



The Call Boy

Hunter Atlantic Shop Project



An ongoing project, the Hunter Atlantic is finally approaching the finish line. Its name is derived from original owner, Chuck Hunter, a longtime member who passed away a number of years ago. It was donated to the club at that time and ran for awhile until much needed repairs sidelined it to cold storage. During the past year, several individuals have taken their turn at working on the engine. One of our newer members, Rick Reeves stepped forward to help. Thanks to the overhead chain hoist, Various components were removed to afford access to the undercarriage for needed repairs. The engine should be back on the rails shortly.

Event Calendar

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

July

7/04/16 Lou Bradas Memorial Run
7/04/16 SVLS 4th of July Run
7/10/16 GGLS Member Meeting
7/10/16 GGLS Board Meeting
7/23-24/16 PV&A Invitational

August

8/5-7/16 GGLS 80th Anniversary
8/14/16 GGLS Member Meeting
8/14/16 GGLS Board Meeting

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



Announcements

Who said there is no such thing as a free lunch? The club will be hosting a special event on June 5th and will be providing burgers and hot dogs for those attending, but YOU must provide a side dish! Further information may be found under **New Business** in this newsletter.

This month you will have the opportunity to vote for **Life Membership** for three very deserving members who have done many projects for the club over the years. Additional information in this newsletter.

We were very sad to hear of the recent passing of Life Member, Les Cuff. For many years, he took on the responsibility of stocking the club kitchen with the usual supplies of coffee, creamer, sugar, sodas and other expendable items. Even as his health was failing, he always made a visit to the track and enjoyed a spirited conversation with other club members.

There is no monthly meeting on May 8th as it is Mother's Day. Of course, if Mom wants a train ride, feel free to bring her up to the track and have a picnic. This should follow her breakfast in bed and an evening out for dinner. If you really want to impress her, clean the house! Monthly meeting will occur on the following Sunday.

Golden Gate Live Steamers
a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Educational Museum

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Club Meeting Minutes

President Mark Johnson called the General Meeting to order at 10:00am

New Members, Guests and Guests:

We would like to welcome our newest member, Paul Denham, who is also associated with the Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM).

We would like to welcome back former member John Bouey.

Steam-related Activities



Matt Thomas reported on his recent visit to Hillcrest Rail fair and his volunteering at Rail Town with his children, Abby and Wyatt. More information can be found at <http://hillcrestreedley.com/>.



Christopher Smith recently accepted a job with the San Francisco Zoo and Gardens where he maintains and operates a 22" Cagney for visitors on their ½ mile layout. He mentioned that while netting in 2 million dollars last year, the steam engine is 111 years old. More information on "Little Puffer" can be found at:

www.sfzoo.org/about/historic-sites-little-puffer.htm

Chris also visited Sagebrush Short line in Ridgecrest, California. He stated that he had a wonderful time and plans to go back.



Mark Johnson recently visited Pittsburgh, where he witnessed full size railroading. He also visited the Soldier and Sailor Memorial Hall & Museum. More info can be found at soldiersandsailorshall.org/



Mark also reported that the San Leandro Historical Railway Society had an open house on April 9th and 10th. Chris brought down his 3.5" gauge live steamer for show and tell, while promoting the Golden Gate Live Steamers. Check their web site for more information at www.slhrs.org/

Bruce continues to update us on the Truckee Live Steamers, who are in the process of adding more track. They recently bought a new steam locomotive for their public train. So, check their web site at: www.truckeedonnerrailroadsociety.com/

General Announcements

Nothing to Report.

Officer's Report:

President Mark Johnson: On March 17, 2016, President Mark Johnson attended & represented the Golden Gate Live Steamers at the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board Operations Committee Hearing. The Operations Board accepted & unanimously passed our Lease request. The next step is for the Lease agreement to go to the General Board for review and EBRPD Board approval. Mark also asked for members to sign the book in the Clubhouse when you come to the track.

Vice President: Rick Reeves stated he has the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) report ready for the Board Meeting.

Treasurer: For a detailed information regarding the Club's financial accounts contact John Lisherness.

Secretary: Nothing to Report.

Ombudsmen: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: Rich Lundberg reported that two curbs were poured on February 14th for the round house rebuild. He would like to thank everyone involved, especially member Andy Weber, the "Human Concrete Mixer".

He also mentioned that the barn needs to be repainted and will be looking for volunteers.

He reminded everyone that the electronic access to the clubhouse is from 7 am to 7 pm.

Grounds: Nothing to report.

Safety Committee: Nothing to report.

Signals: Nothing to report.

