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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

03/10/13 Meeting
03/23/13 PV&A Chili Run (closed event)
04/14/13 Meeting
05/05/13 Meeting
05/18/13-05/19/13 SVLS Spring Meet
05/24/13-05/27/13 LALS Spring Meet
06/01/13-06/02/13 Redwood Valley Meet
06/09/13 Meeting
06/22/13-06/23/13 GGLS Spring Meet

Announcements

The yearly club membership fee and roundhouse lease amount are now **PAST** due. If you have not written a check to "GGLS" and send it to Suzanne Waterman at Box 151358, San Rafael, California, 94915 by March 31, 2013 ***you will be taken off the roster and be required pay an initiation fee to be reinstated.***

The Los Angeles Live Steamers is scheduling their 57th Spring Meet on May 24-26, 2013, Memorial Day weekend and they have a full service kitchen serving breakfast, lunch and dinner. On Friday they are having a spaghetti dinner and potluck dessert. On Saturday, there will be an Opening Ceremony, bingo, an All American BBQ and Apple Pie event with a swing music live band. On ending Sunday they are hosting a Presidential Auction. Overnight camping is available but please check their web site at www.lals.org for additional information and confirmation that the event will be held.

The monthly workdays will be on the Saturday following the Sunday monthly meeting at 9:00 am and an email notice will be sent out along with a web site update if one is scheduled. Any amount of time donated is appreciated.



The Bob Morris and the Club would like to express their appreciation to those who helped out at last month's work day pruning and earth moving, especially Andy Weber who brought out 3 truck loads of clippings and fill up one of the Park's dumpster.

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order inside the club house on February 10, 2013 at 09:59 am by President Rich Lundberg. Attending were 34+ members on a cold, 38 degree day.

New Members and Guests:

Bob Morris introduced his guest Steve Imialek who is a HO European train enthusiast and may be hosting a meeting at the club house on June 8, 2013.

Steam-related Activities:

Rich Croll visited the Maricopa Live Steamers (www.maricopalivesteamers.com) Operations Meet in Arizona and had an interesting time running on their club facility. From his laptop he showed pictures he took where he had a lot of fun for 3 days picking up and dropping off freight cars from his train. He also mentioned reading a safety document that warned him to beware of snakes, scorpions and spiders.

Bob Morris reported that the Billy Jones Wildcat Railroad (www.bjwrr.org) in Vasona Park in Los Gatos, California may be getting a new locomotive soon.

Non-Steam-related Activities:

None reported.

Officer's Report:

Treasurer John Lisherness reported on the club's finances and the club treasury is growing steadily. More information can be obtained from him if interested.

Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds Chairman Rich Lundberg discussed the following items:



Kudos to Bill Smith and others for the ingenious repair to the full size Wigwag (banjo) signal by Tilden Station so that it doesn't bash the tree trunk next to it. Expect some construction next to the yard to replace the temporary fence with a permanent regulation chain link fence to allow the Public to view yard activity from a safe location. The walkway will then be paved the same as the patio.



Bad news was reported by Andy Weber with regards to the club facility's waster supply in that there were many broken hose bibbs that had to be replaced. The use or installation of some mechanical way or to employ some procedure to alleviate the freezing pipe problem was again discussed but there seems to be no reasonable solution to the problem other than to be aware of the problem. Members are again requested to properly shut down and drain any water system that they activated.

Work on the signaling system continues and all the controllers except for one have been updated to the latest version. If there are problems with the

signaling system, please fill out a signal error report form in the club house.

Jim Dameron wants to remind people that if they see rocks or debris between the points of the switch, to get a screwdriver or stick to help remove them. Also be on the look out for vandalism on the club facility like the removal of a track joiner on the outside track reported last month.

Public Train chairman John Bouey reported that the attendance from the public was down by half last month probably due to the temperature, weather and/or the football playoffs. Also 3 club propane tanks were found empty when no public steam engines were operating, so steps are being taken to prevent this from happening again. Any member that has a fairly large steam locomotive that could pull the Public Train that they could loan to the club would be gratefully appreciated until the club locomotives come back on line.

Engine chairman Mark Johnson acquired some parts for the club's steam locomotives for Bob Cohen to attach. David Waterman is going to remove the Atlantic's boiler for a tube leak inspection and boiler evaluation by John Lisherness. John is still continuing the club Pacific's boiler rebuild and the Hunter Atlantic boiler's safety(s) are being worked on along with its injectors. The Baldwin diesel runs but is being investigated for a starting problem.

