



The Call Boy

Silicon Valley Dynamometer



Member Mike Gershowitz has applied the latest technology to live steam thru the use of this running board mounted “data logger”. The shiny attachment on the piston cross head measures “stroke” by transferring travel thru the use of a belt running up to the large wheel/data logger. Pressure sensors are attached to the cylinder cock outlets. Stroke and cylinder pressure equalization can be determined thru the use of this device, and when mounted on the other side of the engine, left and right equalization can be observed. All this data is captured on a “thumb drive” and transferred to Mike’s computer. Displaying this data in the form of an Excel file will display a “wave” format. This is all well and good but will the “equalized” engine be able to pull anything? It was suggested that a “Strain Gauge” be added to this project to show “drawbar pull”.

Event Calendar

November

11/08/15 GGLS Member Meeting
11/08/15 GGLS Board Meeting

December

12/13/15 GGLS Member Meeting
12/13/15 Year End Meeting
12/13/15 Annual Election

January

1/01/16 New Years Day Chili Run
1/10/16 GGLS Member Meeting
1/10/16 GGLS Board Meeting
1/??/16 Saturday Tree Pruning

February

2/14/16 GGLS Member Meeting
2/14/16 GGLS Board meeting

March

3/13/16 GGLS Member Meeting
3/13/16 GGLS Board Meeting

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



Announcements

Tree Pruning

Grounds chairman Andy Weber announced that we will do the two-year pruning cycle on a Saturday in January after all the leaves have fallen from the trees. Stay tuned for an announcement in the Callboy or an email broadcast to the members.

More information can be obtained from Andy Weber (andy@atweber.com).

New Year's Chili Run

Sheldon Yee reminded everyone that the Annual Chili Run on January 1, 2016 is drawing near and everyone is invited to come and share in the festivities. We have volunteers bring in their favorite Chili recipes or you can use the GGLS house recipe that can be found on our web site. Other items such as corn bread, salad or dessert are welcome and adds to the holiday spirit. More information will be forth coming as January 1 approaches.

Membership Renewal for 2016

This issue will include a renewal application form. There is a \$10 off discount if you renew by December 31! This to encourage members to renew early. Dragging it out adds headaches to the membership chairman & the treasurer.

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

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www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on October 11, 2015 at 10:03 am by President Jim Dameron with a small attendance of 25+ members.

New Members and Guests:

Steve Thunen and his teenage son Kaya are eager to join the club because Kaya loves trains and has chosen a class project to learn how to operate and maintain a steam locomotive. This is a perfect fit for him to learn how to run the Public Train!

Please welcome Kaya & Steve if you happen to see them and hope we see you on Sunday operating the Public Train real soon.

Steam-related Activities:



Bruce Anderson attended the 41st Annual Northwest Steam Society, Sacramento Delta Steamboat Meet during the end of September. It was a beautiful fall day and about eight steam launches were sailing. This being one of the oldest steamboat clubs in the United States.

The Steam Launch REWARD is powered by a two cylinder, 2 ½" bore x 3" stroke steam engine using eucalyptus as fuel for its BTU output.

Several other steamboats attended including a thirty foot paddle wheeler from Washington state and a launch powered by a Steeple Compound engine. (two pistons in tandem on a common piston rod shown above-- a new configuration to Bruce at least.)

They had a picnic a few miles up the delta and enjoyed each others company and shared stories.



Three weeks ago, Walt Oellerich went to the Central Oregon Live Steamers at Bend, Oregon. He encountered a very friendly group who allowed him to run his electric behind a Yellowstone 2-8-8-4, getting great pictures as it was hauling passengers. His trip also included a visit to the Great Northern & Cascade (www.gncrailway.org) before coming back to help with the Fall Meet.

President Jim Dameron is involved with repairing an American Flyer locomotive with all four wires to the motor were pulled out. His son googled instructions on how to repair it.

Committee Reports:



Fall Meet chairman Rick Reaves gave a terse report that **"people came, ran the locomotives, had lunch and left for home!"** This was an oversimplification but it did seem that there was a festive atmosphere and everyone had a good time.

There was a small problem with oil on the rails which caused some traction problems. The public enjoyed looking at Stan James' models that were to be auctioned off on Sunday. Thank you Rick and your committee for a job well done and remember what you did for the next meet!

Building chairman Rich Lundberg has been prepping and painting the club house and Shattock barn before the approach of winter. He would appreciate any help.

High Track chairman Jeremy Coombes wanted to thank Bob Morris for doing some track alignment and removing some of the dips & high spots on the High Track.



