



Long Time Andy Clerici passed away at age 85

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Rules of the Month

By Dan Swanson

**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. -*

Announcements



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).



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.

Officers

President:	Jim Dameron	209-835-0263
Vice President:	Andy Weber	510-523-0628
Secretary:	Pat Young	408-253-1206
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-528-3013
Safety:	Michael Smith	650-615-0475
Ombudsman:	Ken Blonski	510-260-0309

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 Sponsored Events

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

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:

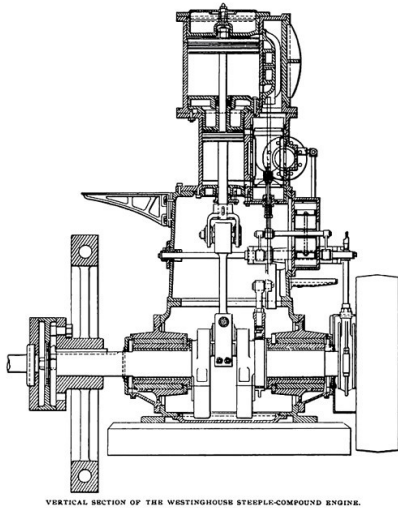
Steve Thunen and his teenage son Kaya are eager to join the club because Kaya loves trains and has chosen a class project to learn how to operate and maintain a steam locomotive which is a perfect fit for him to learn how to operate the Public Train! Please welcome Kaya & Steve if you happen to see him 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 in the end of September. It was a beautiful fall day and about eight steam launches were sailing at one of the oldest steamboat meets of the United States.

The Steam Launch REWARD is powered by a two cylinder with a 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 stories. It was a wonderful day.



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

President Jim Dameron is involved with repairing an American Flyer locomotive where all four wires to the motor were pulled out. His son googled how to repair it and is ready to get it running.

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 again 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 but the public did seem to enjoy 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 painting the club house and Shattock barn in preparation for the raining season coming soon. He would appreciate any help in painting

High Track chairman Jeremy Coombes wanted to thank Bob Morris for doing some track alignment to remove 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 the diesels with new ones.

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).

CallBoy: This issue will include a renewal application form and has a \$10 off discount if you renew by December 31 to encourage members to get it done early. Dragging it out adds headaches to the membership chairman & the treasurer.

Builders Group: He and others apparently haven't had too much time to put anything into the group but he plans to write an article for Live Steam about the conversion of a narrow gauge truck to standard gauge and wants the Builders Group members 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 and apparently all had a good time as they wheeled & dealt on auction day looking for that once-in-the-lifetime bargain at the Stan James Silent Auction. It went along pretty well but there were some small glitches that cropped up but didn't seem to affect the festive atmosphere.

All in all, it went well and there were no major fights or arguments which is a good measure on how it went. Except for the remote control motor launch boat and the blue 2-4-0 Petrolea locomotive, all items up for bid were sold.

He wanted to thank our long time friend Stan James who we will all miss, the eager bidders, the unseen helpers and especially the following 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 where the expenses seeming to match the income which is a good place to be.

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) and wants to stress that everyone has the opportunity to run for a position all the way up to election day on 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 current metal folding chairs with something new and John Lisherness volunteered to look into this further. After much effort, it has been decided that the Board should look into getting some seat cushions or pillows for people to sit on.

Roy Motz donation of a chain hoist is being installed in the Shattock Barn and the Board wants to thank Roy for it.

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

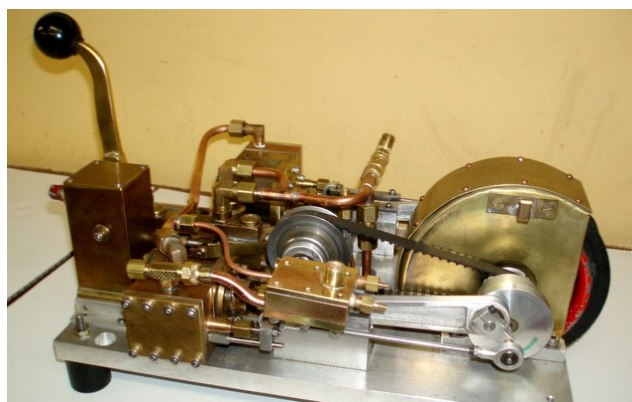
New Business:

At the Fall Meet, there was an observation that the two trains hauling the Public could have each used two more riding cars. The only obstacle to purchasing more passenger riding cars is where to store them and further investigation will have to be done before buying them.

