



# *The Call Boy*

## Steaming Off The Tracks



Interesting enough, “Golden Gate Live Steamers” does not specifically imply railroad operations. Maybe founder Victor Shattock didn’t want to limit steaming activities to running on rail. Member Dave August, took this to heart and decided to “think outside the box” ( or off the rail! ) when he scratch built this road roller that has been seen at various hobby activities! Gloves on : “Away we roll!”

### Event Calendar

#### June

6/06/15 GGLS Spring Meet  
6/07/15 GGLS Open House  
6/14/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
6/14/15 GGLS Board Meeting

#### July

7/12/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
7/12/15 GGLS Board Meeting

#### August

8/09/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
8/09/15 GGLS Board Meeting

#### September

9/13/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
9/13/15 GGLS Board Meeting

#### October

10/03/15 GGLS Fall Meet  
10/04/15 GGLS Open House  
10/11/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
10/11/15 GGLS Board Meeting

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



## *Announcements*

The 2015 GGLS Spring Meet will be on June 6th & 7th. The co-chairman, Rick Reaves, wanted to mention that although there are many activities on Saturday for the steam enthusiast, he would like to focus more on Sunday activities when the club hosts the Open House. This provides a great opportunity to show what the club has to offer. If the owners of steam locomotives could come in later in the morning, there would be more things for the Public to see. Hope to see more interesting mechanical, kinetic and live steam goodies. Please offer help to Rick in making this Meet a big success!

Our Ombudsman, Ken Blonski, made an excellent suggestion of trying to get some of the East Bay Regional Park District members to attend. He is hoping that some members can be available to give them a guided tour, with rides, if requested. If you can help out, contact Ken ([kennethblonski@gmail.com](mailto:kennethblonski@gmail.com)).

## **Food and Drink Reminder**

A reminder that the food and sodas at the clubhouse are not free. Please pay for them as you would from any vendor.

**Golden Gate Live Steamers**  
a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

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### **Club Meeting Minutes**

The Club meeting was called to order on May 3, 2015 at 10:00 am by President Jim Dameron with an attendance of 33+ individuals on a crisp, cool 52 degree that started cold and eventually warmed up.

### **New Members and Guests:**

Scott Larribeau and his young son Ethan introduced themselves and received a warm GGLS welcome. We hope you have a chance to visit, talk with members, and apply for a family membership. We are pleased to meet you both.

### **Steam-related Activities:**



Dave August brought his steam roller up to the 25th Anniversary Pacific Coast Dream Machine Show which was held in Half Moon Bay on April 26, 2015. He met promoter, Bob Senz, who thought his roller was one of the best items there. The attendance of 20,000 visitors benefited the non-profit Coastside Adult Day Health Center. Dave can be viewed driving his steam roller at the following youtube video: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=00IINA0SFPO](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00IINA0SFPO)



Rich Croll visited the 4-8-4 #4449 Daylight in Portland, Oregon and observed them replacing the lower throat sheet of the boiler. This is part of the 15 year, Federally-mandated, inspection and certification. More information on the locomotive and the "Friends of SP 4449" organization can be found on their web site at [www.4449.com](http://www.4449.com).



Jim Dameron attended a model air show in Lodi California that included a 1/4" scale jet plane which was capable of 200+ mph. He and about 200 people were standing on the edge of an apparent abandoned air strip when a full size Lear jet touched down! Something similar to what Jim was watching can be seen at: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=jS7uaSgHaRQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jS7uaSgHaRQ)

### **Committee Reports:**



Building Chairman Rich Lundberg had nothing to report but President Jim Dameron did want to point out Rich's extensive prep work done on the Shattock Barn and the club house. Thanks Rich!

Grounds Chairman Andy Weber said that everything looks good due to routine maintenance however some poison oak was found and sprayed.





The drainage system at the round house is almost completed thanks to the effort of Jim Conover. Thanks Jim for doing this!

Safety Chairman Michael Smith wanted to remind everyone who needs a boiler inspection, to get it done before the Spring Meet. Boiler testing during the meet will be limited to visitor's equipment.

Dan Swanson gave a brief Signals Committee report stating that switch T23 by the bridge is giving a false indication and will be looked at immediately.

Ground track members Bill Smith & Jerry Kimberlin have been out leveling track on the outer loop.

The High Track committee will be scheduling a Saturday maintenance work day (with lunch). This will be announced in a future issue of the CallBoy.



