



*We are sad to announce that GGLS member Rich Ratto had passed away recently.
This is a photo of him running on the club track in 2013.*

The CallBoy

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Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	To Be Determined
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
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 or Secretary. At the second meeting, return your completed application, the yearly prorated club dues, together with a the \$25 initiation fee and you are officially a member.

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email at railroc66@yahoo.com

CallBoy

Articles, pictures, photographs, items for sale or any other information that would be of interest to the club should be sent to Pat Young, the interim CallBoy editor (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Deadline for submittal to next month's issue is the 19th!

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

05/05/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
06/09/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
07/14/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
08/11/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting/
Swap Meet & Member Appreciation lunch
09/08/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
10/13/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
11/10/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/08/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting

Minutes of General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 AM by President Rick Reaves.



The President noted the death of long-time member Rich Ratto. Rick Zobelein spoke about Rich and noted his many talents & sense of humor. A moment of silence was observed in his honor.



Guests: Guests: Sean Marr introduced himself and his son Rowan.

Steaming/Railroad activities:



Walter Oellerich gave a run down of his adventure delivering 3 of his cars to Train Mountain. The snow was gone when he got there but he encountered hail, snow & rain on the return trip.



Bruce Anderson went to the Niles Canyon Railway and got video footage of their 2-6-6-2T in operation. He also mentioned that they will be running 2 articulated locomotives on May 11th and 12th. More information can be found on their web site at <https://www.ncry.org/>



Brian Parry rode the Coast Starlight to Los Angeles and then the Surfliner to San Diego. He reported it was nice way to spend a day and a half.



Michael Smith's family went to El Salvador and visited a railroad museum with 2 narrow-gauge steam locomotives in San Salvador.



Jon Sargent has a friend with a speeder, and he invited Jon to ride out at the Western Railroad Museum at Rio Vista Junction. They rode all the way up to the edge of the air base with a group of 23 other speeders.



Rich Lundberg was over at Spreckels Lake in Golden Gate Park and found the door to the Model Yacht club open and went in for a visit. There is a nice collection of old model boats inside. He found they have steam boat meets a couple of times a year. They also have model submarines which they operate in the fly-casting pond. He mentioned they were very friendly and welcoming. More information can be found on their web site at <https://www.sfmymc.org/>

Tiburon Railroad & Ferry Depot Museum

Rich also mentioned the Tiburon Railroad Museum in Tiburon. It includes a very nice HO model of the railroad facilities that were once there. More information can be found at following web site at <http://landmarkssociety.com/landmarks/railroad-ferry-museum/>

Officer Reports

President: Rick Reaves held a "contest" to get the dates various club structures were built. The Park District has asked for dates of construction and square footage of several of our structures.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Special Events Permit is in the process for the Spring Meet. The park superintendent has approved the dates.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the club's

finances. Members wishing details may contact John directly.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Ombudsman: Not present.

Committee Reports

Security: Jon Sargent met with an AT&T engineer and it was determined the conduit from their junction box to our clubhouse has enough room to put a fiber optic line in. He is still waiting for what the monthly cost would be. The installation has been quoted at \$99.

Grounds: Not present.

Round House: Michael Smith questioned if one of the members had removed all his equipment.

Signals: Bruce Anderson reported that John Davis has returned from Arizona and has been helping Bruce & Steve Wood with the track signals.

Ground Track: Not present.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Locomotives:

RGS #22: Rick Reaves reports that the plumbing work continues on the engine.

RGS #20: Rich Croll reports that on the #20, the spring rigging fell out again. He was able to get it back in place by the following Sunday. The Crew is examining ways to keep it in place on both ten wheelers.

Hunter Atlantic: Boiler was tested successfully by Vladimir Kovalevsky.

Heintz Atlantic: Nothing new to report.

Johnson Pacific: Nothing new to report.

Gas Engines: Rick Zobelein reports that both the 1971 & 1936 are operational. "as long as people know how to start them".

New Electric/Diesel: Engine #4760 is operational.

Locomotive Training Class: Vladimir Kovalevsky said another class will be scheduled once enough people are interested, probably later in the year.