Rolling Stock Chairman Rich Croll is in the process of replacing one of the truck's ball bearings with needle bearings to see if he can salvage it. He also has a nice seat for the conductor car of the Public Train that is to be installed shortly.

Web/CallBoy chairman Pat Young mentioned that the club web site is pretty stable and he is ready to begin migrating technical articles from past CallBoy issues onto the web site. If anyone has a technical article that someone would benefit from, please send it in.

Old Business:

The Spring Meet's needs a non-Board member to lead it, so if interested, please contact Rich Lundberg (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net). Rich says that if you can't do it, nominate your neighbor or friend.

Rich Lundberg talked more about the media raffle where participants received raffle tickets for items into the raffle pool. People would bring in books,

magazines, videos and other items of interest or not, and for each item a raffle ticket is received. The items are bundled up, assigned a raffle number and are awarded to the winner. This event is to be done after the March club meeting, so come on down, participate and enjoy! More information can be found in this issue of the CallBoy.

New Business:

An official face-to-face meeting to the East Bay Regional Park District was attended by President Rich Lundberg, Vice-President Bern Holman and Ombusman Ken Blonski in January. Discussions included one of clearing of brush or any other fire hazard on the club facility. The club involvement with the Park District have evolved thru the years and the club is much more beholden to the good graces with the Park District. The club is striving to continue and forge an even closer bond and communications with them and one of the new requirements is for the club to submit a yearly summary report that will include membership numbers, the number of people that the Public Train transported and possibly other facts to help justify the our existence on Park property. There was also discussion of a problem with some non-native pine trees that he hoped the Park District could provide some assistance to cutting down but they weren't able to help us. The club's Boyer's Bluff development was also discussed with the Park District and will be addressed further when more information is available.

The Board has voted to modify the policy to allow fully qualified 16 or 17 year old members to operate the Public Train as long as there is a qualified adult riding in the first car behind the engine. Although it does not ease the dilemma of not having enough qualified individuals to man the Public Train, it does allow the engineer a chance to rest when the teen engineer is running the locomotive. but even with this change, the Public Train still desperately needs volunteers to man the trains. If you can donate any time on any Sunday, please contact John Bouey (johnb@morcompost.com).

And speaking of volunteers, if you can help out or have some skill set that can benefit the club, please feel free to volunteer your time to help spread the load that many members bear in keeping the club running smoothly. All efforts and time offered are appreciated!

With the continuing and much appreciated effort by

the Engine committee and other member volunteers to get and keep the club steam engines in a runnable state, the Board is investigating the possibility of having one of the club steam engines made available during certain designated periods & under qualified supervision, available for members for recreational use. The investigation is in the preliminary stage and more information will be disclosed in the future. If you have comments about this, please contact Rich Lundberg at (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net).

On a different note, 2 items of interest for members of the club that use computers for more than just surfing the net and reading mail, Rich wanted to pass on two 'slick' applications that he was introduced to. One deals with the issue of computer information 'backup' to save an image of the computer system environment and the user data that resides on it for data recovery. He recommends using a free application named CRASHPLAN (www.crashplan.com) that will download everything onto a friend's computer or external hard drive so that in case your computer crashes or data is lost, the data can be recovered. Not only that, it does automatic periodic 'change' dumps so at some set interval, it will identify what files have been changed and save the changed files to keep the backup up-to-date. The other application with great potential is an operating system "virtualizer" from Oracle called "Virtual Box" (www.virtualbox.org) that allows an earlier unmodified operating system & its environment (eg XP) to run on a special environment on top of a current PC or mac operating system (eg System 7) at near host speed. Rich uses it to run an XP copy of AutoCAD LT 1997 on his new PC with System 7.

Thanks goes to John Smith is putting together a larger can/bottle recycling stand outside by the club house.

Board Meeting Minutes

The February 10, 2013 Board Meeting began at 11:56 pm. Board members present were Ken Blonski, Bern Holman, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Sheldon Yee, Pat Young with Bob Cohen, Rich Croll, Rick Zobelein attending.

Old Business:

The passage of the motion to allow qualified 16 and 17 year old members to operate the Public Train providing there is a qualified adult riding in the car immediately behind the locomotive has been confirmed by all the Board members.

In future proposals, a sunset clause that has a set time limit that would allow proposals to die if it doesn't

work.

