



Young Wyatt Thomas Standing Next to the Weasel (!) Photo from Bruce Anderson

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Announcements

Club House & Shattock Barn Limited Access

Access to the club house and the Shattock Barn have been temporarily curtailed substantially until a newer security solution is put in place. Presently, only a few individuals will have access, so please bare with us until the situation has been resolved.

Emergency Response on Club Grounds



Use a phone land line (instead of cell phones) to call 911 in case of emergency on club grounds to eliminate unnecessary time delays whenever possible. Thanks to John Smith, there is now a land phone line in the Shattock Barn workshop along with one in the club house and the tool shed.

Gentlemanly Conduct

Our club is a wonderful place with much friendship and camaraderie always displayed among its members. And if there is an unattended slight or miss-step by someone, one should always be able to gentlemanly resolve it in a polite & courteous manner.

Attention

Members, if David Waterman is seen on club grounds, please kindly remind him that he shouldn't be here and inform a Board member.

NEW CLUBHOUSE LOCK

By Rich Lundberg

A new PIN (Personal Identification Number) type lock has been installed on the clubhouse. Combination holders have been issued individual PIN numbers. The date and time of each entry will be recorded. This will be printed out and posted once a week in the clubhouse. The door will remain closed at all times and each entry will need a keypad activation. Those without combinations will need to enter via the meeting room door.

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)
Sheldon Yee (volunteered 2013)

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, Susanne Waterman
Public Train:	Rich Croll
Refreshments:	Jim Dameron, Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
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

03/08/15 Meeting

04/12/15 Meeting

05/03/15 Meeting

05/10/15 Mother's Day

05/16/15 SVLS Spring Meet

05/17/15 SVLS Spring Meet

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

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on February 8, 2015 at 10:00 am by President Jim Dameron with an attendance of 31+ individuals on a stormy, raining day.

New Members and Guests:

There were a few new faces in the club house this morning. New members Jonathan Bennett, Jacob Hulbert and David Rose all introduced themselves along with current member Ray Fontaine who will hopefully continue to show up to say "Hi". Welcome to you all!

Steam-related Activities:



Rich Lundberg visited the Walt Disney Train exhibit in the Walt Disney Museum on the Presidio grounds in San Francisco. The museum was great but was disappointed in the train exhibit.



Bob Morris was talking to some of the staff on the Disney World train ride and commented to them about the wavy condition of the track. They replied back "that section was recently replaced"!

Committee Reports:



Grounds Chairman Andy Weber wants to remind everyone to look to make sure that the drainage system around the club facility is kept free of redwood duff & debris especially during the rainy season. Even though the club seems to have a well engineered system, things to clog up fast!



Bill Smith, Jerry Kimberly & John Marriott are doing a great job in improving the area around the Round House.



Buildings Chairman Rich Lundberg has replaced the back of left side door of the club house with a stiffening wall that will allow much less racking & twisting of the club house structure.

Safety Chairman Michael Smith is reviewing the safety rules for eventual updating.

Work on the High Track is suspended until better weather is encountered.

With regards to the Ground Track, Rich Croll has built a new, solidly-welded switch that has been installed on the track leading from the Shattock Barn to the Main Line. Rick Reeves is constantly monitoring, adjusting & correcting the various older models of switch mechanism which seem to routinely get out of alignment. Suggestions for improvement are always welcome by this committee.

Public Train chairman Rich Croll & the Public Train crew got a small break because of the stormy weather along with the winter doldrums settling in has seem to slow down the attendance but will resume operations when the weather cooperates. Again, all are welcome to please come help and it truly is a wonderful way to learn how to operate a live steam engine pulling a real train! Jacob Hulbert's engineer training is near completion and is ready to run the train. Welcome aboard, Jacob!

Locomotive Chairman Mark Johnson had the following status on the club engines:

Heintz Atlantic: Matt Franaszek has reinstalled the pilot beam. John & Matt are preparing to replace the valves for the injector, blower, steam pump and whistle.

Hunter Atlantic: Matt is preparing to replace the turret valves at the back of the boiler. Installation of a new whistle and whistle valve is also being planned. Matt has removed the pilot for straightening. Anthony Duarte has finished rebuilding the brake valve.

Johnson Pacific: Refinement of the oil firing for this engine continues. This is however engine is operational.

RGS #22: The steam valve on the right hand injector has been replaced, so now both injectors have a push/pull steam valve. There is an unknown problem with the brakes that Rich Croll will look into for repair. The engine is operational.

Baldwin diesel: Engine is operational.

UVAS diesel: Engine is operational.

Rolling Stock Chairman Rich Croll is continuing his work on the two new conductor riding car and they are ready for powder coating. After that, some plumbing and amenities such as cup holders will be

installed and one maybe ready for use next month.



