



Wyatt Thomas , son of Matt Thomas has made a Lego locomotive that runs on the 2.5" high track.
Does the club have talent or what!!!

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Announcements



There will be round house repairs that will require the individual round house occupants to temporarily move out their equipment for a few hours so access can be obtained. This will be done in the near future and those occupants will be notified in advance. More information can be obtained from Rich Lundberg (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net).



President Jim Dameron wants to remind all available individuals that there is a Thursday work crew that gets together on Thursday morning at 9:00 to work on the club and have lunch together (unfortunately food not provided). If you can volunteer some time or need more information, please contact Jim (candjdameron@aol.com).



In the upcoming 2015 GGLS Spring Meet, the Golden State Model Railroad Museum members will be attending, so give them a warm GGLS welcome.

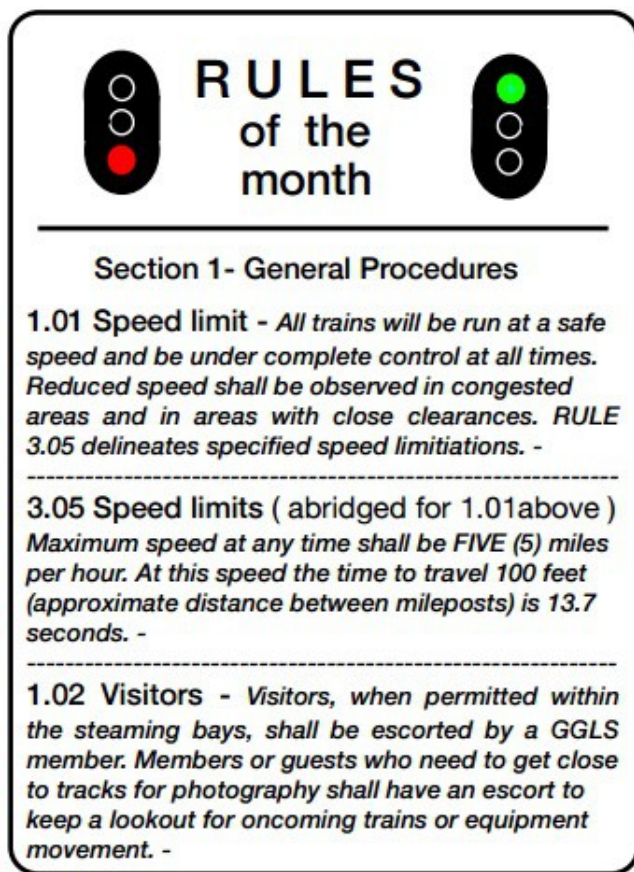


Rick Zobelein has some shirt patches and hat pins from our 75th Anniversary celebrations available for purchases. If interested, please contact Rick at rgz48@yahoo.com.

Rules of the Month

By Dan Swanson

A new monthly Call Boy feature is being been introduced starting with this month's edition. It is titled "Rules of the month" or ROTM for short. It will contain 2 or 3 rules taken from the club's Safety and Operating Rules (SOR) manual. Each month the rules change and will be selected by various members. Like other live steam club's newsletters which include this feature, our club hopes to benefit from it as well. If any member would like to suggest a rule from the GGLS SOR to appear in the ROTM feature please contact Dan Swanson ((benellisb90@gmail.com))



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GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness (permanent member)
Rick Zobelein (permanent member)

Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)

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

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

10/11/15 Meeting

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on April 12, 2015 at 10:04 am by President Jim Dameron with an average attendance of 34+ individuals on a crisp, cool 48 degree day.

New Members and Guests:

None.

Steam-related Activities:



Matt Thomas had a chance to visit the Hillcrest Christmas Tree Farm and railroad in Reedley, California during their Steamfest event. They run an interesting one-half scale railroad and more information can be found on their web site at www.hillcrestreedley.com.



Matt also had a chance to ride on the 2472 Pacific

currently situated on Niles Canyon Railroad and it is rumored that the owners of the 2472 will be moving to a different location perhaps to Santa Cruz in the near future. That's not Matt in the cab!



Dave Luther has an interesting position in Rail Town 1897 State Historical Park in Jamestown, California where he is a student brakeman/conductor for one of the trains that run within the park. His plan is to move up the position ladder to eventually become a real locomotive fireman or engineer. Way to go Dave and we want photographs!

Committee Reports:



There was much activities on the Building front which included the following activities:

Jim Conover dug two catch basin lines behind the round house and an investigation is underway to see if there is a way to correct the dry rot around its walls.

Work is also being done on the Clerici barn where there are pockets of dry rot to be repaired.

All the club buildings are due for painting and a roofing effort will be required soon.



The track map in the club house is being updated and if anyone has comments or suggestions, please send them to Rich (luckylundy@sbcglobal.net) before a final version is plotted & laminated.

Grounds Chairman Andy Weber happily reported that everything is looking good with some weed spraying to be completed by John Maryott soon.