Public Train: Walter Oellerich thanked the Locomotive Class for providing three new engineers for the Public Train. He also noted that one Sunday in early March, 147 passengers rode in the rain.

Callboy: Pat Young asked members to send him anything for inclusion into the club newsletter they think the membership might have an interest in seeing.

Website: Pat Young said we may be due to pay hosting fees next year for our website.

Builders Group: Pat Young thanked Bruce Anderson for providing a couple of articles which Pat has uploaded on the Yahoo GGLS Builders group.

Membership: Sam Tamez noted we had 2 prospective members present.

Old Business

New Bylaws: Motion was made by Andy Rogers, seconded by Jon Sargent to approve the Bylaws presented to the membership at the March 2019 meeting. Richard Croll moved, seconded by Rich Lundberg, to delay election of Board Member at Large, Ombudsman and Fund Trustees until the December 2019 meeting. Both motions passed unanimously.

Makers Faire: Vladimir reported that our application to display at the Maker Faire has been accepted. It will be held May 17, 18 & 19 at the San Mateo Events Center. Setup can start on Thursday, May 16th. He has 2 10' pieces of track provided by Armando Epifani. Vlad would like to have examples of diesel, electric and steam locomotives to display. Bits & pieces would also be welcome, but he pointed out they should not be small, easily lost or stolen parts. He plans to have handouts & stickers available to give out. Members interested in helping man the exhibit or provide things for display should contact Vladimir.

New Business

Locomotives: Rick Reaves mentioned we are running out of storage space. He brought up the idea of disposing of the club Pacific locomotive. Various members commented on the idea. No action was taken. Rich Croll mentioned that we will need to find a place to put some of the engines once the RGS #22 comes out of the shop. John Lisherness mentioned the idea of using part of the Clerici Barn.

Pictures: Rick Zobelein mentioned that he gave pictures taken at Seymore Johnson's railroad years ago to Bruce Anderson. Bruce has scanned them and they may be available in the future.

Clean-up: Sandy Morris brought up the need to do a clean-up before the meet/open house. She proposed 2

dates and June 8th, a Saturday, was selected. Lunch will be provided to those that come up to help that day.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:54 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Reaves at 11:55 AM. All Board members except for Bob Cohen were present.

The Minutes of the March meeting were distributed to the Board members. Andy Rogers moved, Seconded by Rich Lundberg to accept the Minutes, with spelling corrections. Motion passed.

Old Business

Hand Out: Andy Rogers showed samples of the flyer he has been working on. The photos will have releases from any person(s) in them. Rick Zobelein expressed concern with the amount of text. He said our members at times have told him they only look at the pictures in the Callboy. Mark Johnson pointed out that some people are visual and some are verbal. Vladimir Kovalevsky showed a proposed sticker to hand out that includes the club's web address. Rich Lundberg also mentioned the club business cards. Motion was made by Andy Rogers, Seconded by Rich Lundberg to authorize \$500 for printing the handouts and stickers. Motion passed.

High Track Lift Out: Rich Croll affirmed he will take to sand blasting once it is disassembled but it won't happen for a month.

Gate Codes: Jon Sargent asked if the Board wanted to change the combination. Discussion was held concerning whether cards were needed. Rich Lundberg pointed out it was a lot of work to do, and without the key pad lock on the clubhouse, sending out new code out by email should be enough. It was decided to make the change on Sunday, June 2nd. Jon and the Secretary will work out notifying the membership of the change.

New Business

EBRPD Survey: Rich Reaves talked about the changes we have seen with the Park District. He stressed that the relations seem to be good at present. Rick will work to invite the Park Board members to visit.

Blueprints: Pat Young mentioned that Rich Lundberg had given him blueprint plans of the club buildings for the club library and he wanted to have them scanned. Rich said these were the original plans and copies are in the fireproof file. Pat will investigate having them digitized, and if under \$100 will go ahead and have it done.

Turntable: Richard Croll brought up the idea of putting a ring rail on the turntable at the roundhouse. He asked if the Board had any objections. A welder friend of Jon Sargent can probably make the rails. Rich will pursue when he returns from traveling.

Boyers Bluff Building: Tabled.

EBRPD Activity Guide: The Board briefly discussed and decided we had no interest at present time.