Walt Oellerich is happy with the condition and operation of the Public Train but wants to encourage everyone to come out & help the Public Train staff whenever possible. It gets tiring when you don't get a break after several hours of operation.

Rick Zobelein has replaced the horns on one of the diesels.

Pat Young, responsible for the club web page, CallBoy newsletter, GGLS Builder's Group and Auction Chairman gave the follow report:

Web Page: He has received notification that Norton Utilities is return a 'false-positive' on our web site saying that we are an untrustworthy site. This is not a concern since Norton does have a habit of doing this but if anyone has a similar problem, please contact him (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Builders Group: He and others apparently haven't had too much time to put anything into the group. Pat plans to write an article for Live Steam about the conversion of a narrow gauge truck to standard gauge and would like the Builders Group to critique it.

Silent Auction



The following was provided on the Stan James Silent Auction that happened on the last day of the Fall Meet on October 4: "There were 20 bidders that signed up. All had a good time as they wheeled & dealt on auction day hoping for that once-in-the-lifetime bargain. It went along pretty well but there were some small glitches that cropped up but didn't seem to affect the festive atmosphere.

Except for the remote control motor launch and the blue 2-4-0 Petrolea locomotive, all items up for bid were sold.

He wanted to thank our departed member, Stan James, who we all miss, the eager bidders, the unseen helpers and especially those individuals who made the auction the success that it was:

Charlie Reiter and Bern Holman who picked up the items from Stan James' house in San Francisco, which is no mean feat considering the poor parking there, and Charlie for the informative & detailed description of each item and storing the items at his home while remodeling.

Andy Weber for taking over the storage of the individual items at this home and bringing the items back and forth to the club since many of the items were so heavy.

Bob Morris for first providing his professional opinion on the worth of each auction item and stepping in and with his booming voice was instrumental in helping conduct the auction in a civilized and orderly fashion. Through his patience & guidance, the auction was completed in 90 minutes and there may be a new career path for Bob!"

Officer's Report:

Secretary: None

Treasurer John Lisherness indicated that it was a quiet month as the expenses seemed to match the income.

Old Business:



Bob Cohen, a member on the election committee, gave the slate for the election of Board members for 2016 as follows:

President:	Jim Dameron
Vice President:	Andy Weber, Rich Reaves
Secretary:	Chris Smith
Ombudsman:	Bob Cohen
Safety Chairman:	Michael Smith, Jerry Kimberlin

Although there is at least one candidate for each position, they encouraged all eligible members, willing to run, to contact them (kennethblonski@gmail.com) Bob also wants to stress that everyone has the opportunity to run for a position up to election day at the December meeting.

New Business:

None.

Board Meeting Minutes

The October 11, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:10 am with Board members Jim Dameron, Rich Lundberg, John Lisherness, Andy Weber & Pat Young with Roy Motz & Rick Zobelein attending.

Old Business:

Some time ago, the Board considered looking into replacing the metal folding chairs with a padded variety. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board should look into getting seat cushions or pillows for people to sit on.

Roy Motz's donation of a chain hoist is being installed in the Shattock Barn. Thanks Roy!

The Worthington duplex pump that was by the side of the parking lot has been donated to the Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad.

New Business:

During the Fall Meet, it was suggested that the two trains hauling the Public could have used additional riding cars. The only obstacle to purchasing more passenger riding cars is where to store them. Further investigation will have to be done before buying them.

The Board received "Best Offer" proposals for the unsold auction items and have decided to accept the following: Dale Furseth's best offer for the RC motor launch and Jeremy Coombes' best offer for the Petrolea locomotive.

Steaming Bay Activities (or what you miss on Sundays)



New Member Evan Quinta's CliShay

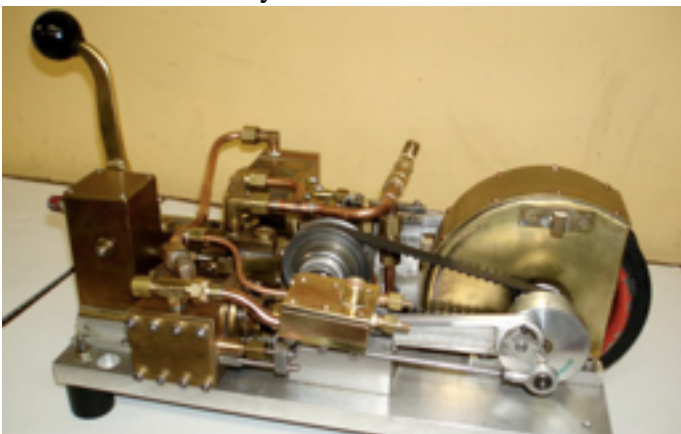
Evan started this project in January, 2014, based on a CliShay book purchased thru the internet. Based on experience gained in the classroom and dedicated help from grandpa, on the left, he is at

the track for the engine's maiden run. Father John is looking forward to getting a ride on his son's completed project!

