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The Call Boy

Club Project
Swing Out Bridge

The original Swing-Out High Track Bridge had a number of disadvantages not realized when originally installed. Those using the roundhouse incurred difficulties when passing thru this point. Side clearance issues with the supporting posts, in addition to "S" curve track leading to the inner roundhouse lead. Larger locomotives tended to derail at this point. Further details on this project can be read elsewhere in this newsletter. It seems that the usual hard workers take on these projects and ALWAYS can use additional help to complete this type of project in a timely manner. New bridge is now in place and Richard Croll prepares the lead track. Note that the swing-out bridge is significantly longer than before!

Event Calendar

May

05/06/18 GGLS Member Meeting
05/06/18 GGLS Board Meeting
05/19-20/18 SVLS Spring Meet

June

06/02/18 GGLS Spring Meet
06/03/18 GGLS Open House
06/10/18 GGLS Member Meeting
06/10/18 GGLS Board Meeting
06/23-24/18 PV&ARR Joint Meet
GGLS & SVLS @ PV&ARR

July

07/08/18 GGLS MemberMeeting
07/08/18 GGLS Board Meeting

August

08/12/18 GGLS Member Meeting
08/12/18 GGLS Board Meeting

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President:	Rich Lundberg
Vice President:	John Lytle
Secretary:	Richard Croll
Treasurer:	John Lisherness
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Ombudsman:	Bob Cohen

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Engines:	Mark Johnson
Rolling Stock:	Richard Croll
Public Train	Walt Oellerich
Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
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Grounds:	Andy Weber
Signal System:	Steve Wood
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
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Call Boy

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

Announcements

There are no specific announcements this month. Please see the notes elsewhere in this newsletter under specific topics.

Union Pacific Hiring + $25k Signing Bonus

Railroad workers are being offered signing bonuses of up to $25,000 to join BNSF Railway and Union Pacific Corp. as the freight railroads struggle to fill jobs in a historically tight labor market.
BNSF and Union Pacific are hauling more products across the Western U.S., where their networks are based, and trying to ease congestion in areas with high demand. Freight volumes are rising on strong economic growth and industrial expansion, and a shortage of available truck capacity is pushing more shipments onto rails.

Union Pacific is offering $10,000 to $20,000 "hiring incentives" to train crews in cities like Denver, Kansas City, Mo., and North Platte, Neb., where its largest rail yard is located. Those jobs average $40,000 in pay over the first year and $60,000 the next, according to job listings.

Sammy Tamez or Lou Bradas can clue you in on the exciting adventures of working for the UP!

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
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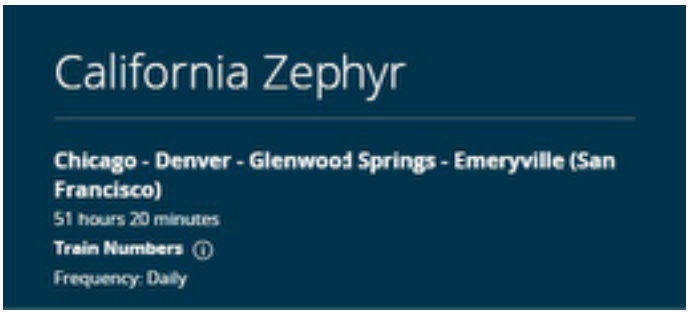
Club Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened by President Richard Lundberg at 10 am.

There were no new members or guests.

Steaming/Railroading Activities

Member Ken Blonski related his rail trip on the Amtrak Zephyr up to Reno for a weekend jaunt. The mountains were covered with snow and the scenery magnificent. The trip was $290 with a senior discount for him & his wife who also had a good time on the whirlwind trip.



Vladimir Kovalevsky rode the Zephyr as well, but from the terminus in Chicago all the way to Emeryville. It took 2 days & three nights for $350 per person. He met with the engineer and got a tour of the cab.

Rich Lundberg visited a Scotia museum which included a Heisler Locomotive that they were putting up for sale. Marin County bid $50k and won. The interest by Marin was because the engine was used on the most crooked railroad up Mount Tam. It will be displayed in the museum there. He has an article about the engine that he will post in the clubhouse.

