

## A PUBLICATION OF THE GOLDEN GATE LIVE STEAMERS MARCH 2019

# The Call Boy

## Winter At The Track



A few hardy souls are up at the track every weekend regardless of weather conditions. Recently, it has been so cold that even the train crew declined to pull out the club equipment to give rides to the public. So it's lunch in the clubhouse with everyone huddled around the pot bellied stove to keep warm. A fan was placed nearby, to blow warm air around the room. Of course, what good is a stove with no wood to burn? Thanks to Mel, who tirelessly works the saw while the rest run trains. The wood pile is always full. However, he doesn't realize what is ahead of him for the rest of the year. Recently, tree surgeons cut down that dead tree out at the loop and left plenty of material behind. We all wish Mel in his future endeavor!

#### **Event Calendar**

#### March

03/10/19 GGLS Member Meeting03/10/19 GGLS Board Meeting03/16/19 BAEM Meeting

## **April**

04/14/19 GGLS Member Meeting 04/14/19 GGLS Board Meeting

## May

5/05/19 GGLS Member Meeting 5/05/19 GGLS Board Meeting

## June

06/09/19 GGLS Member Meeting 06/09/19 GGLS Board Meeting 06/15/19 GGLS Spring Meet 06/16/19 GGLS Open House 06/15/19 BAEM Meeting

## July

07/14/19 GGLS Member Meeting 07/14/19 GGLS Board Meeting

## The Call Boy

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President: Rick Reaves
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Treasurer: John Lisherness
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Sheldon Yee

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#### Call Boy

Articles and photos submitted for insertion in the Call Boy should be sent to Pat Young at:

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



## Spring is Just Around the Corner

Even though it's still very cold and wet, it's time to focus on activities for the upcoming months. Cleanup around the track is an ongoing process to allow running of the club train every Sunday. If you can't make it up to the track, focus on those shop projects and start preparing your engine for a spring run. Sandy Morris has, again, stepped up to manage the Spring Meet and will need lots of help, as usual. The Meet date was changed to accommodate Jeff's Pit Stop Barbecue. Jeff has been very popular at past meets but needs to make his visit worthwhile. In case you forget, June 16th is Father's Day and an excellent opportunity to celebrate at the track with dad and the whole family. Bring your appetite along and enjoy a picnic with Jeff serving his great lunch fare.

Revised Bylaws have been sent to the membership for review before a final vote. Please read thru and be prepared to vote. If you have questions or comments, contact club secretary Richard Croll.

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Track & Club House Location 2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Berkeley, CA, 94708 510-486-0623 www.ggls.org

#### **Club Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reaves at 10:00 AM. Attendance showed that there were 21+ members present.

There were no guests or new members.

#### **Steaming Activities:**



Ken Blonski reported on a trip he took by rail from Emeryville to Reno and back. The fair for 2 seniors round trip was \$243. He recommended it as a nice get-away.

Rick Reaves reported on the trip that he, Walt Oellerich, Richard & John Croll took to Arizona for the Maricopa Live Steamers Operations Meet in January. Rick had a good time switching cars but said the weeds were exceptionally high this year & really woody. Richard mentioned that he got to be Yardmaster a couple of times.



Richard Croll noted that he & Walt Oellerich went to the January run at the Portola Valley & Alpine track facilities. They have some interesting construction projects for this year including a bridge 105' long.

#### **Sad Announcement:**

On a sad note, Rick Reaves reported that Dan Swanson's wife Cecelia passed away in November. A condolence card was passed around for members to sign.

#### **Officers Reports:**

**President:** The President reported that the restroom closest to the kitchen has not been kept clean.

Members were reminded to please keep the restrooms clean. He also reported that the dead pine tree out on Heintz Loop has been taken down and is awaiting Mel.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** John Lisherness reported on the club's finances. Members wishing more detail can contact John.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsman:** Nothing to report.

#### **Committee Reports:**

Security: Jon Sargent reported that he has changed the locks on both the Thomas & Bulger barns.

**Buildings:** Rick Reaves mentioned that the club will probably start work on the storage building on Boyer's Bluff.

**Grounds:** It was reported that Andy Weber wants to work on improving drainage in the grass parking lot.

**Roundhouse:** Michael Smith reminded members to sign up on the list for round house space.

**Ground Track:** Richard Croll reported that the third roundhouse lead track is nearing completion. Ed Lee & Walt Oellerich have been building the track panels.

**Locomotives:** Mark Johnson reported the following:

**RGS #22:** Plumbing work continues on the engine.

**RGS #20:** The engine continues to perform well pulling the Public Train.

Hunter Atlantic: Vlad has done some repairs on the Hunter Atlantic including replacing the injector check valve with a valve from the Heinz and replacing seals on the cylinder cocks.

This engine is being used for the new "Engineer Classes".

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

**Gas Engines:** Rick Zobelein reports that both the 1971 & 1936 are operational.

**New Electric/Diesel #4760:** The engine is operational.

Locomotive Class: Andy Rogers reported that the class continues. The second class had to be postponed 2 weeks due to cold weather and illness. Rick Reaves suggested the class should consider a Sunday session so they can experience running a loaded passenger train.

**Rolling Stock:** Nothing to report.

**Public Train:** Walt Oellerich reported that the train only operated 2 out of 6 past Sundays because of the weather

#### **Old Business**

**Coal Tipple:** Brian Parry said work will continue in a couple of months.

Bruce Anderson will be taking over the care of the display case at Tilden Station.

**Spring Meet:** Sandy Morris announced that the Meet dates have changed to June 15, 16. Jeff's Pit Stop will be there with food. The Bay Area Engine Modelers will be there both days. She also mentioned that a flyer is done and she asked the Secretary to forward it to other clubs.