Web Master Pat Young has gone through and deleted dead links on the club's web page and is slowly updating its photos. Also there is wonderful 1:59 minute video created by new member Jacob Hulbert which seems to capture the spirit of the Golden Gate Live Steamers on the Announcement page of our web site. Thank you Jacob for a very well done video that should make any member proud!

There was a brief technical discussion on the situation of a propane tank icing up during usage. The problem is due to the fact that the transition of the liquid propane to a gas requires heat and if the transition is too rapid (i.e. the valve is turned up too much) the valve will start to ice up. One way to alleviate this problem is to keep the tank submerged in water (eg. put it in the tender's tank) which provides its a source of heat and provides a side benefit in that it provides chilled water for the injector.

Officer's Report:

Secretary Pat Young had nothing to report.

Treasurer John Lisherness again gave a detailed report showing that this month had a growth in income due to less expenditures and more details can be obtained from John if interested.

Old Business:

As mentioned last month, the club will soon be getting a very professional sound system for the Tilden Station to inform & entertain the Public as they await getting rides on our Public Train. Again, we thank the Meyer Family for helping the club out in this fashion.

New Business:

Jim Dameron will have our club name added to National Railroad Historical Society's 2015 Directory of Rail Attractions.

Board Meeting Minutes

The February 8, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:55 am with Board members Ken Blonski, Jim Dameron, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Michael Smith, Andy Weber & Pat Young with Rick Zobelein attending.

Old Business:

An election will be held in the March 2015 monthly meeting to elect a Trustee replacement for Sheldon Yee whose term is up. If you are interested in being a Trustee and have been a member for at least 10 years, contact Jim Dameron (candjdameron@aol.com).

The replacement of the club house's folding chairs was briefly discussed and the Board approved the purchase of one replacement folding chair for evaluation.

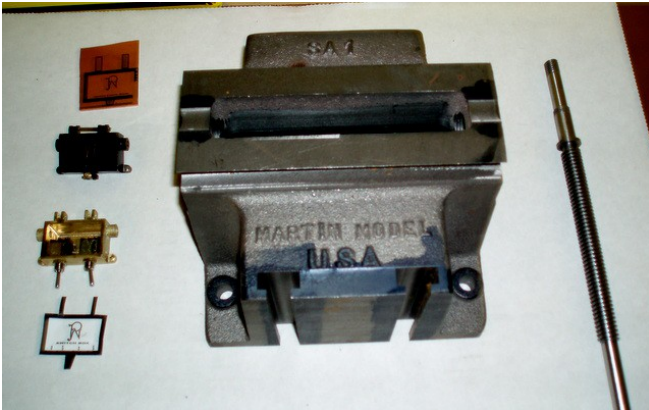
Quite a few months ago, a contract was agreed upon with a member and the club to purchase a locomotive almost exactly like the RGS #20 when it was assembled within a period of one year. That expiration date has expired last March and the Board has voted to offer an extension of the deadline another eighteen months from the original delivery date to give this member a chance to fulfill the contract.

New Business:

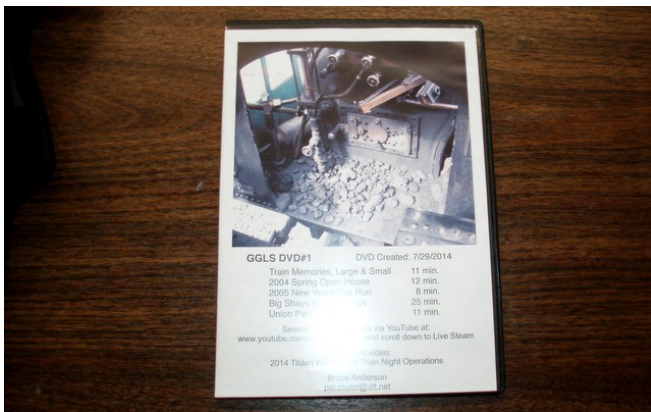
One of the issues that has been discussed over the months is the call to improve the security of the club facility without a severe impact to the membership. There have been a notable number of past incidents against the club which are, at best, an inconvenience and a few malicious. This history of events has forced the club to reluctantly move towards adding improved security to safe guard the premises. After a lengthy discussion, the first step was begun with a motion to upgrade the club house with an advanced keypad lock & door and the Shattock Barn with a high-security padlock accessed by only a few individual members.

The club secretary and club ombudsman term of office will be up at the end of 2015 and the search for candidates needs to be done early to alleviate a potential crisis if none can be found. If you are interested in either position, please contact Ken Blonski (kennethblonski@gmail.com).