Safety Chairman Michael Smith had nothing to report.

Dan Swanson gave a brief Signals Committee report that switch T26's actuator mechanism will be replaced by the end of the month.



The High Track committee Jeremy Coombes will be scheduling a Saturday maintenance work day (with lunch!) in the near future. Stay Tune!

Everything seems fine and the Ground Track committee member had nothing to report.



Public Train chairman Rich Croll was away on a visit but Walt Oellerich step in and reported that the Public Train is doing well.



Walt wants all interested people to come on down to help the Public Train, learn how to run the RGS 20 and have a lot of fun!

The Engine Committee John Lisherness presented the following status:

Heintz Atlantic: In the Shattock Barn, Matt Franaszek reinstalled the main rods but found the holes for the new cross feed to be too small, so they were enlarged.

Over the years the floating pins in the valve gear have badly worn the joint holes and new bushings need to be installed. If anyone can machine new valve gear pins, contact John at lisherness.john@gmail.com.

A new throttle valve was installed and although there was not enough parts from the old throttle piping, it turns out that the new piping is now much simpler. The Heintz Atlantic is now ready to its boiler to be reinstalled.

Hunter Atlantic: Matt noticed that its pilot (cowcatcher) looked bent and is in John's shop for an attempted straightening.

The blower valve, injector starting valve and whistle valves were worn out and replaced.

A replacement 4-chime tubular whistle made by John's dad Ed is now mounted on the Hunter Atlantic.

Rick Reeves, the newest R&R team member, machined adapter rings for the whistle mount.

Rick also made a new brake valve mounting bracket to install the newly rebuilt brake valve done by Anthony Duarte.

Finally, the Atlantic's smokebox front is being modified for easier removal & replacement.

Johnson Pacific: It is out of service indefinitely due to a major problem with a broken aluminum frame extension.

RGS #22: It is down because a valve gear component is missing and will not be able to run until the component is found or replaced.

Baldwin diesel: It is operational.

UVAS diesel: It is operational with the new power plant and Paul Thompson has striped & lettered the cab.

Member Dan Swanson has become a contributing co-editor who will provide a "Rules of the Month" column that will appear in this issue of the CallBoy newsletter and the club web site.

The URL for the club web site is currently either www.ggls.org or www.goldengatels.org. Be aware if you type in "goldengatelivesteamers.org" you end up bring up a strange web page written in Chinese.

Officer's Report:

Secretary Pat Young had a lot of busy work last month. These included:

An apology was written by the Board and sent to Mark Johnson for the incident that occurred last month.

Prepared and sent to the Board a 7 page recap & synopsis on how the issue of the future & strategic planning concept came about.

Attempted to have the replacement of Trust Fund trustee member Ken Brunskil with Jerry Kimberlin.

Created a 4-page GGLS Futures query response for Steve Vitkovits.

Received a flyer from a company that prints paper conductor & engineer stickers which would be great for the Public Train crew to give to its riders.

Treasurer John Lisherness gave a detailed report showing that this month had a very large series of expenditure including two new conductor cars for the Public Train that lowered the treasury by quite a bit. If interested, more details can be obtained from John (lisherness.john@gmail.com).

Old Business:

There was a question on why the contract to purchase a locomotive being assembled by a member was being closed by the Board. He thought that the membership should have voted on this. It was explained that this was a clear cut decision that did not require the membership to become involved.

New Business:

No new business.

Board Meeting Minutes

The April 12, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:39 am with Board members Jim Dameron, John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Michael Smith & Pat Young with Bob Cohen & Sheldon Yee attending.

Old Business:

Last month, the Board declared the contract with a member to assemble a steam locomotive by a set date to be null and void. There was a further discussion with that member that resulted in the agreement that the contract was null & void and he wanted this put in writing. The Board agreed to do this.

The GGLS Futures & Strategic Planning committee requested that a Board nominate a member to serve on the committee and Vice President Andy Weber has agreed to serve in that position.

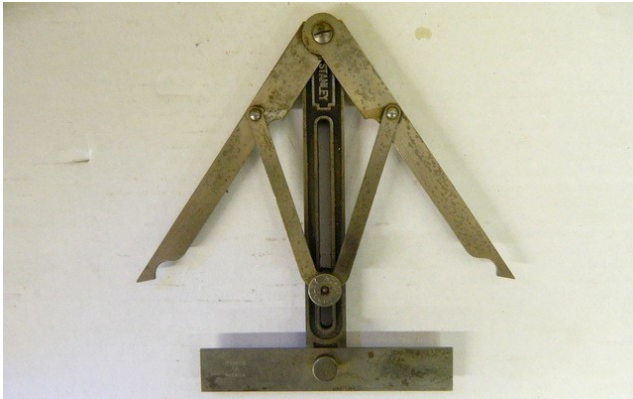
The Trust Fund member authorization has been officially changed so that Ken Brunskil is now replaced by Jerry Kimberlin.