Charlie Reiter said the Heisler engines were not suited for Mount Tam and were replaced by Shay locomotives. He also said that the volunteers at Mount Tam were responsible for maintaining the rail presence there and the building where their equipment is stored.

The High Track swing bridge is currently being replaced by the Thursday crew, but John Lisherness would like to see more volunteers as the concrete foundation is difficult to remove.

The new bridge was professionally built by John Nicholson and the old bridge is to be relocated to the parking lot side of the roundhouse to make to easier to navigate the high track. The work is being done with a removable piece of ground track so that rail access is maintained to the roundhouse between work sessions.

He is anticipating scheduling a work day to complete the replacement project. Rich Lundberg called on those under 75 years old to look for an upcoming announcement and to volunteer.

Officers Reports

President: Nothing to report

Vice President: Nothing to report

Treasurer:
The Treasurer reported the March tally for the club.

Committee Reports

Grounds:
It was reported that Grounds Chairman Andy Weber wanted to wait until after the rains to begin spraying for weeds. Rick Reaves said that Walt Oellerich was providing a battery-operated sprayer that Rick is going to mount on a work car to do the spraying ASAP. Rich Lundberg would like to see the track blown as well as raking to mitigate the fine particles that are accumulating on the ballast from the redwood duff.

Signal System:
Bruce Anderson reported he & Steve Wood repaired a couple of dead switches & inspected the block system and all is well.

Ground Track:
Ground Track chairman John Lytle inspected the ground track, cleaned drains and raked parts of the track.

High Track:
Sheldon Yee reported the High Track is in good shape except where the swing bridge has been removed for replacement. John Lytle said some of the supporting structures need maintenance.

Locomotives

RGS #22
Engine remains out of service for repair.
Rick Reaves & Jerry Kimberlin installed new gaskets on the steam chests and put things back together. The next step is to fire up and see what else needs to be done.

RGS #20
Other than a few minor problems, the 20 continues to pull the Public Train every Sunday.
A rod cap came loose one Sunday but was quickly fixed. Last Sunday, a check valve stuck, but was fixed that day. This seems to be a recurring problem with the Superscale check valves. Maybe someone can suggest a long-term fix.

Hunter Atlantic
Nothing new to report, engine is still operational.

Heintz Atlantic
Recent work on the Heintz Atlantic, led by Vladimir Kovalevsky, includes making preparations to install a new check valve.
Vlad & John Lisherness worked together, drilling & tapping a new hole for a new check valve. Also, new piping for the new water pump was installed. Engine Steam Pump Needs Work.
They tested the brake cylinder to make sure it was in working condition. In addition, new blow down valves are being purchased.
This repair group could use some help with the cab and jacket paint job & railings. Please feel free to contact Mike or Vlad to help out.

Heintz Atlantic Whistle Special Request
If anyone can help us find this important lost item, we would greatly appreciate this effort. If found, this chime whistle can be placed in the clubhouse next to the log book on the counter. Finding this whistle will aid our restoration project of this engine that has been in the club for at least 40 years.

Johnson Pacific
The engine is operational.

Gas Engines
Rear truck axle box on 1936 is repaired and the engine back in service.
Both engines are operational.

Public Train:

Walter Oellerich praised the Public Train Crew for doing a great job pulling the Public Train on Sunday. The train has been averaging 400 people per day in donations. He said that the monogrammed jackets are a great Public Relations item as he has been stopped by people talking about our train.

Sammy Tamez talked about visitors from Spain that he gave them a ride after regular hours on a Sunday. Richard Lundberg added that this kind of outreach is helpful to the club as a selling point with the Park District that we give the public a positive experience at our track.
He also told how he was up at the track one Sunday on a cold & miserable day with nothing happening except the Public Train Crew giving rides to the Public. Rich hopes others will volunteer their time to the Public Train.
Walter told of a day where the youngest passenger was only 6 days old who was born on New Years Day.

Website/Call Boy:
Pat Young reports web and Call Boy are doing OK. He would like to remind contributors to the newsletter to not use special formatting characters like tabs in their submissions.

Spring Meet/Open House:

Bob Morris called for volunteers for the upcoming Spring Meet for train operations and to monitor the steaming bay. He & Sandy were thinking of possible breakfast on Saturday & called for a show of hands if there was interest, but no one raised a hand & the idea was dismissed.

