



The Call Boy

Thursday Work Day Projects at the Track



Joining our Thursday Work Group is new member John Lytle. Some people always find something to do or a project to start that helps with the maintenance of our club facility. The curve on the inside track leading to the bridge has always had some landscape issues and needed attention. John decided to rework this area with a very nice berm built up with landscape brick provided by Walt Oellerich. Additionally, John has also spent a significant amount of time in leveling the outside track for the benefit of the Public Train. All are welcome to visit the track on “work” Thursdays and lend a hand, even if it’s just once in a while! Thanks John!

Event Calendar

March

3/13/16 GGLS Member Meeting
3/13/16 GGLS Board Meeting

April

4/10/16 GGLS Member Meeting
4/10/16 GGLS Board Meeting

May

5/15/16 GGLS Member Meeting
5/15/16 GGLS Board Meeting
5/20-22/16 SVLS Spring Meet
5/28-29/16 LALS Spring Meet

June

6/4-5/16 Redwood Valley Meet
6/12/16 GGLS Member Meeting
6/12/16 GGLS Board Meeting
6/25/16 GGLS Spring Meet
6/26/16 GGLS Open House

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



Announcements

REMINDER!!

If you have NOT paid your dues by the end of March you will be dropped from the roster. After that date you will be required to pay \$25.00 initiation fee plus dues, to be reinstated.

The Society for the Preservation of Carter Railroad Resources (SPCRR) operates the 3-foot narrow gauge railroad at Ardenwood Historic Farm in Fremont. While we used horses to pull our historic train for several decades, we now use a small 5-ton gasoline/hydraulic Plymouth locomotive

We are currently advertising for Engineers and Brakemen for the upcoming 2016 season. The season begins April 1 and extends through November 20. Crew members work Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. No previous experience is needed and all needed training will be provided; all employees will be cross-trained for both positions. Starting wage is \$12/hr.

For more information and a job application, email Jack Burgess at jack_burgess@spcrr.org.

More information about SPCRR is available at <http://www.spcrr.org/>

Members are reminded to always sign the book in the clubhouse when arriving at the track.

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

President Mark Johnson called the General Meeting to order at 10:03 am.

New Members and Guests:

Lisa Kimberlin has returned to our club! Her photo can be seen on the clubhouse wall as the first female locomotive engineer on the Public Train.

Steam-related Activities:

Michael Smith and his son, Christopher, were down at the Bitter Creek and Western Railroad during the President's Day Weekend Meet. Michael mentioned that it is a fabulous railroad and encourages others to go down and visit.



Guest Paul Dehnum describes the Bay Area Engine Modelers club to the members; their focus is building and running internal combustion engines.



Chris, Rich, Walt, Rick Reeves and a few others went down to the Maricopa Ops Meet in Arizona, where they experienced real railroad operation, with Freight Waybills and a Passenger schedule. Here we see Walt using Rich Croll's diesel as a road grader for cutting in a new right-of-way for future turn-out.

Officer's Report:

President Mark Johnson: Mark found out that our option to renew the lease with the East Bay Regional Park District for another 5 years has expired. He is currently sorting it out with the Park District to resolve the matter. He mentioned this to be as transparent as possible with fellow club members. The Club will be informed on the progress of this lease renewal.

The GGLS Board has appointed Bob Cohen as the System Administrator for the Video Surveillance System. A policy for system use will be drawn up and adopted by the Board.

The GGLS Board voted to change the keyed locks on the Shattock Barn back to combination locks.

Vice President: Rick Reaves had an excused absence.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported expenses for the month were \$1,409 as follows: Administrative \$9, Locomotives Part, Repair & Maintenance \$1,370, and fuel \$27. For more detail contact John Lisherness

Secretary: Christopher Smith had nothing to report.

Ombudsmen: Bob Cohen had nothing to report.

Safety Chairmen: Jerry Kimberlin had nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

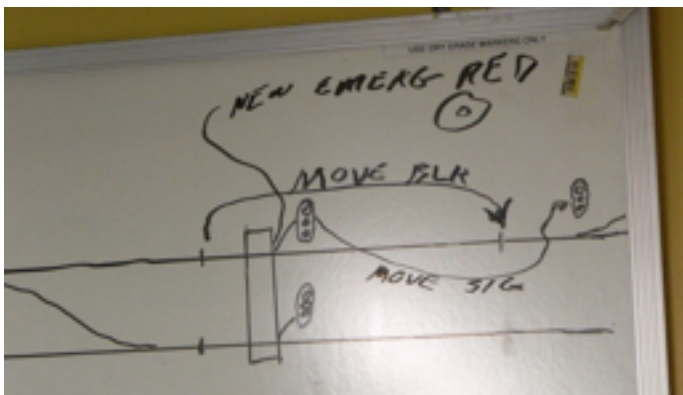


Buildings: Rich Lundberg discussed the renovations being done on the roundhouse. The plan is to replace the back walls, which are beginning to rot at the base

due to contact with water at the foundation. A concrete curb is being added to eliminate this issue. Repairs are to be made to the roof to prevent further water penetration.

