



*Jo Ann Miller working on her bear habitat to lure one rumored to be roaming the hills of Tilden!*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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Signals:	John Davis
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young

## 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.

## 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)

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

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

## Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

**(Until further notice, the 2021 Calendar is tentative)**

06/13/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
07/11/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
08/08/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/12/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/18/21	GGLS Fall Meet (tentative)
09/19/21	GGLS Fall Meet (tentative)
10/10/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
11/14/21	General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/12/21	General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/ Board Meeting

## Announcements



We are saddened to learn the passing of long time member Glen Christoffersen.



From his daughter, Jill Christoffersen Corley: "And just like that... he is gone to be with Jesus. Lots of good memories with my Dad. Rest in the perfect peace of God, Dad. Hope the train to heaven was glorious!"

Our heartfelt condolences go out to the family of Glen.

## Please Notice This

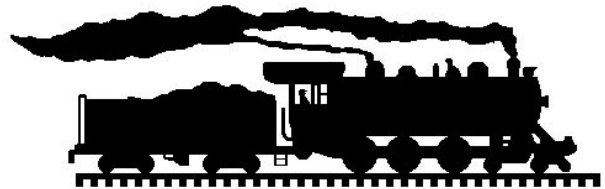


### June Meeting/Parking Lot Sale

The June General meeting on June 13, 2021 will be combined with a Parking Lot sale proposed & approved in the May Board meeting.

*General Club Meeting Attending Requirements*  
*The Board would like to remind attendees to General meetings that it will be held outdoors, with masks & follow social distancing until further notice.*

### Public Train News Update



On May 21, 2021, Jon Sargent obtained approval from the East Bay Regional Park District for us to "soft open" our Public Train rides. After preparation, our first Public Train run is scheduled for May 30, 2021.



## Minutes of the General Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reaves at 10 AM. There were 24+ members present.

### Visitors



Steven Lurie introduced himself and his sons Seth & Ben.

### Steaming/Railroad Activities



Lisa Kimberlin took a train trip to Washington DC, New York, Florida and Santa Fe New Mexico and also took the train from New York to Florida. But she recommended you take a pillow along if riding coach but mentioned that the foot rest do rise up so it is fairly comfortable. Mark Johnson noted this is the 50th Anniversary for Amtrak.



Jon Sargent spent a week in Yosemite, and while there got a chance to ride the Yosemite Sugar Pine railroad behind a Shay.

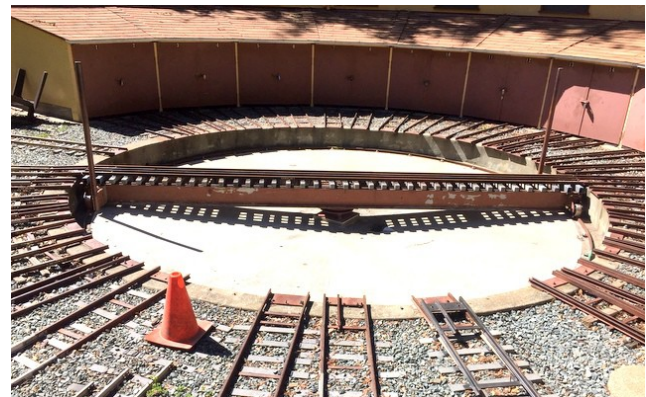
Jon also related a call he received from Bill Dundas who owns Dial Security which is the parent company of RMI Railworks. He invited Jon to his Calabasas ranch where he has Disney's number 2 & 3 locomotives and is building a 30" gauge & 7½" gauge railroad.



Richard Croll reported that he & Walt Oellerich had spent a week at the Spring Awakening Meet at Train Mountain where they worked on track repair. Richard mentioned that the railroad is alive & well and only the northern most parts were affected by last year's fire.

### Officer Reports

The Vice President & Secretary had nothing to report.



The Treasurer gave a report of the club's finances for the prior month. He noted that the fire insurance premium has been paid, and various government forms had been filed. John thanked the Thursday crew for taking on the turntable job at the roundhouse and Richard Croll for being the driving force. Richard in turn thanked Paul Hirsh & Lew Breon for doing most of the work.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsman:** Matt Petach has the new internet access working with Wi-Fi through Sprint and the cost is \$10 per month for unlimited use. Jon Sargent thanked Matt for paying the first year's charges.