New Business:

The poor condition of the club Pacific and its ability to serve as a Public Train engine was discussed. It was decided that an immediate decision on its action plan & future should be postponed for a few months.

The Board has passed a motion to have Rich Lundberg purchase a home security system for under \$500 for initial installation and evaluation on the club facility.

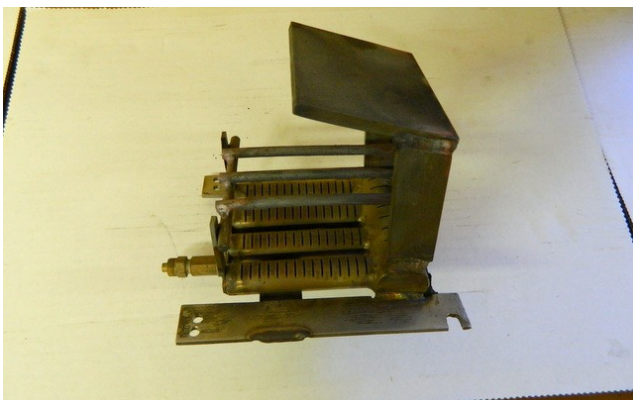
Bits and Pieces
by Sheldon Yee



Rich Lundberg - What is it ? [An Angle Divider]



John Lisherness - 2 items ,
a) Brake Valve - This was a collaborative effort between two people ; Rick Reeves built the Base and Anthony Duarte rebuilt the Valve Assembly.



b) a Propane Burner Assembly, constructed of Stainless Steel with a High Pressure burner.



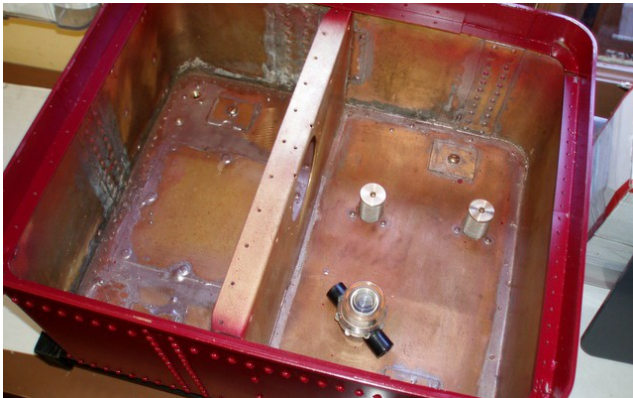
Charlie Reiter - 4 items:
a) Duplex Water Pump (Bronze), a reworked Lil' Engines #815.



b) Power Models Single Stage Water Pump (castings no longer available), Originally built to pump air, lower cylinder sleeved-down to pump water.



c) Electronic Control Box for an Electric Locomotive.



d) Brass Tender Tank for Heisler Locomotive.



To All Members

Last month the CallBoy had a notice from Steve Vitkovits which asked the readers to submit things that they like about the club and things which they dislike. Please take a few minutes to send the information and/or if you have an interest in joining up, contact Steve at ferrous1991@gmail.com

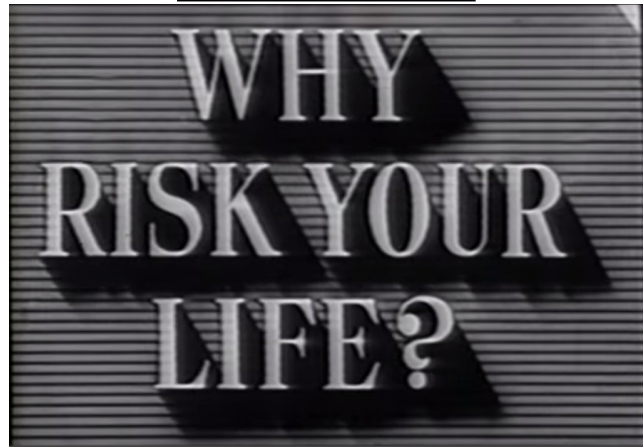
Links from Our Readers



Here is link from Jim House about an article titled "More Power on Wheels" from the October 1946 issue of Popular Science. It's fun to look at all the other articles too!

<https://books.google.com/books?id=YCEDAAAAMBAJ&pg=PA66&lpg=PA66&dq=%22More+Power+On+Wheels%22+%22Popular+Science%22&source=bl&ots=NQj1rm0FXs&sig=qQUejXdm2MQPvHYOtbkCwti4D6s&hl=en&sa=X&ei=QcEkVdakL4zSoATLn4D4Cg&ved=0CCUQ6AEwAQ#v=onepage&q=%22More%20Power%20On%20Wheels%22%20%22Popular%20Science%22&f=false>

Editor's Video Choice



"Why Risk Your Life?" -- 1940s Railroad Safety Film
To inaugurate the new safety column from Dan Swanson here is a 36:29 safety video, from the steam era concerning working around railroad yards and tracks, heavy on switching operations. Produced by the Great Northern Railway in the 1940s and probably filmed at St. Paul using actual employees.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BqpayZ2JqlU>