see them.

A round of applause was given for the great job Bob & Sandy did.

Buildings-Nothing to report.

Grounds

Andy Weber was absent but Bob Morris reported that Andy did a lot of cleaning up prior to the open house. JoAnn Miller also helped with the cleanup. Bob also noted that the garbage needs to go to the dumpster down at the Park Corporation yard with the slide back lid. Rich Lundberg added that only garbage goes to the Park dumpster. Any other debris is taken away from the track and disposed of.

Signals

Bruce Anderson reported that all signals are working except for the signal on the entrance to the siding near the roundhouse. Rich Lundberg noted that the signal committee can use help from anyone with electrical/electronic knowledge.

Ground track-Nothing to report.

Rolling Stock-Nothing to report.

Public Train

Walter Oellerich noted that going back to stopping on the outer track for the second station worked well. He also stated that the Public looks forward to our Open Houses.

Locomotives

RGS #22

We used the #22 to pull the second Public Train during the open house. Late in the day it was sounding like it possibly had a broken piston ring. The plan is to take it out of service and do a complete tear-down and fix all the known issues, including installing new steel tires on the drivers. The tender will also be rebuilt during this time. Jerry Kimberlin also reports that the shop had been cleared up and cleaned up in anticipation of this engine project.

RGS #20

The #20 continues to pull the Public Train every Sunday.

Hunter Atlantic

Nothing new to report and the engine is still operational. Safety valves and blow downs have been checked.

Heintz Atlantic

Vlad continues to work on the engine and has removed a lot of glass fiber debris strangely found inside the boiler.

Vlad reports that he could use some help, advice and guidance on designing the cab plumbing. They are still waiting on the detail from Mike G. on planning the running gear for the engine.

John Lisherness reports that Chris Rizzoli has graciously supplied whistles for both Hunter & Heinz Atlantics. He delivered these whistles at the Spring Meet. John has possession of the whistles for now.

Johnson Pacific

The engine is operational.

Gas Engines

Rick Zobelein reports that both engines are operational.

If you would like to learn how to operate one of the Club's Steam Engines see Mike Gershowitz for instruction.

Web/Callboy

Pat Young reported that he put in the announcement for the PV&A meet on the website.

Yahoo Builders Group

Pat has added a document that has some YouTube links that members might find interesting to the Builders Group site.

Old Business-none

New Business



John Lisherness brought up the idea of removing the coal tipple and maybe moving it to Diamond Back . This would be done so another lead could be put in to the turntable. John Lisherness made a motion, seconded by John Lytle, to move the coal tipple & water tank and realign the track going to the turntable. The motion passed unanimously.

Pat Young asked if anything had been discovered about the theft of Sue Debeling's sculpture. There has been no further news.

Rich Lundberg mentioned damage to locomotives in the roundhouse, and reminded members that unless they have proof, not to accuse other members of doing damage. He suggested that if a member feels his combination has been compromised, to ask for a new combination. He further suggested if a member is worried about someone moving his engine, he could chain and lock it to the track.

A long discussion was held concerning the Meet and Open House. It was noted that attendance was light both days and the yard by the Shattuck Barn was empty. Rich Lundberg asked for ideas from the members. Sheldon suggested that heat may have been a factor. Byron Lambie mentioned that we need to advertise the Meet to the members earlier. Mark mentioned similar problems in another club, and ways to get the Public. Byron mentioned there were places in Berkeley that we could post flyers. Both Rick Zobelein & Sandy Morris cautioned about getting too much publicity out for the open house. Finally, Rich Lundberg asked members to think about what can be done to get more member participation and get more members.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:40 AM by President Rich Lundberg. All Board members were present,

The minutes of the May Board meeting were distributed. Motion was made by Mark Johnson,

seconded by John Lisherness, to accept as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Security

Jon Sargent said he will handle getting the other camera. He also said he and John Lytle had repositioned some cameras and the one by the roundhouse now covers the driveway.