### **Committee Reports**

**Security:** Jon Sargent said he is looking forward to working with Matt on the the camera system and being able to view the cameras online.

**Buildings:** Rick Reaves reported that he has cleared debris behind both the Shattock Barn & Black Diamond Mine building.

**Signals:** Bruce Anderson reported that John Davis has replaced at least one turnout drive actuator with a new drive actuator and that he continues working on the signals.

**Ground Track:** John Lytle reported the track is still there. He also noted the new Shattock Barn wall, the new siding and the gravel pit spur.

**High Track:** Nothing to report.

**Locomotives:** Mark Johnson reported that all engines are working and thanks to John Davis & Paul Hirsh for working on the RGS #20.

**Rolling Stock:** Richard Croll reported the Public Train equipment is ready to go.

**Public Train:** Walter Oellerich reported we are still waiting for an OK from the Park Department to resume operation. He also thanked Richard Croll for rebuilding the turnouts in front of the Shattock Barn. Walt also commented that he has been applying the new park approved weed killer and he is having to spray the weeds more than once.

**Website:** Pat Young said he has paid for 3 more years of club web page hosting. Perhaps one or two more web-related payment this year.

**Callboy Newsletter:** Pat Young announced that after 10 years of doing the Callboy, he is going to take the "interim" off his title as editor. Pat also noted that as club librarian, he has been trying to fill in missing magazine issues of Home Shop Machinist, Live Steam and a few others, in particularly, issues from 2008 & newer and Bob Cohen offered to donate some.

**Membership:** Sam Tamez reported our guest is a prospective member.

### **Old Business**

**Public Train:** Jon Sargent related that when he contacted the Park District about restarting, they said we need to provide a written Covid 19 plan and follow the state checklist for Family Entertainment Centers, so the Board of Directors will discuss this in more detail after the meeting. Rick noted that the Public Train Crew wants to reopen, but the Park District has been quite adamant about us not starting yet.

### **New Business**

**Storage:** Paul Krommenhoek mentioned that he is going to need a place to store his steam locomotive and asked if anyone had some space. It was suggested he might construct a small shed over one of the high track bays.

**Water Tanks:** Dave Bradas asked about painting the water tanks and was given the OK. Rick mentioned that the coal tipple still needs painting.

**Small Buildings:** Rick got a note from John Davis saying he has a couple of young neighbors who would like to take on painting some of the miniature buildings and there were no objections. JoAnn Miller mentioned she has been bringing up patio pavers to get the buildings up off the ground.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30 AM.

Submitted by Richard Croll, Secretary

## Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11 AM by President Rick Reaves. Also present were Board Members Jon Sargent, Richard Croll, John Lisherness, Jerry Kimberlin, Mark Johnson and Rich Lundberg. Ombudsman Matt Petach was also present.

The Secretary distributed the minutes from the April meeting. Motion was made by Rich Lundberg, seconded by Mark Johnson to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

### Old business

None

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**Re-opening the Public Train:** Rick questioned if we should form a committee. Jon Sargent suggested we look at another non-profit organization and copy their plan. John Lytle gave a rundown on what Redwood Valley had done. Jon Sargent and John Lytle will look at what is happening at Redwood Valley. Jon will then draft a plan and submit it to the Board for approval before he sends it to the Park District. He will keep the plan simple.

**Steaming Bay Storage:** John Lytle asked if the space he had reserved was still available. After hearing that it was, he agreed to let Paul Krommenhoek have it.

**Small Buildings:** Jon Sargent made a motion, seconded by Rich Lundberg, to allow John Davis to take any of the buildings to friends of his for repairs. The motion passed.

**Parking Lot Sale:** Rich Lundberg suggested we hold a parking lot sale at the next meeting. It was decided to go ahead with it. The Secretary is to notify the CallBoy editor so he can put an announcement in.