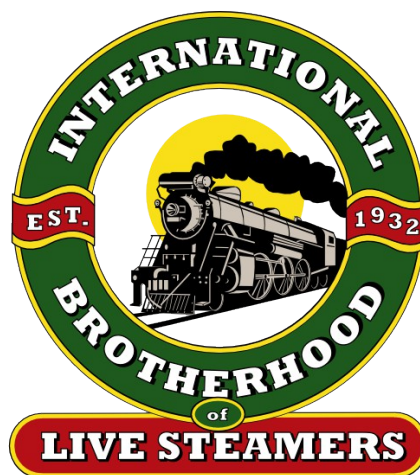
The Board received the Best Offer proposals from the membership and have decided to accept the following proposal: Dale Furseth's best offer for the RC motor launch boat and Jeremy Coombes' best offer for the Petrolea locomotive.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



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



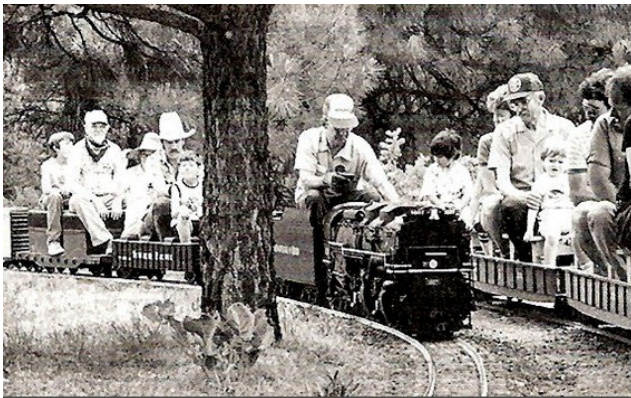
A new milestone for the International Brotherhood of Live Steamers has been reached today. The 500th article has been posted on the IBLS Wiki. Some of the articles are long, some are short, but they are all interesting and informative. The following list of categories gives you an idea of what you can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

IBLS Secretaries
People
History
Beginners
Standards
Definitions
Clubs
Tracks
Suppliers
Construction
Maintenance

Operations
Right of Way
Safety
Books
Catalogs
Periodicals
Steam Locomotive Parts
Diesel Locomotive Parts
Railroad Car Parts

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Memories of Andy Clerici



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

Loving husband, father, and master live steam locomotive craftsman, Andrea J. "Andy" Clerici, Jr, passed away on September 28, 2015 at the age of 83. He is survived by his wife of fifty years, Louise and his stepson, Carl Galopin. He is also survived by his sister Diane Lawley-Jonas (Don); his sister-in-law Alberta; his nephews Don (Maureen); David (Barbara); Rick (Tess); Michael (Lisa); as well as other family members. He was predeceased by his brother Relio "Ray" and his stepson Claude Galopin.

Born and raised in Napa, he was the son of Andrea J. and Aurora V. Clerici. He graduated from Napa Senior High School and later was a Korean War veteran – having served in the US Army as a mechanic. He worked as an automobile mechanic at the Studebaker dealership in Napa. Later he worked thirty years as a mechanic at the Veterans' Home in Yountville.

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. He 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. During his lifetime Andy and Louise visited many live steam railroads throughout the US.

Ken Shattock
IBLS

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



Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2016.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2015	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2016	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2016, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to “**GGLS**” and send them to the following address:

John Lisherness
801 Contra Costa Dr.
El Cerrito, CA 94530

If you want a membership card, please include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope.

If payment is not received by March 31, 2016, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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