Ground Track: John Lytle mentioned that he and a few other members aligned & adjusted parts of the outside track. The Public Train Crew reported that they have had no derailments ever since these

improvements have been made.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Public Train: March was considered a slow month due to poor weather t we have encountered.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson reports:

RGS 22: Richard Croll reported that the new Lubricator for the #22 was installed and it is working fine. The #22 continues to do an excellent job pulling the Public Train on Sundays.

Hunter Atlantic: Rick Reeves has taken over the work on this engine. Rick is working on the engine brakes and apparently the missing parts to the engine have been found.

Heinz Atlantic: John Lisherness reported that the work on this engine is on hold.

Johnson Pacific: John Lisherness reported that the propane burner design has been completed and fabrication is to follow.

Diesels: Rick Zobelein reported that the 1936, and 1971 are both in good running order.

Rolling Stock: Two of the new riding cars will soon be completed.

Callboy and Web Page: Nothing to report.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Roundhouse: Nothing to report.

80th Anniversary: Sandy Morris mentioned that the committee will be focusing on getting raffle items. Christopher Smith graciously donated 8 tickets from the Walt Disney Family Museum and 4 Tickets from the San Francisco Zoo and Gardens. If anyone else would like to donate prizes, please contact Sandy Morris.

Old Business:



Sandy Morris proudly stated that we have reached 44 club jacket orders. We hope to do a second run if there is more interest in these jackets. This is a great way to show club pride!

New Business:

Steve Vitkovits gave a short talk about our club membership numbers and how to maintain it. He mentioned that the club consists of three main parts which would be our Public Train, our support (such as the grounds and buildings), and our legacy. He gave some key points that we, as a club, should look into. Any further information can be obtained from Steve.

Fifteen Members of the club signed a petition for the nomination of three new life members. The nominations include Richard Croll, Walter Oellerich, and Mel McDonough. These three members are a prime example of hardworking members, who work nonstop to improve our club. The nominations will now go to the Board for the motion, and then, to be voted on by the membership at the May meeting.

GGLS is hosting a Potluck/Run Day/Swap meet on June 5th at 12 pm. Everyone is welcomed to attend and bring a side dish big enough to feed 5 other people. The burgers and hotdogs will be provided by the Club. A sign-up sheet will be located in the Clubhouse to coordinate who is bringing what food item. Any questions can be answered by Chris.

General Meeting Adjourned at 11:00am

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 11:50 am.

Old Business:

A motion was second and passed to send an Invitation to the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) Board Members for 80th Celebration Dinner. GGLS will also invite the EBRPD Analyst and Business Agent and GGLS will pay for their dinners.

A GGLS Pot Luck Lunch Motion was made, seconded and passed. The Club will provide burgers and hot dogs and Bob Cohen has offered to get the meat for this event.

Members are encouraged to bring a side dish and drinks while Chris Smith volunteered to coordinate the food sign-up sheet. The event date and time is June 5, 2016 at 12 pm.

The Board discussed the next GGLS Swap Meet. A Motion was made, seconded and passed to have Swap Meet on June 5, 2016. The notification will go out in the CallBoy.

Rick Reeves brought his report on an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). It will be reported further next month.

A report was submitted by Michael Smith about the update on the roundhouse.

ID Information of Board members is needed by John Lisherness for account management. The Board is requested to send their ID information to John Lisherness at their earliest convenience.

Increasing members' participation was a discussion item for the Board.

The GGLS is now sponsoring Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM) involvement at shows, a GGLS Swap Meet and the GGLS Pot Luck. GGLS Board and GGLS Members are encouraged to come up with additional ideas and concepts to further increase member participation.

The Board made a motion for the general membership to vote on the Life Member nominations for Richard Croll, Walter Oellerich, and Mel McDonough. It was seconded and passed. The general membership will vote on these nominations in the May club meeting.

New Business:

Jerry Kimberlin will be revising the GGLS Safety Rules and report back to the Board when completed.

Christopher Smith brought up the idea of playing Railroad Poker at the 80th Anniversary as a way to raise money for GGLS. He will present this idea to the general membership during the May meeting to see if there is any interest. It has been tabled until next month.

The meeting was adjourned.



A special thanks to member Rich Ratto for his continuing artistic contributions to the Call Boy. Although he does not frequent the track that much, he does spend significant time to create a cartoon to match the season, along with some of his usual humor. His past "Call Uber" cartoon was submitted to *Live Steam* magazine but they had no idea what "uber" was other than German translation of "over".