Telephone

Bob Cohen contacted AT&T. He found that with changing the account into the club's name and agreeing to a 2-year contract for around \$45 per month, we could get unlimited local & long distance. A motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Richard Croll, to have Bob Cohen implement the changes to the telephone service, with John Lisherness to provide the necessary information to Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws-tabled

Parking lot

Rich Lundberg has a meeting with the Park in July and will discuss with them then.

Diesel Locomotive

Richard Croll reported that we will be testing one potential electric driven one.

Officer Recruitment

Discussion was held concerning the need to find potential candidates for next year's officers

Member Constructed Storage

Discussion was held about when a member-built structure becomes the property of the club. Rich Lundberg said that a time limit for construction needs to be part of the contract.

Rich Lundberg made a motion, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, to require a contract for member-built storage structures. Motion passed, 6 for, 1 against.

Rich Lundberg made a motion, seconded by John Lisherness, to make the club the owner of any buildings constructed on club property from the beginning.. Motion passed unanimously

Dues Collection/Membership List

Discussion was held about the membership dues collection and the maintenance of the membership list. Bob Cohen mentioned that his book keeper could set up something. Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, to have Bob's accountant, Alexis, prepare a free demo. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Discussion was held concerning an email received from the Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM). The President assured the Board that the matter had been handled.

Pat Young queried if the club wanted to pay to be listed in a collection of websites. The Board expressed no interest.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:01PM.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll – Gas Extension Filler Tube.



Mark Fleming – Small Commercially-built copper boiler for his 2½" Ga. 4-6-4 Hudson locomotive under construction.



Michael Smith – Little Engines Catalog; Video – "John Goldfarb, Please Come Home".



Bruce Anderson – "Climax Locomotive" – Logging engine. More photos in this issue.

East Bay Regional Park Police visit GGLS

On May 10th we had a special visit from East Bay Regional Park Police. This meeting was arranged by GGLS member & police liaison Jon Sargent to build a friendly relationship with EBRP law enforcement & our organization. It was also a reunion of sorts as Member Ken Blonski, the retired Fire Chief of EBRP greeted the visitors and took them on a ride behind his Richmond Pacific engine.



Photo 1: East Bay Regional Park Police get ready for a tour of our facility.



Photo 2: EBRP Police had a great time getting to know about GGLS (from left to right): Captain Brede, Officer Urquhart, Sergeant O'Neill, member Ken Blonski, Police Chief Tony Ciaburro, and Police Executive Secretary Katie Quick.

From Katie Quick:

These are great! Thank you for taking the time to show us around, and an overview of what you do. There is some great history there and I am glad we got to learn about this amazing spot in Tilden!
Take care,

Katie Quick

Executive Secretary Police

From Anthony Ciaburro:

Jon,

Thanks for your time.

It was nice seeing you again and it was certainly worth our time.

Anthony Ciaburro

Assistant General Manager - Chief of Police | Police | Fire | Aquatics

Bruce Anderson's Latest Acquisition

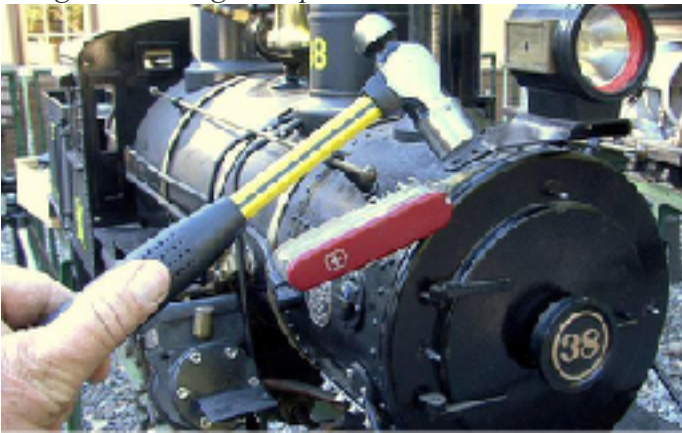
GGLS member Bruce Anderson has made another wonderful acquisition to his locomotive roster. It's a 1½" Climax but little information is known about its history. If anyone has more knowledge about this locomotive, Bruce would surely be interested.



