



Mark Johnson and Anthony Duarte are trying out Mark's new toy. What a life!

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Rules of the Month

By Dan Swanson

Announcements

2015 GGLS Spring Meet

The 2015 GGLS Spring Meet is coming on June 6th & 7th and co-chairman Rick Reaves wanted to mention that although there are many activities on Saturday for the steam enthusiast, they would like to focus more on Sunday when the club hosts the Open House for the public.

It is an opportunity for the club to show off to the Public and if the owners of steam locomotives could come in later in the morning, there would be more things for the Public to see. Hoping to see more interesting mechanical, kinetic and live steam goodies.

Our Ombudsman Ken Blonski made an excellent suggestion that he will try to get some of the East Bay Regional Park District members to attend and is hoping that some members can come down & give them a guided tour, with rides of our club. If you can help out, contact Ken (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.

Officers

President:	Jim Dameron	209-835-0263
Vice President:	Andy Weber	510-523-0628
Secretary:	Pat Young	408-253-1206
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-528-3013
Safety:	Michael Smith	650-615-0475
Ombudsman:	Ken Blonski	510-260-0309

GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness (permanent member)
Rick Zobelein (permanent member)
Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)



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. -*

GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building:	Rich Lundberg
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Jeremy Coombes
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein
Public Train:	Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Jim Dameron, Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Steve Vitkovits
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	Jim Dameron & Bill Smith
Web Site:	Pat Young & Rick Zobelein

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.

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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!

Calendar of Club Events

06/06/15 GGLS Spring Meet
06/07/15 GGLS Spring Meet & Open House
06/14/15 Meeting

07/12/15 Meeting
08/09/15 Meeting

09/13/15 Meeting

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

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

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 large 33+ individuals on a crisp, cool 52 degree that got cold and then hot.

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 sign up for a family membership. We are pleased to me 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 thought his roller was one of the best items there among the 20,000 visitors there which 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

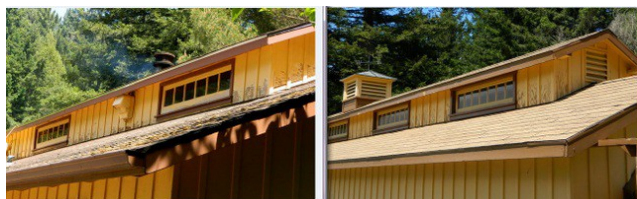


Rich Croll visited the 4-8-4 #4449 Daylight in Portland, Oregon and they were replacing the lower

throat sheet of the boiler as part of 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.



Jim Dameron attended a model airshow event in Lodi California that included a 1/4" scale jet plane which was speed 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



Committee Reports:

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

Grounds Chairman Andy Weber says that everything looks good with routine maintenance being done but some poison oak was found and sprayed.



The drainage system around 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 them done before the Spring Meet because boiler testing during the meet will be limited to visitor's steaming equipment.

Dan Swanson gave a brief Signals Committee report 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 doing leveling track on the outer loop.

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



Public Train chairman Rich Croll stated that ridership has been steady around 400-500 riders per weekend with a good turnout in train crews but help is always needed. So come out whenever you can on any Sunday if you can donate an hour or two.



Rolling Stock chairman Rich Croll mentioned that the old conductor's car has been dismantled by Walter Oellerich to be rebuilt as a new conductors car in the

near future. Thanks Rich & Walt for your help.
The Engine Committee member John Lisherness presented the following status:

Heintz Atlantic: No new status.

Hunter Atlantic: Its straightened cowcatcher has been reinstalled with the use of a two-foot wood working clamp to help align the attachment holes.

The smokebox screw attachment arrangement has been reworked so that only 4 screws are now needed to hold it to the locomotive. The rest of the screws have been replaced with dummy ones.

The original brake steam supply piping arrangement was implemented with no thought removal for future maintenance or replacement. The new replacement uses pipe unions.

Johnson Pacific: The firebox cradle frame component has a severe crack that requires some investigation on how to proceed. As soon as the boiler can be pulled off, a recommendation to the Board can be made by John Lisherness on whether to repair or sell the Pacific.

RGS #22: A new replacement has been made by Jerry Kimberlin for the missing drive train part lost last month and is now running.