Public Train chairman Rich Croll stated that ridership has been steady at around 400-500 riders per weekend. As such, there has been a good turnout of train crews but help is always needed. Please come out whenever you can on any Sunday and donate an hour or two by helping at Tilden Station.



Rolling Stock chairman Rich Croll mentioned that the old conductor's car has been dismantled by Walter Oellerich and will be rebuilt as a new conductor's car in the near future. Thanks Rich & Walt for your help.

The Engine Committee member John Lisherness presented the following status:

**Heintz Atlantic:** Nothing new to report.

**Hunter Atlantic:** The straightened boiler tube pilot has been reinstalled with the help of a two-foot wood - working clamp to help align the attachment points. The smokebox door will now require only 4 screws to secure it to the smoke box. The rest of the screws have been replaced with dummy ones. The original steam brake piping was installed with no thought given for removal, maintenance or replacement. The new installation uses pipe unions.

**Johnson Pacific:** The firebox cradle has a severe break and will require some investigation on how to proceed. As soon as the boiler can be removed a recommendation to the Board can be made by John Lisherness on whether to repair or sell the Pacific.

**RGS #22:** A new part has been fabricated by Jerry Kimberlin to replace the missing crank pin cap lost last month. Use this as a reminder for everyone to check their locomotive for loose or missing parts.


**UVAS diesel:** It is operational.

**Baldwin diesel:** It is operational.


Web person Pat Young stated that we have just paid to keep our domain name "ggl.org" for 3 more years and

can use either "ggls.org" or "goldengatels.org" to get to the club web site.

CallBoy interim editor Pat Young announced that we have inserted Dan Swanson's "Rules of the Month" in our newsletter and club web site. It's nicely done and a good reminder of rules that keep our club & members safe.



**RULES**  
of the  
month



2011 Safety & Operations manual

**Section 2 - Equipment**  
**2.08 Brakes** - *All trains shall be equipped with a braking system. It is the responsibility of the engineer to know the braking effectiveness and distance. Train speed and following distances shall be based on the ability to stop the train within a safe distance.*

**Section 3 - Operating Procedures**  
**3.08 Switches** - *Through traffic at a switch shall have the right-of-way. -*  
**3.08.1 Realignment of Switches**  
*Engineers and their brakeman are responsible for the realignment of switches. Engineers shall guide their own way through any switch work left by a preceding train. Main line switches are returned to normal as a matter of courtesy only. Normal settings of switches is for through traffic in all cases. -*

**Section 6 - Safety Committee**  
**6.03 Removal of Trains** - *Any member of the Safety Committee may flag an engine or equipment and have the engine removed from the track at any time. -*

Builders Group moderator Pat Young is almost done with CADi drawings of the Mich-Cal Shay and will be posting a lot of the cut-away isometric views shortly. Also, he made a CD of all the photographs that he took when visiting the shay at Turtle Bay Park in Redding, California. If anyone else would like a CD, contact Pat at [phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com).



Planning Committee (name tentative) chairman Steve Vitkovits had his first meeting with committee members Bob Cohen, Rich Croll, Steven Franaszek, Mark Johnson, John Lisherness, Dan Swanson, Matt Thomas, Andy Weber and Sheldon Yee, prior to the club meeting.

He then gave a summary of the committee goals during the club meeting. Then he handed out a one-page survey that members were requested to fill out anonymously about what they liked or disliked about the club. He received about 38 responses for this activity and thanked everyone who participated.

If you would like to provide further comments, feel free to contact Steve ([ferrous1991@gmail.com](mailto:ferrous1991@gmail.com)).

### **Officer's Report:**

Secretary Pat Young reported on the following items that came in last month:

The club received a check from the Acorn A's Model A Ford Club for the use of the picnic area. Additionally, a big thanks to Bill & John Smith for showing them around on April 18th. They had a pleasant tour, enjoyed Thomas the Tank Engine and a wonderful barbecue lunch. Members, may use the club facilities for special events from time to time, but advise the Board of your intentions before hand.



Bob Whitefield, from the UK, is rambling around the area during the Train Mountain Triennial and wished to visit the club during the Thursday work day. Say "Hi" if you have a chance to meet him.

Mark Spencer of Modesto contacted the club as he was trying to contact Dale Furseth for a coming Run Day but lost Dale's email. After additional emails, he invited all our members to attend the Run Day on May 9th.

A woman lost a hand made, tear shape, silver wire, ear ring on Sunday, April 19th. If you have seen it, please contact Pat Young ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)).