**Fall Meet:** Richard Croll asked if we wanted to set a date for a meet in the Fall. It was decided to hold the Fall Meet/Open House on September 18 & 19, 2021. The Secretary is to notify the Bay Area Engine Modelers & the CallBoy editor and emphasize that this is a tentative date.

Meeting adjourned at 11:16 AM.

Submitted by Richard Croll, Secretary

## Signals Report

Submitted by John Davis

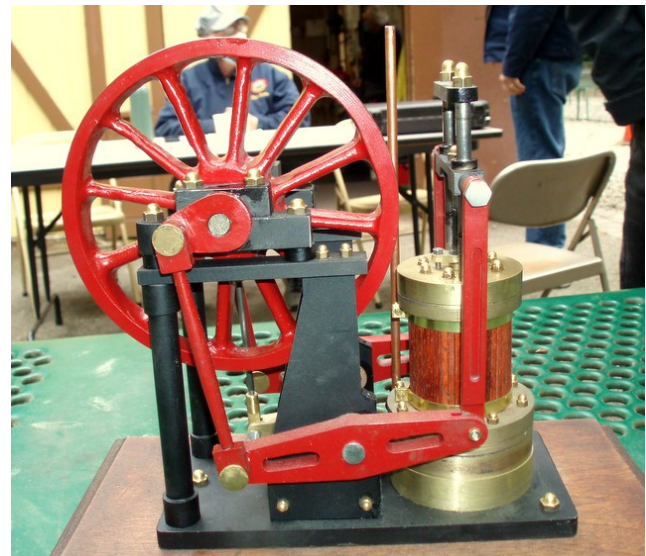
The occupancy signal on the outside track just before the GGLS entrance bridge would sometimes show a false red signal. This has been fixed.

There has been reports of a false red occupancy at the top of the grade on the inside track. Adjustments have been made and I think the problem is solved. Please report any future problems on this signal (or any others) to [48jrd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:48jrd@sbcglobal.net).

## Bits and Pieces

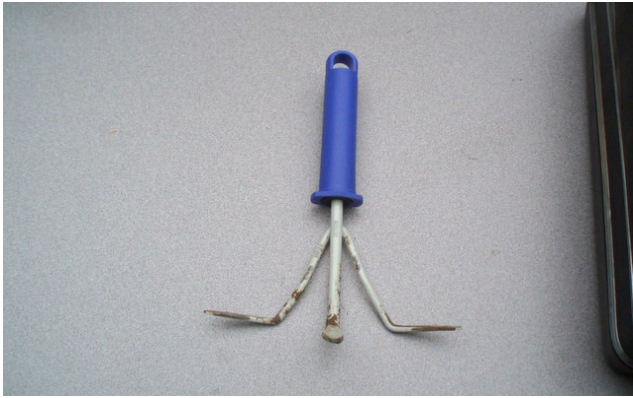


Bruce Anderson: Rust removal material used on Harley, his 0-4-0T saddle tank locomotive. A detailed article can be found in the May 2021 issue of the CallBoy.



Jerry Kimberlin: "Trunch Trojan" Steam Engine, made partly from scrap metal, including the acorn nuts!





Rich Croll: Adaptation of a garden tool used for cleaning out debris between rails.



Jo Ann Miller: Cute little scale model of a US Post Office mail collection box.

### **RG20 Face Lift**

Submitted by John Davis



The RG20 repainting is almost done. The smoke box, stack, cylinders, steam chest covers and pilot have all been re-painted. The only tasks left is to repaint the running boards, cab top, and touch up the boiler cladding. Thanks to Bob Cohen for finding the original paint for the cladding.



RG20 has had a clack on the right side, only when under light load. The rod bearing side play was measured to be up to 0.025", so it was assumed to be the source. Shims from Delrin were made to decrease the side-play to 0.005", but the clack is still there. So it goes with steam engines! Other potential sources will be investigated (cross slide?). Did I mention that this is a labor of love?



**Workshop**  
**Photographs**

From Jerry Kimberlin



An aluminum dust bunny in Jerry's shop that looks hungry! Anyone have a chip breaker to loan him?



The rear end of Jerry's Garratt locomotive. It is said that it barely fits on the turn table and am eager to see it run on the track.