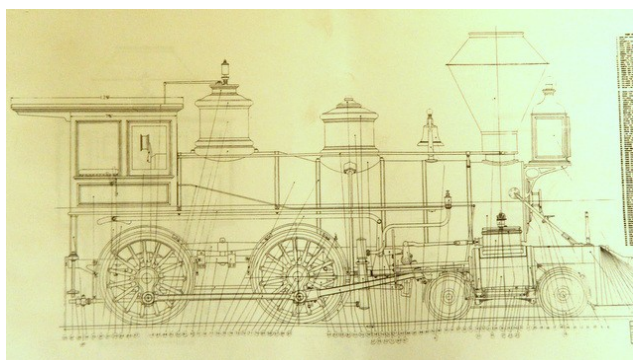
Open House: The Board discussed whether we wanted to rent an outhouse. The other issue was whether the club house would be closed to the Public. The President assured the Board that someone will be in the clubhouse during the clubhouse during the open house. The decision was that we would not rent an outhouse.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

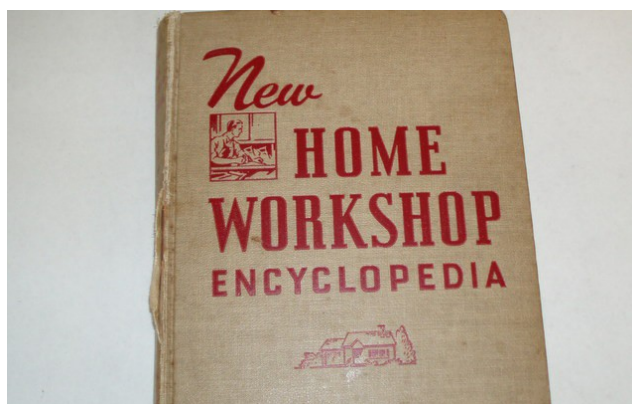
Bits and Pieces



Anthony Rhodes – Cast Iron spare parts for an Atlas Shaper.



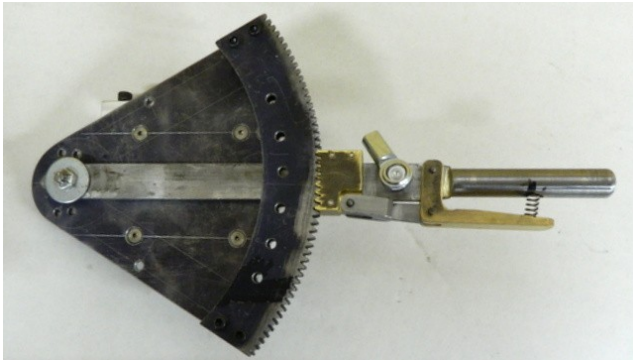
Michael Smith – Locomotive plans (Disney) for a CP 173 4-4-0.



Book on the "Home Workshop", based on Popular Mechanics and Popular Science articles, circa 1945.



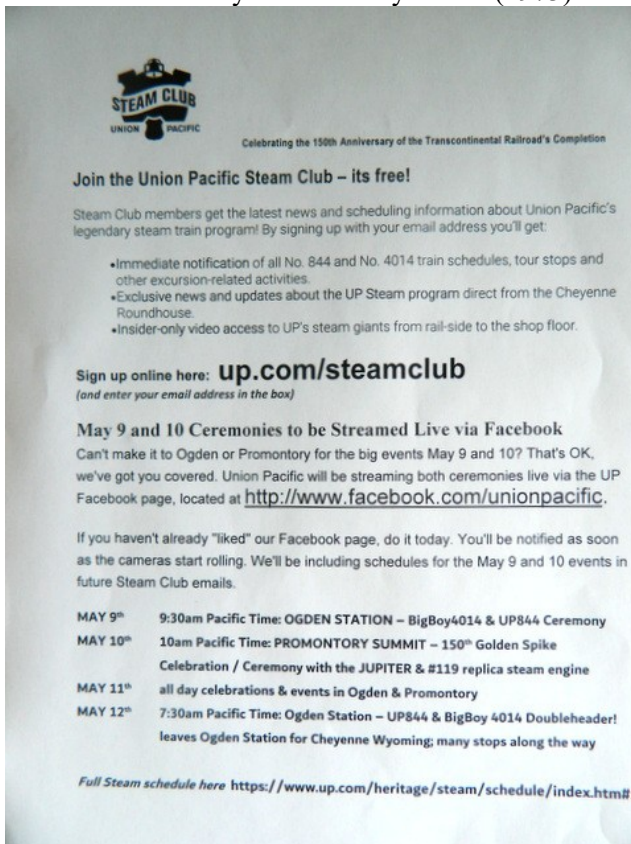
Rich Lundberg – Hand made alpha combination locks based on a secret design from a member of the Lundberg family, using jigs & fixtures to manufacture.



