



# *The Call Boy*

## Jerry Kimberlin's New "Ride"



Jerry is a regular with presentations for "Bits & Pieces". Here you see his recently completed Shay, ready for its first run. If he needs any help, there are always members around who are willing to give plenty of free advice! "This Shay was started in late July 2008 with the delivery of a casting set from Ken Schroeder. The engine, trucks, and chassis were completed in January 2009 and then the parts were put away until the Summer of 2014. Then a boiler was built for it by C.J., at my request, and the locomotive was completed around April of 2015. I still need decals of a "Pick-Ring" logo for the sides of the oil tank and a better front number plate, but these things take time as you can see". (Jerry)

### Event Calendar

#### October

10/03/15 GGLS Fall Meet  
10/04/15 GGLS Open House  
10/11/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
10/11/15 GGLS Board Meeting  
10/16-18/15 Sacto Fall Meet  
10/25-26/15 PV&ARR Meet

#### November

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

#### December

12/13/15 GGLS Member Meeting  
12/13/15 Annual Elections  
12/13/15 GGLS Board Meeting

#### January

1/01/16 New Year's Chili Run  
1/10/16 GGLS Member Meeting  
1/10/16 GGLS Board Meeting

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## Membership

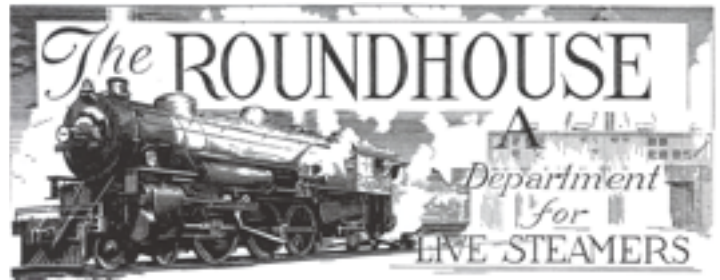
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## Call Boy

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



## *Announcements*

### Portola Valley & Alpine Railroad Meet



The Portola Valley & Alpine Invitational has invited GGLS members to their October Meet on 24th, 25th.

In order to accurately gauge how much food to purchase, they were wondering how many members plan to attend their meet. The headcount at the meeting was less than five, so that is what we will report to them.

If you plan to attend, it is situated at a very scenic location in Portola Valley, California just north of San Jose on private property. Directions can be obtained from Pat Young at [phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com).

This is the second year of a two-year cycle whereby the club needs to trim back the tree branches around the club house and turntable. There will be a Saturday work schedule in the near future for members to come up with their pruning poles, loppers & shears to do the trimming. More information can be obtained from Andy Weber ([andy@atweber.com](mailto:andy@atweber.com)).

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

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Berkeley, CA, 94708  
510-486-0623  
[www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org)

### Club Meeting Minutes

The Club meeting was called to order on September 13, 2015 at 10:01 am by President Jim Dameron with an average attendance of 30+ members looking forward to enjoying the Swap Meet and hungry for the Recognition Lunch.

### New Members and Guests:

No visitors or new members.

### Steam-related Activities:



For those members with young kids, grand kids or great grand kids, the Zombie Train is coming to three Northern California locations this fall. It will be at Sacramento, Modesto & Mendocino this year and has been completely re-imagined.

They have hung up their laser guns, expanded the number of locations, and brought in something everyone has been asking for: more zombies!

More information can be found on their web site at [www.zombietrain.com](http://www.zombietrain.com).

### Committee Reports:

## Club Elections! 2016



Ombudsman Ken Blonski gave a status report on election nominations for 2016. The positions open for election are: president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Ombudsman and Safety chairman. Ken wants to stress that everyone has the opportunity to serve in any position. Nominations are open up until the December Meeting. Although there is at least one candidate for each office, Ken has encouraged all interested & eligible members to contact him by email at [kennethblonski@gmail.com](mailto:kennethblonski@gmail.com).

## GGLS Fall Meet



October Fall Meet chairman Rick Reaves has everything ready. He would like to have two Public Trains running during the Open House (Sunday). If you can help out with running the second Public Train, please contact Rick ([rmreaves@pacbell.net](mailto:rmreaves@pacbell.net)).