Grounds: Andy Weber reported that a pruning session is being held on February 20th so bring pole pruners, loppers, and gloves. Watch out for ticks, so wear suitable clothing and please be careful & watch out for each other! Lunch is being provided by Bill & John Smith.

Safety Committee: Jerry Kimberlin has nothing to report.



Signals: Rich Lundberg pointed out that T51 will be pushed back along with the signal block. Rich also stated that a new “emergency red” will be added to eliminate a potential collisions between the inside and the outside track at the crossover. See the attached article for more information.

Ground Track: Bill Smith had nothing to report but John Lytle has asked for more volunteers to help with the track maintenance work.

High Track: Jeremy Coombes had nothing to report.

Public Train: Richard Croll reported that the four new riding car kits have been received and is figuring out how to assemble them. He also reported that we had a good month with the Public Train, with people waiting in line on most Sundays.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson reported:

RGS 22: New brakes and a lubricator are needed

1936 : A new horn has been installed.

1971: Has a new riding car built by Rich Croll

Heinz Atlantic: On hold

Hunter Atlantic: On hold

Johnson Pacific: The new cradle has been completed and installed by John Maryott (see attached article). John Lisherness will be converting this engine to Propane firing.

Rolling Stock: Richard Croll had nothing to report.

Callboy & Web page: Pat Young had nothing to report.

Membership: Rick Zobelein had nothing to report.

Roundhouse: Michael Smith reported that he will be enforcing Rule #11 which prohibits modifications from being made to the Round House by Stall Renters without prior approval of the GGLS Board and rule #6 which requires that all of the locks on the Round House be of the same type.



80th Anniversary Committee: Sandy Morris reported that things are going along smoothly. She has secured a caterer and is requesting baskets from members to hold the raffle prizes. Each basket will have its own theme in keeping with the celebration.

Christopher Smith has secured 8 tickets to the Walt Disney Family Museum and is working with the San Francisco Zoo to have tickets also donated as raffle prizes.

Old Business:



Mark Johnson reported that Bob Cohen has installed three new First Aid cabinets in three locations which are the Tool Shed, the Shattock Barn and the the club house kitchen.

Rich Croll also mentioned that there is a first aid kit located on the Public Train Conductor's car in case of an emergency.

Sandy Morris reported that the New Club Jackets are now available to order. You can download the order form from our club web page (www.ggls.org) and order forms are also available in the Clubhouse.

Time is of the essence in order for the club members to get a special discount, so please send your orders in ASAP.

New Business:

President Mark Johnson asked the members present if there was interest in looking into getting an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for the Club. The members responded in the affirmative so the matter was be referred to the Board.

A Motion was made & seconded, to start a GGLS Committee to establish and review the possibility of setting up a donation fund for donations that could be made to other non-profit railroading clubs around the Bay Area. PASSED (Yes-21, No-7, abstained-1).

David Luther made a motion & it was seconded, to create a Scholarship Fund for younger GGLS members attending school. The Motion Failed (Opposed 27, Yes-1, Abstentions -0).

End of General Meeting at 11:30.

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:51 am.

Old Business:

Motion for the locks at the front gate to be changed on March 31st. PASSED.

Discussion on how to hold a monthly Pot luck Lunch at the GGLS Track. TABLED for further discussion.

Invitation by Whitney Dawson EBRPD to visit GGLS. TABLED to next month for progress report from John Lisherness on the invitation status.

New Business:

Discussion and motion for the rewording of the Proposed Security System Policy. PASSED.

Discussion of obtaining an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator for the club. TABLED for referral to Vice President Rick Reaves.

Motion to allow the Bay Area Engine Modelers to use our facilities on every third Saturday for their monthly meeting, with GGLS member Anthony Rhodes to be present as the GGLS representative & monitor. PASSED.

The motion for the purchase of an Uninterrupted Power Source (UPS) for the security camera system. PASSED.

The motion to raise the rent on the Diamondback Storage tracks to \$100. PASSED.

The motion for the purchase of new conforming locks for the roundhouse, with each stall a unique set of keys and a master key for official use only. PASSED.
Report and discussion of the roundhouse waiting list by Michael Smith.