As noted above, a Sunday visit to the track can prove to be a worthwhile trip to observe members and their projects, help at Tilden Station, and get to run the Public Train! If the weather permits, a family "get away" picnic at the track could be in order. What are you waiting for???

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Charlie Reiter - Steam Trike Engine - Experimental to builder's own design.



A new milestone for the International Brotherhood of Live Steamers has been reached today. The 500th article has been posted on the IBLS Wiki. Some of the articles are long, some are short, but they are all interesting and informative. The following list of

categories gives you an idea of what you can find on the Wiki.

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One of our long-time members in GGLS, Andy Clerici of Napa, California, passed away on September 28th at 83 years.

Andy is nationally known for his live steam locomotives that he designed and built for 7.5 inch gauge. His C&O Allegheny (2-6-6-6), the most powerful steam locomotive ever built in the US, is now on display at the C&O Historical Society in Clifton Forge, West Virginia. His SP Mogul (2-6-0) is on display at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. He wrote numerous articles on building live steam locomotives and was featured several times on the cover of Live Steam Magazine. His locomotives are known for their detail as well as for their operability.

In addition to live steam locomotives, he designed and built diesel and electric locomotives for 7.5 inch gauge. The diesel locomotives were powered by small gasoline engines. Overall he built twelve locomotives. He was a member of the Golden Gate Live Steamers.
Ken Shattock

From Louise Clerici

To all GoldenGate Live Steamers
Our son, Carl, and I want to thank all of
you for the sympathy card and your heartfelt
condolences. To the very end Andy's love
of trains endured in his memory.

Sincerely,

Louise Clerici



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RULES
of the
month



2011 Safety & Operations manual

November 2015

Section 3 - Operating Procedures

3.01 Duties of the Engineer - *The Engineer shall be responsible for the safe operation of their train. Engineer shall have the final authority as to who may ride on their train. No engineer under the age of 18 may pull the public. No one shall operate equipment while under the influence of any substance that adversely affects their ability to safely operate that equipment. -*

3.06 Separation of Trains - *A train following another on the main line shall maintain, as a **minimum**, a separation equal to its own stopping distance. -*

Section 6 - Safety Committee

6.04 Blue Tags - *Equipment that is taken out of service shall be blue tagged. Equipment must not be coupled to, nor moved when blue tagged except by the person placing the tag. -*

For Sale
Key System Bridge Unit
August 11, 2015



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.

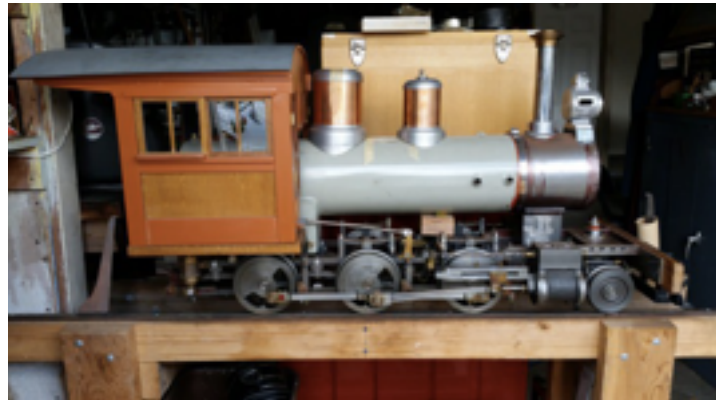


They measure around 14' but break down easily for transport. Included are 2 all steel stands for home storage. They operate on (4) 12-volt batteries which I just replaced. Plus (2) 6-volt batteries which are still good. Also included are 3 battery chargers. The 12-volt chargers do 2 batteries at once. 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 is \$12,500

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

For Sale
Fitchburg Northern 2-6-0 Locomotive
August 10, 2015



2.5" scale Allen Models 2-6-0 Fitchburg Northern with Ed Perry Boiler. Tender frame only, with trucks. Full set of prints
\$5,000

Contact Cathrine Dyer at 650-349-9500