



*Brian Parry's buddy, Gil the gorilla, is ready to hit the road during the Fall Meet!*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## Officers

President:	Rick Reaves	510-479-3386
Vice President:	Andy Rogers	510-332-0401
Secretary:	Rich Croll	510-276-3893
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-647-8443
Safety:	Jerry Kimberlin	510-232-6721
Ombudsman:	Bob Cohen	510-655-6907

## GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness  
To Be Determined  
Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)

## GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building:	Rick Reaves
CallBoy Editors:	Pat Young
Engine:	Mark Johnson
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Sammy Tamez
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
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

## 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 [railroc66@yahoo.com](mailto: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 at [phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)

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

## Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

11/10/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
12/08/19 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting

### Announcements

The next Steam Engine Class will be held over four Saturday mornings, starting at 10 AM, January 11, January 25, February 8 and February 22nd, conducted by Vladimir Kovalevsky & Andy Rogers. Please contact them to let them know if you're interested so that they can plan. It was noted this is a required class before anyone is allowed to operate the club's engines. It was also noted that the January 25th class may need to be moved (more info soon about that particular date).

## Membership Renewal *Annual Dues*

The 'Board has agreed to discount the 2020 membership renewal dues for members who pay before January 1, 2020. The membership renewal form is in this issue of the CallBoy and if you want to pay early, please give or send a check to Lisa Kimberlin as instructed in the renewal form

### Minutes of General Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by President Rick Reeves at 10 AM. Andy Rogers was acting as Secretary. There were 30+ members present.

Guests were Don Fisher and his son Spencer.



Ken Blonski re-introduced his wife Louise.

### Steaming/railroading activities

Paul Denham and his friends thanked people for running trains at the Celebration of Life on October 12, 2019. Apples were crushed by steam in the process of making apple juice.

Paul has a 12 volt air compressor from a Jaguar; let him know if you're interested.

*If you want to reserve the club for activities like this, please contact the web site person Pat Young ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)) for availability.*

### Officer Reports

**President:** Rick is back from his injury.

**Treasurer:** John Lisherness reported on the finances for the prior month and about the club's reserve fund. Anyone wishing further information should contact him.



**Ombudsman:** The candidates for next year's Board Officers has been announced. Currently Bob Cohen has the following people running:

*Rick Reeves for President*

*John Sargent for Vice President*

*Rich Croll for Secretary*

*Bob Cohen for Member at Large*

*Jerry Kimberlin for Safety*

The role of Ombudsman, no longer a Board office, is looking for a replacement.

**Security:** The club house replacement lock has arrived and we are waiting on having it reprogrammed, which may be finished this week. We plan to use the same combinations people previously had and if you can't remember your combination, see John Sargent.

AT&T has apparently pulled a permit to run the fiber optic cable.

Dave Weaver is the new Tilden Park Manager and he took a tour of our club facilities.

There have been some cars broken into when people have left valuables visible, so please don't be a victim.

### Committee Reports

**Grounds:** Two cubic yards of ballast material have been delivered and Jo Ann Miller continues her good work on planting. Winter club operations protocol will begin soon.



**Roundhouse:** A reminder to Roundhouse leasers to log the date of when you're running so it can be verified that the Roundhouse stalls are being used properly.

**Ground Track:** Our new address is still in progress, where Orinda had a small delay, but is still working on this.

**High Track:** Repairs are completed.

**Locomotives:** RGS #22 is operational after some problems were fixed. RGS #20 has a knock on the right side and is under repair.

The Sacramento Live Steamers completed their purchase of the Johnson Pacific. Rory is monitoring the gas engines.

The 4760 Diesel has had its batteries serviced by John Davis who looks for some assistance with additional service, so volunteer if you can.

**Public Train:** Thanks to the volunteers at the Fall Meet.

**Membership:** New badges for lifetime members have been made.

**CallBoy:** The November CallBoy will be probably be the largest to date due to the inclusion of a Fall Meet Report by Pat Young & Bruce Anderson.

**GGLS Web Site:** For those who care, the latest approved version of the club Bylaws has been uploaded to our web site.

**GGLS Builders Group:** Last month, GGLS Builders Group moderator Pat Young uploaded an article from Bruce Anderson, describing the fixes that was done to Harley, his 0-4-0T locomotive, to get it to pretty much operational status.

### Minutes of the Board Meeting

The Meeting was called to order by President Rick Reeves at 11:02 AM as Andy Rogers was acting as Secretary for the absent Richard Croll.

**Firewood Storage Shed:** A request was made to erect a 4' x 8' storage space for firewood. The Board smiled on this proposal.

**Trust Fund:** A discussion was held about the club's Trust Fund and the Trustees members that oversee & manage this fund.

It was noted that a Board resolution is required for Schwab to change names on the account. Treasurer John Lisherness will look into creating such a resolution for the Board to approve at its next meeting. It was noted the Membership needs to vote on adding a third person to the committee, and it was further noted that Ken Blonski has volunteered for that position.

**Turn Table:** A steel ring for support under the roundhouse turntable has been ordered.

**Black Diamond Storage Space:** There was discussion about swapping storage space in Black Diamond for Roundhouse to accommodate a disability. The Board smiled on this proposal, and it was noted that there will soon be a space available to the next person on the Round House waiting list.

**Ombudsman Position:** There was a discussion about the Ombudsman position. Details forthcoming.

### Bits and Pieces

By Sheldon Yee



Michael Smith – Two (2) samples of super deluxe stainless steel rods that are extremely resistant to corrosion.



John Lisherness – Exterior boost pump for attachment to human heart.