Bob Cohen discussed further on the 12-tank outside-approved, propane storage locker for round house member usage. The location selected is close to the round house and funds appropriated by Board for the purchase of the least expensive unit or obtain a donated unit if possible. Management of the propane storage locker is being done by Bob and if interested, contact Bob Cohen at (rcohen@lumiereprod.com). Note that this storage unit will be restricted to roundhouse stall holders.

The recreational use of a club engine proposal is being postponed until all of the club steam engines are functional and it is being requested of the Board members to think more on the pros/cons, practicality, etc. of the proposal.

A procedure for awarding the Dick Thomas award for innovation needs to be created is still under investigation. Charlie Reiter as Technical chairman will be asked to develop a procedure.

New Business:

A proposal was sent out earlier by the President to the Board members to continue the building policy used previously by the Board and members during the construction of the round house and apply it to development of the area around Boyer's Bluff that involve the construction of an engine barn and transfer table. This policy is to have the members build a Board approved structure at their own expense after which they would be allowed to use it rent free for a prescribed period of time after which the club assumes ownership and starts charging rent. Vice President Bern Holman brought up the question of whether or not the building cost should be somehow be tied to rent amount and this and the rent determination has not been resolved yet. More ongoing investigation, planning and developing is still to be done on for Boyer's Bluff and if interested, contact Bern Holman (enreb4talako@gmail.com).

The Atlantic's Boiler condition was discussed and in order to do a thorough inspection and repair, the boiler needs to be removed from the locomotive chassis and this may be the perfect job for the teen members to undertake. The issue of the club's steam engine being in a condition that seems to require constant repair had Bob Cohen make a proposal to use some of the club's money to purchase a 2.5" scale, narrow gauge locomotive for use on the Public Train.

The Board was favorable to the proposal and Bob will head up a committee to investigate this further, so if interested, contact Bob.

The issue of the responsibilities of junior members within a family membership was re-visited and discussed and it may be necessary to spell out in more detail what the rights and expectations of a junior member in a family membership is to be. Also there was a lengthy discussion on the reoccurring issue is how to deal with the awkward situation of having to perform a serious communication between a junior member and an adult authority which no clear solution was forthcoming. A question was ask about a junior member staying if he drive himself to the club, but the club rule is still in force that a junior member coming down to the club facility by him/herself is not allowed if a parent or guardian is not present. Finally, a suggestion was made that the junior members should be present at the club meetings since the information also pertains to them.

Each Board member need to insert a job description of their expected official duties so that a clear and clean hand-off to the next official on what the expectations of the office are. This will be done by each official in the near future and that information will be inserted into the file cabinet.

Bits and Pieces

By Stan James (sjames563@gmail.com)

A very good showing this month of member's 'Bits and Pieces'. Perhaps because of the recent prompting towards more members participating in this part of the Club's activities. It is possible that the impression has been created that only current project parts are to be displayed, and while current activity parts are the ones generally shown, they need not be the only ones.

Building an engine is usually a lengthy process and over many years various problems have to be solved, often by unusual means, that are not time dependent in their interest to others. So, whether something of interest was done recently, or ten years ago, is of no consequence, bring it to one of the club's monthly meetings and show it to other members at 'Bits and Pieces' and help somebody else.

Andy Weber showed a brass 90 degree ducting part that demonstrated an unusual fabrication technique shown here:



Of more technical interest was an ECM electric motor, a type that remains very efficient at the variable speeds that it can be run at. Other types of motors can have their efficiency greatly reduced when run at higher or lower speeds.

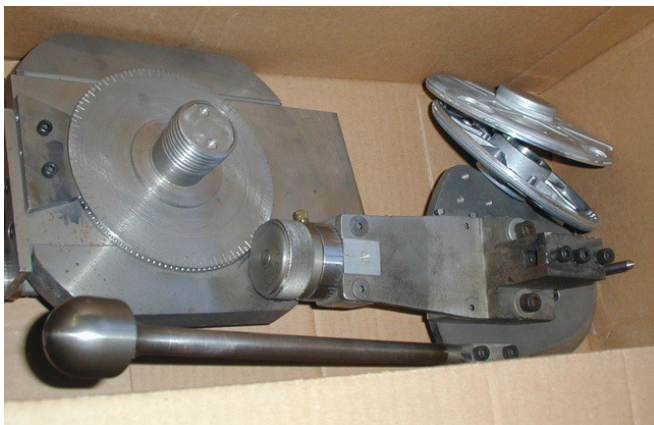


Richard Rizzoli displayed a very nice six-wheeled tender truck for a Pacific locomotive that he is building. The truck was notable for it's fine detailing and finish. We look forward to the day when this assembly will roll on the club's tracks. Charlie Reiter brought the center truck for the Heisler that he is

resurrecting. Though he explained that he may not 'drive' it, as well as the other two trucks, because of the difficulty involved in making the connection to the dive shaft.