While awaiting a roundhouse stall, Bruce built a ramp to facilitate loading the locomotive into his truck.



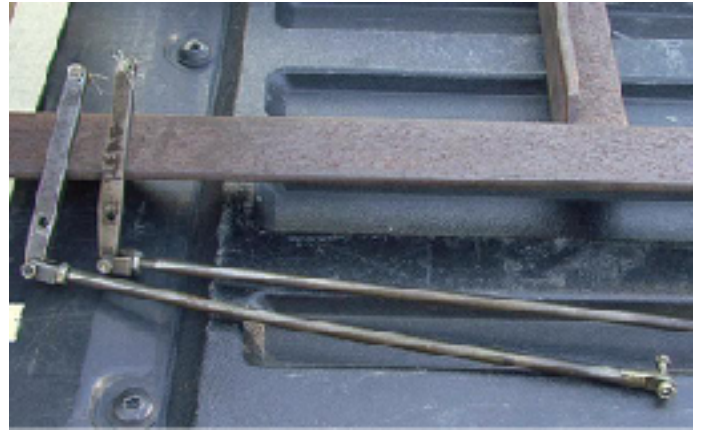
The Climax is readied for the journey to GGLS. Though difficult to see, the four bars above the trucks will hopefully prevent the drive shafts from being bent during transport.



Instead of using a small screwdriver, Bruce learned about a knife blade to separate "frozen" parts. (Note: my second hand was taking the photo instead of holding the knife.)



Issue: Brake linkage was too close to the rail where it could be damaged on a switch, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ " gauge track, or transport...



...so he temporary removed the linkages for modifications before damage occurred.

From the Membership



From Bruce Anderson, an article on the Redwood Valley Railway's Ray Pimlott from the San Francisco Chronicle newspaper:

https://www.sfchronicle.com/thetake/article/Tilden-Park-s-train-engineer-keeps-chugging-12980585.php?utm_campaign=email-mobile&utm_source=CMS%20Sharing%20Button&utm_medium=social

Rich Croll's Norwegian Trip Photos

Rich Croll went to Norway and was kind enough to share some of the railroad related photos:



Myrdal Station where the Flam Railway meets the main line.



At the Norwegian Railroad Museum at Hamar, Norway, Rich took several photos there including that of a railroad inspection car.



Also Myrdal Station which shows the steep 8 degree slope approach.



A narrow gauge 0-6-0 engine (also known as the Tertitten) was built in 1895 and is run during the summer time.



Norwegian Railroad Museum at Hamar, Norway. The station is on their miniature, probably 7¼" scale railroad.



Also in the Norwegian Railroad Museum is the NSB 31b class 2-8-2 no. 452 1926.

For Sale

May 19, 2018

Sponsored by Steve Vitkovits

The following two milling machines are for sale:
Atlas bench top horizontal milling machine:



The asking price for the Atlas horizontal milling machine (model M1B) is \$900.



Clausing Milling machine:

The asking price for the Clausing is \$2000.

The mills are located in Sunnyvale, California.

Please contact Ashlyn.spierling@gmail.com

for more information. These were her father's tools.

For Sale

May 4, 2018

The following items are for sale:

Hydraulic train engine transfer and work table (air powered also). Very unique and versatile; 2200 lb. capacity, excellent features.

A large arbor press.

Surface grinder, 6" x 12" with magnetic chuck. Comes with diamond wheel dresser and end mill sharpening fixture. Comes with a stand that has 8" swivel casters.

In excellent condition and see page 738 in 2018 Grizzly catalog or page 698 in their 2017 catalog for more detail.

Items must leave my shop, so give me your best offer and I can help load any sold item with my crane.

John Maryott

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