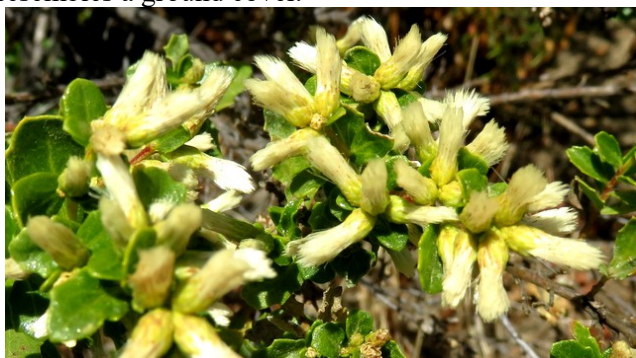


Jerry Kimberlin – For the RGS #22 lost wax casting “tree” of small parts on the left and a set of cast number plates for the GGLS Club engine on the right.

## **GGLS LANDSCAPE**

By Jo Ann Miller

*Baccharis pilularis*, commonly known as Coyote Brush or Coyote Bush, is a native, perennial, evergreen shrub. The upright subspecies can grow up to 12 feet in height, but is more often in the 4 to 6 foot range. It can be found in many places in the GGLS landscape. There is also another subspecies that more closely resembles a ground cover.



Coyote Brush develops a deep strong root system, which contributes to its drought resistance. It can tolerate a wide variety of soil types, but does require full sun. It is not very palatable to wildlife, and hence is spared by the deer around the club. Coyote Brush tolerates pruning well. I have noticed that branches have sometimes broken because they were unable to support their own weight, so pruning may help maintain shapely, healthy plants.



Coyote brush has male and female plants. Male plants have staminate flowers, with pollen, and female plants have pistillate flowers, which, when pollinated, develop into seeds with a lot of fluff. The male flowers are soft yellow turning to brown with age. The female flowers are creamy white and resemble little paint brushes. The flowering period can range from July to December. Some of the shrubs at the club are just starting to flower. These photos were taken on a recent hike on the SF Peninsula. Seed is produced from late fall to early spring. Because of the large number of seeds produced, and the ease of germination of seed in many soil types, Coyote Brush can become invasive in some areas. If the goal is to have just a few ornamental shrubs, the best way to manage this is by selection of all male shrubs.

As you walk around the club grounds, see if you can find both male and female Coyote Brush shrubs.

## **2019 Fall Meet Report**

By Pat Young & Bruce Anderson

For the printed version of the CallBoy, this report is abbreviated to fit in the 8 page maximum allowed. For those interested in the full version of the 2019 Fall Meet Report, please download the online version.

### **Saturday, September 21, 2019**

The 2019 Fall Meet on Saturday September 21, 2019 had a fair number of live steamers, past & present GGLS members and friends in attendance. And by their faces, a good time was had by most.

I haven't done a Meet report in several years, hoping someone else would do one, but I am back for this meet.

Special thanks to those who displayed their equipment, Bob Morris, Walt Oellerich and those many who volunteered.





In the steaming yard, I saw this hopper car. I think that it would roll better the other way, but maybe the owner bought the car from “down under”.



John Lisherness also sent this photograph of this miniature supercharge race engine built by BAEM member John Gilmore.



On Saturday, Channing Cheng (Sales Director) of Accucraft had set up a small table to introduce himself & some of the Accucraft products at the Fall Meet.



Members of the Bay Area Engine Modelers prepare their wonderful models for display.

### Sunday, September 22, 2019

I usually attend the Open House on Sunday when the club grounds is open to the Public to visit. There are displays set up from the Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM) along with free train rides around the club. Unfortunately, I was not able to attend that day but a few members did send me photographs of the activities for that day.



And the crowds arrive!



From John Lisherness, BAEM Paul Denham demonstrated his water wheel to the delight of some young visitors to the Open House.





Train driver Rob Vastino brings the Public Train out of the Tilden Station. His son Rory is one of Walt's station agents.



The logging train is pulling into Mel's hand powered saw mill station while some GGLS members took photos.



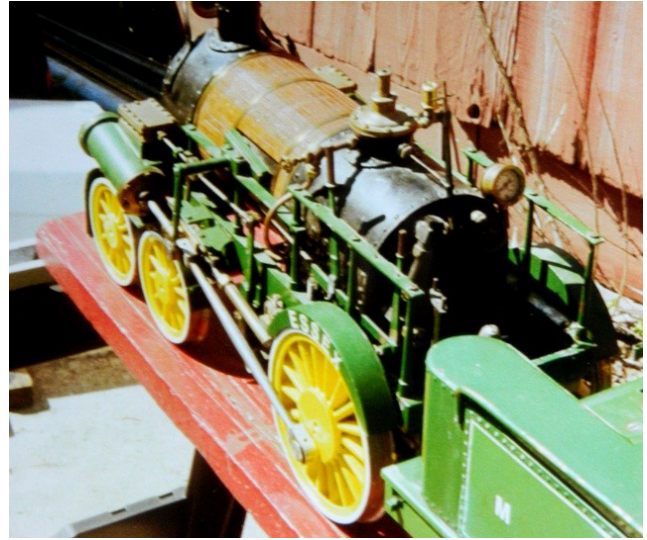
Wallace & Grommet, of the Bay Area Engine Modeler's says:

**"Time to see you at the 2020 Spring Meet"**

### **For Sale**

Andy Clerici's 4-2-0 Essex

October 10, 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 now lowered to \$7,000.

If interested or have questions, contact:

Dave Bradas

[dabradas@yahoo.com](mailto:dabradas@yahoo.com)

(707) 252-7390



## Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2020.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed <b>on or before December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 40</b>
If renewed on or after January 1, 2020	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2020, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed <b>on or before December 31, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 50</b>
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

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

Lisa Kimberlin  
324 Nevada Avenue  
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

***If payment is not received by March 31, 2020, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.***

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