Rules Of The Month



By
Dan Swanson



2011 Safety & Operating Rules

May 2016

Section 1 - General Procedures

1.04 Pets *All dogs must be on leash per EBRPD regulations and may not ride the trains. Dogs are not allowed in the steaming bays or in club buildings. All other animals are prohibited. Owners must clean up after their dogs. -*

Section 3 - Operating Procedures

3.09 Backing *Prior to backing, the engineer shall give the correct signal (SEE RULE 5.02). The engineer shall observe the rear of the train for clearance of obstructions, and receive a correct signal from the brakeman that there is a clear track for a minimum of 30 feet. Engines when backing shall observe reduced speeds. It is recognized that an engine running light will not have a brakeman in some cases. This shall not relieve the engineer of the responsibility of insuring a clear track. -*

Section 6 - Safety Committee

6.01 Chairman *The membership shall elect a Safety Committee Chairman who may then assign, either permanently or temporarily, a committee of five (5) members including himself. The chairman will assign a substitute if he is not to be in attendance at any event. He may at any time, substitute members of the committee from those in attendance at the track. In addition, any member of the Board of Directors may act in the capacity of Safety Committee member. -*

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



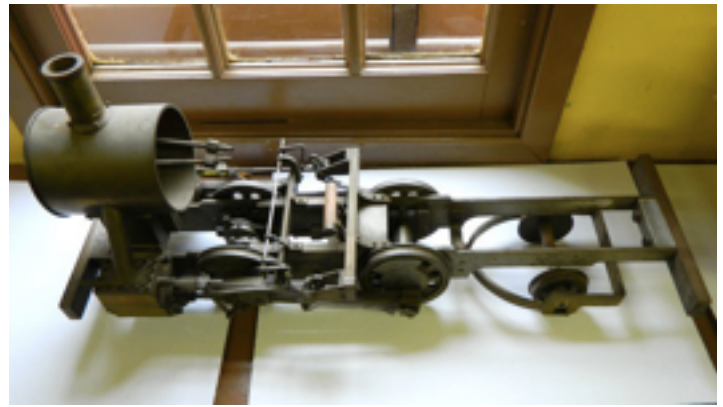
Jerry Kimberlin – Home-built tube die former. A 2-piece rectangular die which holds a piece of copper tubing in such a way as to form a circular boss onto a tube at a predetermined point, creating a ball or flare, much as some plumbing pieces are normally assembled in separate pieces.



Christopher Smith – Trailing Truck for a Pacific locomotive.



Mark Johnson – A Keim steam powered water pump.



Paul Denham – An old 3 ½" gauge locomotive chassis in 0-4-2 arrangement, dated early 1950's or thereabouts. Any information about it is welcome!



To all GGLS and BAEM Members

By Steve Vitkovits

A Model Engineering Exhibition will be held during the Spring, and Fall Meets and the Open House. Models in various stages of completion will be needed for display.

Wanted: Any example of model engineering – steam engines of all varieties, internal combustion engines, tooling, in short, any object of metal working craftsmanship is welcome to be displayed. Compressed air will be available to run small models or if you have your own small steam boiler, bring it along to steam your display in a realistic way.

The purpose of this grand “Show and Tell” is to give visitors to our Open House a realistic idea of what is involved in getting started in the model engineering hobby. Your description & comments may be that an

inducement for a visitor to become a member of the hobby or get a member who has not yet discovered the joy of building.

The exhibition will be shown in the area in front of the clubhouse while large steam locomotive or engines under construction will be placed on the display track.

Although there is an effort to keep administrative issues to a minimum, it would be very helpful if we knew who is going bring what. So, after you look over your handiwork and choose something to show, please email to Steve Vitkovits at ferrous1991@gmail.com with the following:

Print your:

name,

description of the model,

builder's name,

year built/ started

anything else that would be of interest to the viewer.

Need compressed air to run your display?

How much area will you require?

We define the standard unit of area as one half of a folding table.

Invite to GGLS & SVLS on July 23, 24, 2016

By Bob Silverstein

Hi,

I'm Bob Silverstein, Chairman of the Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad (pvarr.org). We're hoping that some of your members would be interested to join us for an event in the summer.

We have ample RV space for members who would to stay Saturday night. We will fire up the BBQ on Saturday for lunch.

This invite is being extended to both the Golden Gate Live Steamers and the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Bob www.pvarr.org/

For Sale **Key System Bridge Unit** April 16, 2016



Built by Richard Bartel in 1983, these units are very close to the original units that transported workers and public between San Francisco & Oakland every day. I am proud to offer them for sale since Dick says it's time they go to a new home.



They measure around 14' but break down easily for transport. Included are 2 all steel stands for home storage. They operate on (4) 12-volt batteries which I just replaced. Plus (2) 6-volt batteries which are still good. Also included are 3 battery chargers. The 12-volt chargers do 2 batteries at once. There are (6) 24-volt motors that power these units. It also comes with a mercer flat car with mercer trucks plus 2 boat seats.

New Lower Price: \$8,000 Less Transport Vehicle

I, Bob Morris, can be reached at 925-240-9034 or cell 209-743-1300