Charlie also showed a nicely made stainless steel tank, that was the major part of a 'mist' cooler-lubricator on a lathe, but could be used in other applications.



Jerry Kimberlin demonstrated the principle, noted above, of things being of Interest, regardless of the time of their fabrication, and a little prompting by myself, by showing an eccentric turning fixture. An article in the 1991 Model Engineer described such a device, though it was designed to fit the Myford ML7 Lathe, and be fabricated on it. Jerry modified the design to suit his 13" x 36" lathe and built his version of it at about that time. Jerry also showed a radius turning device of his own design, a part of which was the incorporation of a fairly lengthy ball ended handle. This enables a smoother feed to the radius turning operation, plus it keeps one's hands further away from the cutting process, adding to its safety. Another interesting feature is the 'slide' that feeds the cutting tool in and out, it has a graduated dial, similar to the 'top slide' of the lathe. Most such devices have only a crude means of making tool adjustment.



Rich Lundberg showed a collection of devices meant to be used for marking out angles, both for wood and metalwork projects. A common limitation of the readily available devices is that the 'arm' against which the marking scriber, or pencil, is run, is very short, and thus not long enough to give an accurate long line, at the correct angle. Rich's answer to this problem was displayed in a collection of 'gadgets' and devices, best envisioned by looking at the accompanying photographs.

Don't Miss It!

Book /Video Exchange at the March Club Meeting

By Rich Lundberg

We will be having an exchange of books, videos and anything else you can think as appropriate at the end of the March club meeting. Items should be relevant to railroading, model railroading, live steaming or model engineering. The exchange will be done similar to what was done in the past at our annual dinners. You will receive one raffle ticket for each item you bring. The Master of Ceremonies will hold up an item and draw a ticket. The ticket holder will then get that item. The drawn ticket will then be recycled into another container. In this way, each person should take back something to replace what he brought. After the initial drawing, a second drawing will be held for items donated by the club. The drawings will be held immediately after the March club meeting.

Workday Summary

By Rich Lundberg



February's workday was a great success with over 25 members participating. One crew under the direction of Sheldon Yee cleared all the brush from behind the Shattuck Barn. One load was hauled away but there are many left to go. Bob Morris' crew finished up the new retaining wall out on the Heinz loop. The Signal crew installed the last controller and did maintenance on the system. The young members worked on the roundhouse tracks and painted and coated one of the tenders. Suzanne was gardening all day. All in all a very productive day.

Many thanks to all concerned.

For Sale

January 10, 2013

The Shay Locomotive, Titan of the Timbers

numbered and signed by Michael Koch

Limited edition in mint condition.

No price mentioned but if interested contact member Bill Ulleseit in San Jose, California.

Cell (408) 221-5595

Home (408) 292-5302

For Sale

February 17, 2013

Railroad Supply American Locomotive and Tender



Selling a read-to-run 1.5 inch scale 7.5 inch gauge Railroad Supply 4-4-0 American steam locomotive and tender. This is a beautiful operating locomotive which would make any live steamer proud to be the new owner.

The locomotive has a copper boiler, spun copper diamond smoke stack, brass domes, safety valves, steam whistle, duplex feed water pump located in the cab, an All-American pressure gauge, crosshead feed water pump, mechanical lubricator, in addition to many other details. The sight glass piping was recently upgraded in order to comply with current GGLS club safety regulations which require the water sight glass to be blown down from either the top or bottom boiler connections. The majority of screws have been replaced with high-strength alloy socket head cap screws. A RRSC headlight kit with mounting brackets and a machined bark set is included for installation by the buyer.

The only reason we are parting with this beautiful locomotive is the fact that we have 4 other steam locomotives and space is at a premium in our garage machine shop.

Asking \$13,400. Can be viewed at the Golden Gate Live Steamers track in Berkeley, California. Will steam up and demonstrate for buyer on day of sale. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (650) 615-0475 for information.

For more photos and information on this locomotive, please visit the GGLS club web site at www.ggls.org.