**Maker Faire:** Vladimir sent a report that the application is being submitted. The event takes place in San Mateo from May 17th to the 19, 2019.

#### **New Business**

President Reaves asked members to suggest club activities. He also noted that electrically powered trains are easy to build and help is available from the members. Sandy Morris asked about Member Appreciation lunches. Rick advised her that they were for members only and we will be having some.

Rick Zobelein mentioned that he had talked to Roy Motz and Roy told him he had machine tools for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

#### Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 AM by President Rick Reaves. All board members present.

The Minutes of the January Meeting were distributed by the Secretary. Andy Rogers made a Motion, seconded by Rich Lundberg to accept the Minutes. The motion passed.

#### **Old Business:**

**Meeting Dates:** The President explained why the Spring Meet dates changed. It was a combination of the caterer being available, as well as a conflict with Redwood Valley on the original date.

**Telephone:** Rick Zobelein reported on what he discovered about a wireless hot spot. It will do nothing for the security system. Bob Cohen noted that when he had checked on it there was no way for us to get a good internet connection. John Lisherness noted that our new bill for the phone is \$86 per month.

**Security:** Jon Sargent reported a problem with the date on the security system. He is exploring options for getting internet access.

High Track Lift Out Bridge: Mark Johnson said he has reconsidered sand blasting the old unit ourselves. It has been determined that we can disassemble it and have it sand blasted & powder coated. Rich Lundberg suggested that the part the goes in the ground should be coated with tar. John Lisherness made a motion, seconded by Richard Croll, to have the parts sand blasted & powder coated. The motion passed. Richard Croll offered to take the parts to the powder coater.

By-Laws: Discussion was held regarding the proposed Bylaws presented by the Bylaws Committee. Andy Rogers moved, and Rich Lundberg seconded, to accept the proposed Bylaws as presented by the Bylaws Committee with some changes. The motion passed. The Secretary will email the proposed Bylaws to the members with email addresses and mail copies to members without email. Mark Johnson asked the Board to recognize the work done by the committee and its chairman. That was done.

**Hand out:** Andy Rogers presented a draft he did for the handout. He stated that it was a work in progress and still needed photos. It is intended as a tri-fold brochure. He asked for comments and got several suggestions. Purpose is for information as well as soliciting members. Andy acknowledged that it was based on the work John Faucon did.

**Email:** The Secretary has set up a gmail account for the club. It is <u>GGLSSecy@gmail.com</u>. It is posted on the website and is intended for the Public to use to contact the club.

#### **New Business**

**Member Appreciation Lunches:** The President suggested that we hold lunches and swap meets on April 14th and August 11th. The Board concurred.

**New Projects:** The Treasurer asked if there were any large projects on the horizon. He stated that he wanted to transfer some funds to the reserve fund.

**Clubhouse Lights:** The President stated that he wanted to put LED tubes in the existing fixtures in the clubhouse. John Smith can do it for \$160. There were no objections from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 12:20 PM.

#### **Bits and Pieces**



Rich Croll – Two sandboxes for his 2 ½" scale Shay Locomotive; boxes are made of steel plate, rivets set with a rivet gun and with turned covers.



Charlie Reiter – 2 ½" scale Shay Frame,



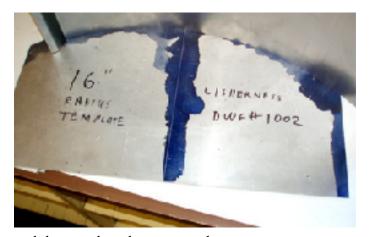
sand & steam domes



and bell is turned from a casting.



John Lisherness – Cab Roof for his Shay Locomotive



and the template that was used.

#### For Sale

Harper 2-6-0 Mogul and Tender February 4, 2018



A beautiful 2-6-0 Ed Adams masterpiece is for sale. This is a Wabash style Mogul which looks to be an early Allen kit. It is in pretty good shape and was converted to burn propane.

It has a water pump, injectors, scale fitting and much more. It has just recently been hydro tested and should pass a future boiler test certification.



The photos speak for themselves since Ed Adams does museum quality work and you must view it (in Napa) to appreciate it.

Please feel free to contact Dave for more information.

Asking a newer, lower price of \$8,000. 0-4-2 Chloe February 17, 2018



An 0-4-2 Chloe that is propane fired with a steel boiler. Beautiful workmanship!

The newer asking price is now \$8,000.

Dave Bradas Napa, California 94558 (707) 252-7390

## All Aboard...

to celebrate the Golden Gate Live Steamer's Annual Spring Meet

Saturday & Sunday, June 15-16, 2019 - All Day Sunday, June 16th is open to the Public 11 AM - 3 PM

## Tilden Park, Berkeley Hills, Orinda, CA

Families are welcome! Ride the ralls beneath towering Redwoods while enjoying the view of the beautiful San Francisco Bay. See GGLS Club History and Bay Area Engine Modelers Club Displays. Official GGLS Tee Shirts, Pins and Patches available for purchase.

Saturday and Sunday are open to members of any Live Steam Club.

Sunday is open to the Public 11 AM - 3 PM, (except the Steaming Bay Areas).

Overnight Camping Information: Bob Morris (See Contact Information Below)

Visit: www.ggls.org

### PLUS:

Saturday & Sunday...BBQ Lunch, Snacks, Soft Drinks & Bottled Water, by Jeff's Pit Stop



## Golden Gate Live Steamers

2019 Annual Spring Meet



We look forward to seeing you.
If you have any questions, contact
Event Co Chairman, Bob Morris @
925-240-9034...leave a detailed message,
including a call back number.
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WITHOUT YOU!