Rick Zobelein brought up the Public loading on the inside loop near the Shattock Barn causing congestion in the area for people running trains on inside track at the same time. Rick Reaves relayed Richard Croll's opposition to loading the public on the outside track as a tripping hazard. Discussions are ongoing about adding planking to level out a loading area somewhere in the area.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.
Submitted by Rick Reaves

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Rich Lundberg at 10:50 am.

All board members present except Secretary Richard Croll & Ombudsman Bob Cohen. The minutes were kept by Rick Reaves.

The minutes of the March Meeting were distributed and read by the Board Members.

A motion by Mark Johnson & seconded by John Lytle was made to accept minutes as read. The motion passed.

Mark Johnson asked about contracts for member-built storage buildings. Roundhouse rules discussion on hold until Michael Smith, the Roundhouse Chairman, can attend the meeting.

Rich Lundberg to send a proposed contract to Board Members for building new storage buildings.

Old Business

Security

John Lytle was asked about the repositioning of the security cameras. John stated that it has not been done due to difficulty in reaching the cameras for re-alignment. The project is ongoing.

Jon Sargent spoke with the park police chief and made an appointment to have him meet him at the club Thursday, May 10th at 10 am. Rich Lundberg also told of a tentative meeting with park personnel in July.

Jon Sargent questioned the need for conduit on wires from pole to camera. John Lytle suggested that it might be combined with the re-positioning of the cameras. Rich Lundberg suggested speaking with Bob Cohen about any service contract problems with rewiring at the cameras and its feasibility to execute.

Jon Sargent brought up adding an eighth camera to the current system. John Lisherness spoke about the ease of climbing the back side of the clubhouse and accessing the roof.

A motion was then made by Mark Johnson to direct Bob Cohen to solicit a quote to install an eighth camera to cover the back side of the clubhouse from our current vendor. It was seconded by John Lytle and passed with a unanimous vote.

Jon Lytle and Jon Sargent will contact Bob Cohen to relay the Board decision. Jon Sargent volunteered to help with any installation.

Roof replacement discussion is tabled until Richard Croll returns.

Membership

Rick Zobelein reported that the GGLS Roster is up to date. Postcards were sent out to members who had not paid dues for the current year. Fifteen cards were sent and 5 or 6 returned with dues.

Rich Lundberg requested a spreadsheet of the membership roster to compare against the lock list and to update it.

Rich Lundberg suggested March 31st to have an updated list of current members every year to note an eroding membership.

By Laws

On hold until secretary Richard Croll returns.

Driveway Sealing

John Lytle solicited four estimates. He received one of $4900 to seal and $20,000 to pave over. Another estimate was to patch one year and to seal the next.

He also talked to Ellen at Redwood Valley Railroad about the Park District resurfacing her lot and at the same time doing the GGLS lot within a couple of years. John will investigate further.

Continuity of Officers

John Lisherness created a document with a summary of his office duties & responsibilities to be archived at the club in case of his being unable to perform his duties as Treasurer.

New Business

Jerry Kimberlin asked if the recently replaced redwood railing needs to be resealed and when. Every two years was suggested. and a water beading test be performed occasionally.

Insurance Question

Richard Lundberg noted that facilities and equipment are covered under our current property policy. Train

Crew working the public train is covered with liability portion of our policy. Members with their own equipment are covered with their own insurance. The question is what coverage for members operating the club equipment for private use does the club have. He will email Richard Croll to review our coverage about this scenario.

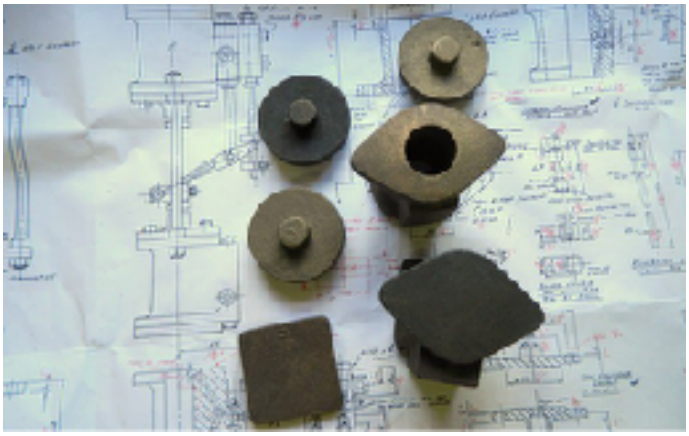
New Diesel Locomotive Outline

Jerry Kimberlin outlined a need for a new engine capable of pulling the Public Train consist. The current diesels do not have the tractive effort to pull a loaded train. Richard Croll is said to be investigating a new locomotive type, price and availability.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Bob Morris – Steam Pump; "Weir", cast Bronze.