**"Bell Tower" Yard Project**

From Charlie Reiter



I finished a project for the yard, which gave me more time for the mechanical shop but it seems everyone needs something and my own life is too full. I need more time to enjoy the things I've done.



Meet the "bell tower", a Tory gate inspired, timber framed, garden feature. I have not worked out a ringer for the ring yet but the bell in the center speaks for itself. All material was salvaged, excepting the concrete, and there are stories behind it all.



## **Video Recommendations**

From Bruce Anderson

I received an email from John Lisherness saying his family had been enjoying a couple of GGLS Meet videos and ask if the links could be posted in the CallBoy.

Here they are:



GGLS 2019 SPRING MEET

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QvDA0gDzf2Q>



GGLS 2017 FALL MEET

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qonLyP18KPs>

## **Mark Johnson's New Engine**



Mark Johnson sent in a MPEG-4 video of his new toy, a SP diesel, that Bruce Anderson took during his initial run on the club track.

It is a 14 mb long video and this can be viewed by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.ggls.org/media/MJNewLocomotive.m4v>

## **Builders Group Video** **Using a Tail Stock Die Holder**



A 9:43 minute YouTube video by author Joe Pieczynski titled "You will throw your die handles away after you watch this!!!". His video is about using a tail stock die holder and seems like a great way to use dies on the lathe. His description is as follows: "Die handles are the worst. My commercial die holder with a few slight modifications will make your life easier. Make one, buy one and breathe easier. Take a Look."

This video can be found at the following URL:

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



## I Remember Glen Christoffersen

By Ken Brunskill

May 4, 2021



My history with Glen began in the late-to-mid 1980's where I met him at Ardenwood, California where he was the crew chief for the 1905 150-HP Best steam tractor. At the time the crew was repairing the boiler by retubing it with (158) 2" diameter x 8' long tubes if memory serves me. A 7:40 minute YouTube video of the Best steam tractor can be found at the following [www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3RgoCACDiQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3RgoCACDiQ)

Glen was very much involved with getting me into the avocation of steam powered equipment, from models to full-size steam. Eventually I got more involved with full-size steam and repaid the favor (got even with him) by involving him in repairing full-size locomotives.

In California:



- ⌚ At the Niles Canyon Railway working at the California Railroad Museum in Sacramento.



- ⌚ At the old Bayshore Southern Pacific rail yard in Brisbane, California, restoring a 0-6-0 switcher.



In Utah:

- ⌚ At the Heber Valley Railway where we helped repair/restore their steam locomotives.

Glen introduced me to the GGLS in the late 1980's, leading me to build my own 4 3/4" gauge 0-8-0 C16 that I ran at the track for several years, and yes, I still have it! With help from Glen, I have converted it from coal to propane and am finishing that up. Sadly Glen won't be there in person to see that.



Glen has restored a full-size Russell Steam tractor, around 2000-2005. I was lucky that he allowed me to accompany him when he exhibited it at the Half Moon Bay Dream Machine show, at the Alameda County Fair in Pleasanton and other locations.



Along with our wives, Glen & I participated in several other venues & events with models & full-size equipment at:

In the USA:

- ⌚ We participated in an Early Day Gas Engine & Tractor National event in Wyoming.
- ⌚ For 10 or more years we participated in the Great Oregon Steam Up, at Salem Oregon.

In New Zealand:

- ⌚ Glen had gone to New Zealand for many years to participate in their annual event called Modex which are held in January & mid-summer. I was fortunate enough to join him for three trips in 1998, 2000 & 2002 where we visited many very nice clubs there. The highlight of those events was in 2000 where we each built a model Stirling Powered tractor and happily won the Best of Show with them. (Remember the millennium scare about the clocks rolling over? Ask me about that some time).

Recently, or for the past 7 years, Glen got me involved with the Bay Area Engine Modeler (BAEM) club, resulting in our spending every Tuesday in my shop. We built a couple of sterling engines and Glen recently was building a Parsell & Weed Horizontal Hit and Miss engine.