We received an inquiry from Scott Reinert who belongs to a semi-private live steam club north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He wanted to know what our policy is regarding individuals with permits to carry concealed firearms on club property. He was told that our club abides by all Park, county, state & federal regulations, with regards to concealed firearms.

Treasurer John Lisherness gave a detailed report showing that, this month, the club spent most of the money received from donations provided by the Public Train. More details can be obtained from John if interested.

#### **Old Business:**

No old business.

#### **New Business:**

No new business.

#### **Board Meeting Minutes**

The May 3, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:29 am with Board members Ken Blonski, Jim Dameron, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Michael Smith & Pat Young with Roy Motz attending.

#### **Old Business:**



The club Pacific's broken firebox cradle was discussed in more detail. Two questions emerged from the discussion. First, what to do about the condition of the Pacific and second, what the club plans to do with the locomotive in the future. John Lisherness agreed to evaluate the condition of the Pacific and make recommendations. The club is still planning on obtaining a second engine for the Public Train.

#### **New Business:**

In the January 2015 issue of the CallBoy, it was reported that the Meyers family has made a very generous offer to donate a sound system for Tilden Station Public Train use. The Board still plans to take them up on the offer after getting electricity to the station.

#### **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll - Union Switch & Relay (full-size) - RR Signal Relay.



Michael Smith - RR Bell (full-size), 12 volt...Very LOUD !!



Charlie Reiter - Unusual Bronze Water Pump...was someone else's project, not done correctly. The very ABLE efforts of Charlie rectified all inherent mistakes to good working order. I don't think Charlie would be able to do competent work unless there FIRST was something wrong with it. Charlie is a Master machinist (one of many in the club).

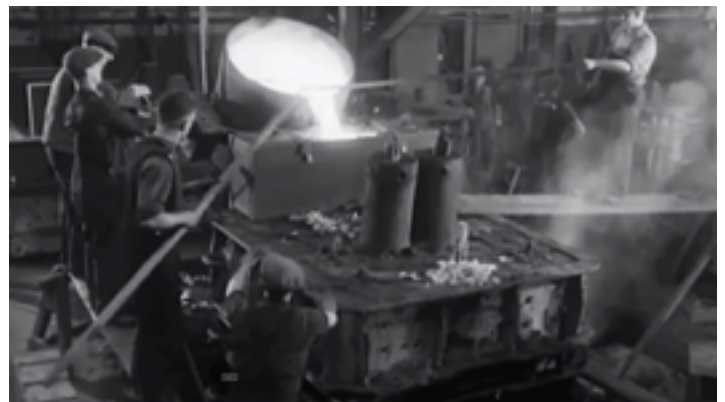


Dave August - Dave brought in a "Marty Burner" which melted when a clogged fuel orifice allowed heat buildup unchecked, without the cooling effects of propane through a normal channel.

By the way, the "Marty Burner" was aptly named for design by the late GGLS Life Member, Marty Siegel. One of Dave's burners, in his Road Roller, melted during his firing efforts. This led many of the crowd to advise using Stainless Steel instead of brass for the burner head. This shows that you will always get helpful (somewhat helpful) advice from members, and you don't even need to ask.

John Lisherness - Front Smokebox Cover off the Hunter Atlantic (Club Engine) reworked to like new.

### **Editor's Video Pick**



A 7:05 minute video from a vintage 1930s film showing an excerpt on making & testing a full sized British steam locomotive. Make sure to catch the smoking hazard warning inserted into the film!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AeoBtK9fmsM>

### **Tales From the Funny Side**



I think I solved the problem with the #22. At first I thought maybe there was a problem with the throttle valve. It ran fine at low speed, power was not an issue, timing sounded OK. When the throttle was open



further, nothing changed. So, I took the top of the steam dome off, and everything was fine.

Today, I opened the smoke box, and what do I see right up front but a ball valve in the line from the throttle to the cylinders. It was mostly closed. I think it may have worked its way closed, since the lever would be straight up when open, and gravity could probably cause it to gradually close if it got partly closed.

--Rich Croll

### **Safety Signs** *by Dan Swanson*

For those members who have not been at the club lately, multiple safety warning signs have been posted inside and outside the Shattock Barn prohibiting the starting or operation of engines while inside the barn in addition to the toxic fumes they generate. Past accidental injuries involving unexpected engine movements have occurred. These signs will hopefully serve as visual reminders for those inside the barn to avoid this highly unsafe practice. - Dan Swanson for the Safety Committee.