Motion for Christopher Smith to have club flyers printed for handing out during visits to other Club Meets. PASSED.

The meeting was adjourned.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee

Rules Of The Month



By
Dan Swanson



2011 Safety & Operating Rules

March 2016

Section 1 - General Procedures

1.08 General Restrictions *All equipment, new or veteran, to be run on the club track, is subject to inspection by the Safety Committee at any time. Failure to submit to or pass such inspection may result in removal of the equipment from GGLS facilities subject to GGLS Safety Committee decision. -*

Section 2 - Equipment

2.10 Operating Controls *Controls on all locomotives should be arranged for easy access and ready use. Controls for brakes shall be readily accessible. -*

Section 3 - Operating Procedures

3.13 Propane Fueling *Transfer of propane fuel between storage tanks and tender or train tanks, for both Ground track and High track equipment, must be done at the following locations:*

- 1. The north area of the main car storage shed before 10 a.m.*
- 2. The remote siding on the Heinz Loop between M. P. 30 and M. P. 31 after 10 a.m.*

During fuel transfer, the pressure bleed valve must be closed when any operating engine is within 30 feet of the fuel transfer point. Propane fuel transfer is absolutely prohibited at the steaming bays. -



Bob Morris - A Switch Stand made by late GGLS Associate member Jim Hoback.



Jerry Kimberlin - Parts for ongoing Garratt Locomotive, including a working Sandbox w/Vane Valve: Making slender threaded Valve stems with a turret die head; Handrail Stanchion dies.



Chris Smith - Continuing work on a 3/4" scale British 0-6-0 Locomotive.

Progress on the Pacific's Firebox Cradle

by John Lisherness



John Maryott has finished machining and installing the Pacific's new bronze rear cradle casting that replaced the original one which was broken.

Working at John's home shop, both remounted the boiler to the chassis and reconnected the main steam pipe. The plan is to now to design and install a new burner system.



Errata

In the February CallBoy, Ken Shattock pointed out that Dwight Durkee was erroneously named Dwight Rouke.

Member's Video Selection



From member Bruce Anderson, his video selection is a 5:57 minute youtube video from the Mythbusters TV series which shows a large tank car being crushed by using a vacuum! You can view it at:

https://www.youtube.com/embed/-oG_uPFGlwI

From Our Membership

An article submitted by member Bruce Anderson:



LUDINGTON, Mich. (AP) — The last coal-fired steamship operating on the Great Lakes has been assigned National Historic Landmark designation. The 410-foot SS Badger launched service on Lake Michigan between Wisconsin and Michigan in 1952.

Michigan Congressman Bill Huizenga said in a statement that the designation highlights the economic importance of the Badger to its port cities of Ludington, Michigan, and Manitowoc, Wisconsin, as well as its "historical significance to the entire Great Lakes region."



The ferry can carry 600 passengers and 180 vehicles. The designation, which had been sought for years, was announced this week. Operators have made environmental improvements to keep the vintage vessel in service. Last year was the first year in which the Badger operated without dumping coal ash into the lake.

<http://www.ssbadger.com/>

Warning Light Test

by Dan Swanson



The test run went very well and the aspect was easily seen from the shop even though it was not aligned correctly. Additionally, it will be necessary to keep the tree branches over the outer loop track pruned back!

GOT BASKETS?

The GGLS 80th Anniversary Committee is going to raffle Themed Baskets at the Event. If you have a basket (or more!) that you'd like to donate for the raffle, please give them to Sandy Morris. If you would like to volunteer in gathering items for the raffle, please contact Sandy at 925-240-9034 or (nanasan1@sbcglobal.net). Our next 80th

Anniversary Committee meeting will be held in the club house at 9:30 am just prior to the Monthly Club Meeting.

Wanted

Railroad Supply 1 ½-inch scale couplers
January 5, 2016

Want Railroad Supply 1 ½-inch scale couplers (Need total of 3 pairs) rough or machined, and freight car trucks (rough castings up to running trucks).

Also looking for 1 ½" scale old time RRSC gondola and/or flat car. All items for personal use at GGLS. Please advise of prices. Thank you.

Want American Flyer S-gauge and Lionel O-gauge toy trains. I am an operator and not a collector or reseller. Please advise what you have to offer and will pay fair prices depending on the condition of items. Thank you.

Michael B. Smith
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For Sale

Railway Supply 4-4-0
February 8, 2016



I have too much stuff, so I am selling my Railway Supply 4-4-0! It has new Steam Age boiler, new Railway Supply fiberglass tender body and many accessories. Runs great on air! Asking \$6,500 or Best Offer.

If interested or have questions, contact:
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