Bits and Pieces by Sheldon Yee



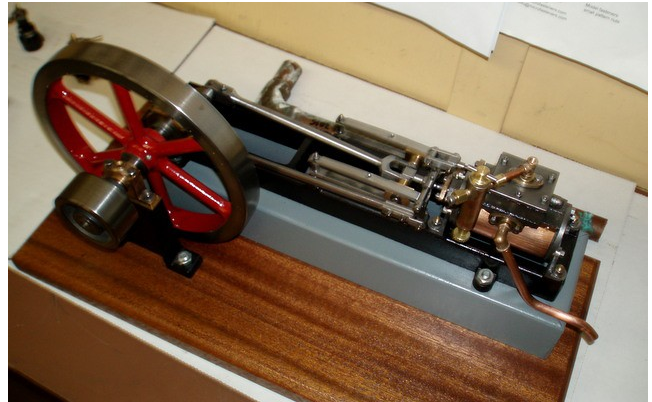
Jerry Kimberlin - Hand Shaper Base and Lead screw. 2 pieces completed as part of a 10 pc. Casting set. Lead screw is from round stock in Acme thread. Also, hand built Junction and Switch boxes for Shay (in progress).



Bruce Anderson - GGLS DVD of Steam meets, Chili Run, Run days, etc. Well done.



Rich Lundberg - Cylindrical Combination Lock - Wood Lathe Tool Rest, home built of steel bar stock. A Pointed Tenoning tool, for creating Chair Stretcher spindles, appears to work like a giant manual pencil sharpener.



Charlie Reiter - Model Stuart "Victoria" horizontal steam engine, painted and lagged.



Mark Johnson - Injector Starting Valve.



Anthony Duarte - Continued construction of 0-6-0 locomotive parts. Brake Valve. Eccentrics made using a Wire EDM.



Wyatt Thomas - Two Cylinder 2-1/2" scale Shay Engine.



Christopher Smith - Dummy Generator. Photo P 2080076.

Roundhouse Updates:

New Roundhouse Stall Locks

The existing locks on the roundhouse stalls were changed to individually keyed locks per a decision by the BOD on January 29th, 2015 due to security concerns. By now all stall renters should have received their new key to their stall. If you haven't, please contact John Lisherness. At this time the club does not have a copy of the key so please make extras if required.

Winter Rains

It has recently been reported that at least one member noticed water pooling in their stall and equipment found wet during the heavy rains. Please continue to let me know if there are issues with water and your concerns will be forwarded to the building committee chairman to inspect. Please note that the doors are not water tight and will allow rain to be blown in depending on the direction and severity of the wind driven rain. Please check with Rich Lundberg for a design to construct a barrier to the bottom of the door

to lessen water intrusion.

Assignment of Roundhouse Stalls & Storage Spaces

Stall No. 10 which was recently vacated has been assigned to David Hoffman, the next member on the waiting list.

Boyer's Bluff Shed Stalls No. 3 and 4 have been assigned to Walter Oellerich. All other persons on the waiting list have requested roundhouse stalls.

Michael B. Smith
Roundhouse Committee
02/16/15

For Sale

November 19, 2014

Kennecot Copper Belt Electric Engines



Two available where each one has 2 24-volt electric motors per axle (total of 8 motors) with a flat car riding car included with the purchase.



Photo shows the engine has very good power, pulling at least 36 passengers. For those looking for a good engine to get into the hobby, here's your chance!

Reduced for quick sale \$3,000 for each engine & car. Contact Bob Morris for an appointment. 925-240-9034



1.5" scale Allen 4-6-0

This engine is a beautiful Allen 10 wheeler modified with details not offered with the standard kit. The steel boiler has copper flues and is diesel oil fired. The water supply system has a single cylinder steam water pump, an axle pump and injector. The engine has operating brakes and all the special tools for servicing this train.



Included in this sale is a Mercer 5' long gondola car, a beautiful WP caboose built by Roy from wood and a



tow able trailer which has room for 2 more cars (not included) with extra tie downs.

Price for this ready-to-run package is \$20,000.

Roy will be able for questions and instructions on how to operate either train to prospective buyers.

Roy can be contacted at 209-478-6843 or by email at rmotz@att.net.

For Sale

November 18, 2014

4.75" gauge Experimental Steam Locomotive



Originally built by Chris Leggo this locomotive has a copper boiler, is coal fired, twin injectors, many monitoring gauges and a very unique valve gear. LOA 6', weight 220 lbs. and comes with a riding car and coal.

Buy now price: \$2,000 or Make Offer!

All offers will be considered, so this locomotive will be sold!

Any questions or for more information contact:

Mark West (925) 370-0317, MacWet10@gmail.com



Final 2015 Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2015.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	\$ 50
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to “**GGLS**” and send them to the following address:

John Lisherness
801 Contra Costa Dr.
El Cerrito, CA 94530

If you want a membership card, please include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope. If payment is not received by March 31, 2015, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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