John Lisherness – Throttle control quadrant for his shay.



Chris Smith – Harley Davidson flywheels (1973).



Jon Sargent – Prototype re-built Union Pacific Locomotive updated report.



Charlie Reiter – Die holder with #3 Morse taper; small engines for R.C. boats inspired by articles in "Live Steam" magazine.

Lunch Apology

To the club at large, I sincerely apologize for the lack of lunch at the last meeting. I thought it was on but I failed to follow up on the planning and messed it up. Again, sorry.

Rick Reaves
President GGLS

From the Membership



As I was gathering some tree stumps I dug out with the stump bucket, a song came to mind... "I got a crush on you" (ha ha). Okay I know it's bad. After removing these things now I know why they were left for the next lucky owner.

Take care all. - Dan Swanson



Hi Steam Friends,

Last Saturday, a beautiful spring day, I shot this video of the Niles Canyon Railway #4, a 2-6-6-2T under steam and thought you might enjoy it. I left too much of the poppies in but I liked the audio behind it, oh well.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/tSdS5qSlg2I>

Hope you are well, Bruce

Wanted: Chair Cushions



The metal chairs in the Clubhouse seem to be getting more painful to sit on with each passing year. Or, maybe it's just age catching up with some members. (Did I really just say that?) The current cushions are beyond ready to be tossed.

So, if you have any chair cushions hanging around that you'd like to bring up to the club, they will be greatly appreciated.

Thanks in advance! ~Sandy Morris



GGLS will be at the 2019 Maker Faire!

We will be exhibiting at the Maker Faire in San Mateo, California to show the attendees on who GGLS is, what we do and hand out membership forms.

We now have to finalize our exhibit (display size, power requirements, forklift requests, etc.) and file all the safety paperwork by mid-April.

If interested or have questions, please contact Vladimir (vlakoval@gmail.com) by March 31st with your exhibit ideas, suggestions and most importantly if you would like to help organize or exhibit!

Maker Faire Schedule

Thursday, May 16

Set Up 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Friday, May 17

Set Up 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

SHOWTIME 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Maker Mixer 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Saturday, May 18

Set Up 7:30 AM – 9:30 AM

SHOWTIME 10:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday, May 19

Set Up 8:00 AM – 9:30 AM

SHOWTIME 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Take Down 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM



Finger Lakes Live Steamers 50th Anniversary

The Finger Lakes Live Steamers is celebrating their 50th Anniversary on August 1-4, 2019 at their club in Marengo, New York.

If you have never visited FLLS, our club's 12 acres are located midway between Rochester and Syracuse in Central New York. We all hope that you will join us for our anniversary on our 7 1/2" "narrow" or 7 1/4" gauge track.

We have club engines and we would be happy to check out visitors to run those trains after a safety briefing for those of you who cannot bring equipment. Don't let that stop you from attending.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

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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.

If interested or have questions, contact:

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

For Sale

Andy Clerici's 4-2-0 Essex

April 19, 2019



This lovely locomotive has a new lead truck and new tender bearing. And a second safety valve I installed to comply with many club's regulation.



This locomotive has been converted to run on propane and runs smoothly. As shown, this comes with a riding/auxiliary water car.

Asking price is \$7,500.

If interested or have questions, contact:

Dave Bradas
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(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 rails 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.
or email: postwarbob@sbcglobal.net

**DON'T LET THE TRAIN LEAVE THE STATION
WITHOUT YOU!**