Use this as a reminder to everyone to go over & 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 "ggls.org" for 3 more years and can use either "ggls.org" or "goldengatels.org" to get into the club web site until 2018.

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.

Builders Group moderator Pat Young is almost done with CADing up of the Mich-Cal Shay and will be posting a lot of 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 for a club member. If anyone else would like a CD, contact Pat at 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 just before the club meeting.

He then gave a summary of the committee goals during the club meeting and handed out a one-page survey that members were requested to fill out anonymously about what they liked about the club and what they did not like about the club. He received about 28 responses for this activity plus 10 earlier on and thanked everyone who participated.

If you would like to provide further comments, feel free to contact Steve (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' Model A Ford Club for the use of the picnic area and 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 barbeque lunch. Members, please make use of the club facilities whenever possible which is one of the major perks of being a member.

Bob Whitefield from the UK is rambling around the area during the Train Mountain Triennial and wanted to see if he could 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 because he was trying to contact Dale Furseth for an up & coming Run Day but lost Dale's email. After some further 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 sit,

please contact Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Got a query from Scott Reinert who belongs to a semi-private live steam club north of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and wanted to know what our policy is having individuals with permits to carry concealed firearms on club property. He was told that our club abides by all Park, county, state & federal ordinances, rules & laws with regards to concealed firearms and if they are on the premises, then so be it but I would ask them to leave the firearms in their cars when on our club grounds.

Treasurer John Lisherness gave a detailed report showing that this month the club spent most of the money received from the 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 frame extension component and what to do about the Pacific 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.

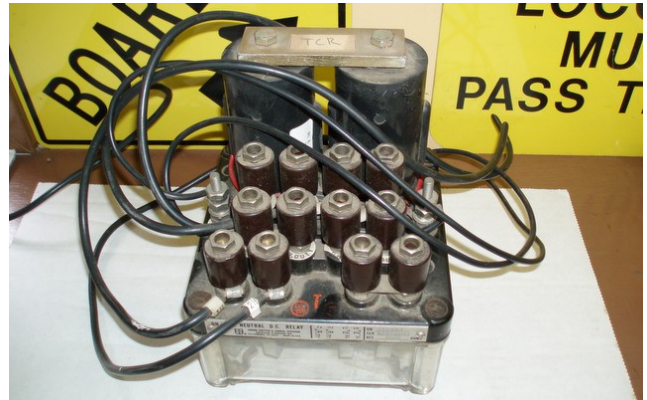
The club is still investigating on obtaining a second engine for the Public Train.

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 but is pending on 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.

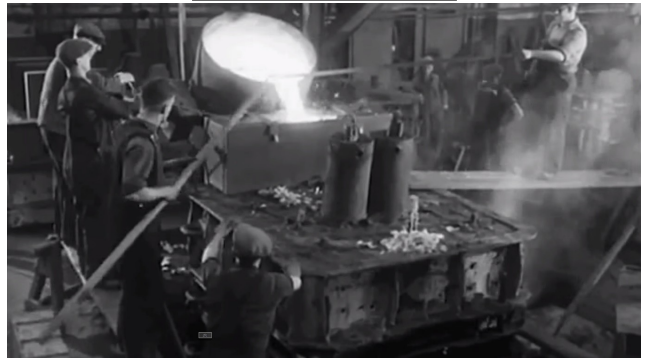
By the way, the "Marty Burner" was aptly named for the late GGLS Life Member, Marty Siegel, who championed many innovative devices and efforts to make GGLS a better club for all of us.

As a side note, another of Dave's burners, in his Road Roller which he was attempting to fire up to run after the May 3rd meeting, melted during the firing efforts, which led many of the crowd to advise the use of Stainless Steel instead of brass for the burner head. This proves the point that you will always get helpful (or somewhat helpful) advice from members, and you don't even need to ask for it.



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

Editor's Video Pick



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

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

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.

Tales From the Funny Side



Hi guys,

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

Steampunk Lamp Industrial Art Machine Age Light Steam Gauge Pressure Water Meter



By Erin Cusac; see the following link for more info:
www.pinterest.com/pin/265219865530640115