John Lisherness – Eccentrics; fixtures for offset turning in a lathe.

Charlie Reiter – Sharpening Countersinks; a fixture made to produce by offset.

From the Membership

From Loren Bryon:

A 4:28 YouTube video describing the largest train layout in the World and meet Bruce Zaccagnino, creator of the Great American Railway at Northlandz, an epic wonderland 35 years in the making.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFA02VhBeYs

A 4:41 minute YouTube video that "guides you through many parts of the Miniatur Wunderland in Hamburg/Germany. Miniatur Wunderland is the largest model railway in the world, and one of the most successful tourist attractions in Germany.

On the 1.300 m² large layout, far more than a thousand trains, aircrafts, cars and ships move about. A wonder of the world in miniature.
Please, find more information on
http://www.miniatur-wunderland.com "

A 2:38 YouTube video where there is a train track in the middle of a freeway in California; the Freeway is Interstate 10 and the train is the Santa Fe 3751 Steam Train, built in 1927.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=to_idu0dp7k

High Track Announcement

Attention GGLS members,

The High Track will be out of commission, except for back & forth, point-to-point running until further notice. This is due to the replacement bridge project. The ground track lead to the roundhouse should be generally open, except during the Thursday work days. Use caution on the piece of track that was under the bridge, as this will be taken out and put back as we work.

The plan is to have as little disruption as possible, but will largely be dependent on the difficulty of removing the existing bridge supports. If anyone needs to get equipment in or out of the roundhouse area on a Thursday, please let me know in advance, and we may be able to work something out.

Thanks for your patience,
Richard Croll, Secretary

Update 04/20/2018:

Good news! On Thursday, we got the new high track bridge structure placed, and a temporary track back in on the 7½" gauge track to the turntable/ roundhouse. Please use caution on this track for next couple of weeks. It is not yet ballasted or leveled, but is passable. The third rail (4¾" gauge) is not yet done. Both gauges should be back in operation by Sunday, May 6th.

If there are any delays, I will so advise.
Richard Croll, Secretary

Portola Valley & Alpine Special Train Mountain Invite

Sept 29-30, 2018

On this date, PV&A want to invite the Sacramento and Golden Gate Live Steamer members to journey with them to a Train Mountain, Oregon to share the camaraderie and have lots of friendly faces there.

As for lodging, there are some local accommodations around the area if you book early and Train Mountain has a couple of rooms too but some are booked already. There is also a new hotel at the Kla-Mo-Ya Casino in Chiloquin, Oregon which should be open by then. Maleta's cafe, one mile from Train Mountain also has rooms. Great breakfasts and the pot belly cafe food is good. If you have a tent or RV, there's Walt's Cozy Campground which has showers. There is Train Mountain web page that has detailed information on local lodging at:
http://trainmtn.org/tmrr/pages/lodging.shtml

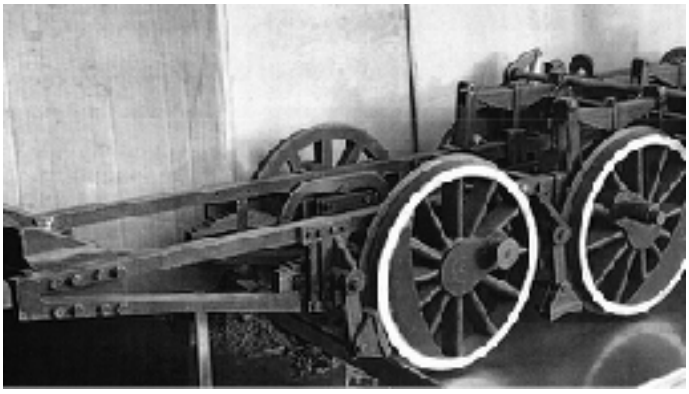
But be aware that if you want to bring your own train, you must be a Train Mountain member in order to run it. This is easily done through their website at http://www.trainmountain.org/