If the reader is interested the past, current & future progress on that project, it is being posted on the Home Model Engine Machinist (HMEM) web site at the following URL:

<https://www.homemodelenginemachinist.com/>

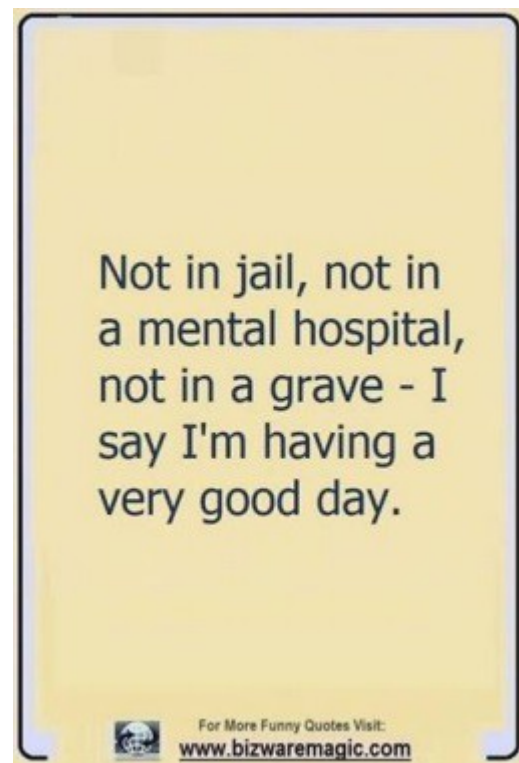
If you are interested in machining models, this is truly a great resource.



My dear friend Glen will definitely be missed . . .

## **Killamarsh Humor**

Humor from Killamarsh newsletter issues #257, #258, #260.



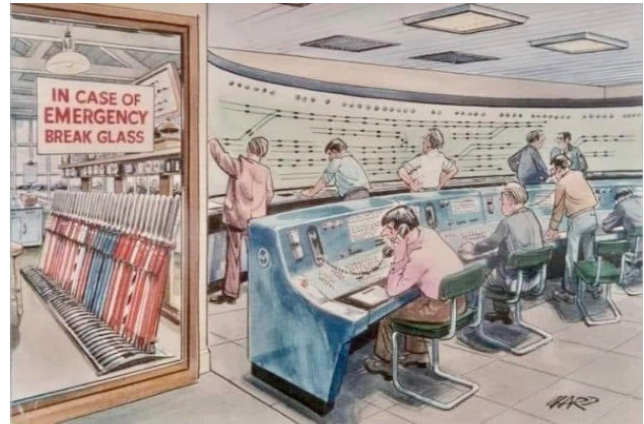
**I want to be like a  
caterpillar.  
Eat a lot.  
Sleep for a while.  
Wake up beautiful.**

**Them:** What inspires you to  
get out of bed every morning?

**Me:** My bladder mostly.

This week's competition:

Is this a real machine?  
Do you see what I saw?



Let's all take a moment to appreciate the time  
and effort this guy spent putting a strap on his  
dirt so it wouldn't fall off.



"I'm sure you'll agree, we don't  
want an epidemic."

*I changed my car horn to gunshot  
sounds. People get out of the way much  
faster now.*

*I didn't make it to the gym today. That  
makes five years in a row.*

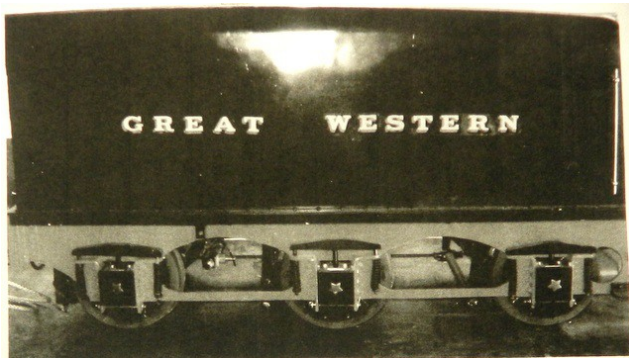


### **For Sale**

New & Unused British Prototype 7.5" Gauge Live  
Steam Locomotive, Tender & Riding Car  
February 27, 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.

Asking Price: \$9,500 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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