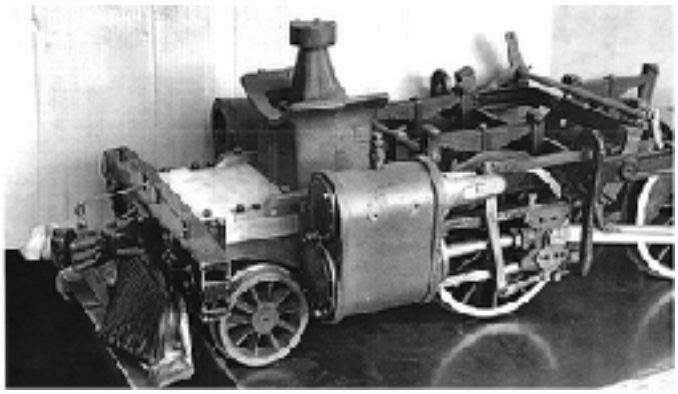
Join us to ride on one of the members trains or join us just for some great fun.

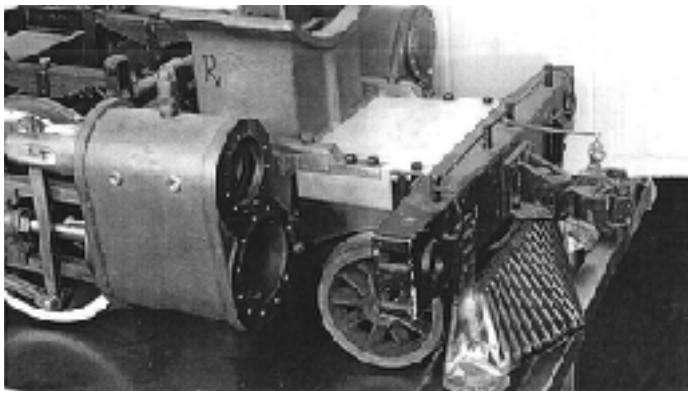
Contact PV&A member Russ Sonnenschein for more information:
(russell.sonnenschein@gmail.com).

For Sale

January 2, 2018







A partially built Little Engines, 7.5" gauge, 2-6-0 for $3,900 which is semi-negotiable.

The buyer can pick it up at the ranch or arrangements can be made for delivery.

If interested or for more information, contact:

Dave Luther
(209) 533-4444
(209) 743-0442

DATE OF LIST: 03/01/18

WAITING LIST FOR GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	Benjamin Lerman (Sam Lerman)	12/16/12	Roundhouse
2	Pat Young	06/16/15	Roundhouse
3	Don Ratto	01/31/16	Roundhouse
4	Lisa Kimberlin	02/21/16	Roundhouse
5	Bruce Anderson	03/16/16	Roundhouse
6	Edson Lee	03/16/16	Roundhouse
7	John Lytle	05/04/16	RH/Storage
8	Derek Schipper	11/13/16	RH/Storage
9	Armando Epifani	01/08/17	Roundhouse
10	Issac Gonzalez	06/30/17	Roundhouse

WAITING LIST FOR SECOND GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	John Lisherness	03/10/13	Roundhouse
2	Matthew Thomas	11/24/13	Roundhouse
3	Mark Johnson	07/08/15	Roundhouse
4	Bob Cohen	03/16/16	Roundhouse
5	Michael B. Smith	08/12/16	Roundhouse
6	John Lytle	05/01/17	Roundhouse

Regular members of GGLS requesting to place their name on the Waiting List for a roundhouse stall and/or storage location shall contact Michael B. Smith, GGLS Roundhouse Chairman by email at smithrailroad124@gmail.com. I will confirm your request by return email. Your name will be placed on the next issuance of the Waiting List which is updated bimonthly.

The current list shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and inserted bimonthly in the CallBoy. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (650) 615-0475 or at the email noted above.

Last list dated 01/01/18

MBS