Safety Chairman Michael Smith wanted to remind all members that boiler testing, during the meet, will be limited to out-of-town live steamers. If you are local and need a boiler test, please do it before the Meet.

Round House Chairman Michael Smith reminds all round house renters that they are required to run at least 4 times per year to keep their stalls and to log those runs on the run list posted on the bulletin board in the club house.

Building Chairman Rich Lundberg wanted to thank Rick Reaves and Andy Weber for pressure washing the clubhouse walls in preparation for painting.



John Smith is repainting the kitchen while Mel McDonough is scraping off 40 years of accumulated grease & grime from the kitchen walls. John has also removed the old cabinet doors and made new replacements.





Grounds Chairman Andy Weber continues doing routine maintenance and stressed that, with the drought, there is an extreme fire hazard, especially with solid fuel burning locomotives. Please be aware of your firebox/ash pan, when running, and use the hoses set out by the track if you drop or see any embers.

Ground track member Jim Dameron reminded everyone that switch points do get clogged up with debris and small stones. Just clear them out with a stick or screwdriver to get them working again. But if the switch still doesn't work, then please inform the Ground Track team or write a note on the track map diagram in the club house.

The Public Train crew has done an incredible job of giving rides each Sunday and generating revenue for the Club's Treasury. We have had at least four weeks of outstanding donations. They still need additional help each Sunday due to the large number of riders and longer running hours, so if you can donate an hour or more, please do so.



The RGS #22's steam cylinder packing glands came loose due to pulled threads. Rick Reaves was able to

make repairs and get the engine back into operation. Thanks Rick for the quick work!

John Lisherness spoke about the operational condition of the Hunter Atlantic. He had to replace most of the turret valves, deal with a potential injector problem, and a brake system that doesn't work. The Heinz Atlantic could have its boiler mounted but the valve gear needs a total rebuild. Finally, the Pacific's new cradle extension casting needs to be machined and John is hoping to see if the Pacific could be made to run on propane.



New high track rolling stock chairman.

### **Officer's Report:**

A proposal was presented to the membership, and to the Board, by Secretary Pat Young. This, to address the problem of members not paying their renewal dues by the end of the year. The pros and cons were discussed with the membership and the result may be found in the Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer John Lisherness reported that treasury funds have increased significantly due to the increased ridership of the Public Train. More information can be obtained from John if interested.

### **Old Business:**

After discussing the problem with the Meyer family, who generously offered to donate a sound system for the Tilden Station, the club has chosen to utilize low-voltage wiring to power the speakers from the club house. Conduit sizing and installation is now under review.

## **New Business:**



Rich Lundberg made a presentation regarding the focus of the club as shifting from "model building" to being a "Public Train" club. If the membership is no longer building engines, is the track being used to its full potential? Based on the attendance log book & round house run sheet it appears not! Rich wants all members to think about what was said and what direction(s) the club should take in the future.

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

The September 13, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:12 am with Board members Ken Blonski, Rich Lundberg, John Lisherness, Michael Smith, Andy Weber & Pat Young with John Lytle, Roy Motz & Rick Zobelein attending.

## **Old Business:**

The Board discussed the perennial problem of members not paying their membership renewals by December 31 as specified in the club Bylaws. This causes additional book keeping to keep track of those late paying members.

As an experiment, the Board voted & passed a proposal to provide a \$10 discount off of the yearly membership renewal, as an incentive, to everyone who renews by December 31. Those renewing after that date will pay the regular amount and those paying after March 31 will have to pay an additional initiation fee as stated in the current Bylaws. This is now in effect and if successful, it will be utilized in following years.

The results of Steve Vitkovits' Planning Committee (presented at last month's Board meeting) were discussed. The Board is now evaluating how, when

& what recommendations to effectively implement in addressing issues plaguing the club. Further details will be forthcoming at future Board meetings.

Some time ago, the Board looked into replacing the current metal folding chairs, with a padded variety at the request of John Lisherness. Nothing suitable has been found.

## **New Business:**

The club wishes to donate the Worthington steam duplex pump, sitting in the parking lot, to a worthy organization that could use it.

The club oxy-acetylene rig is not being used and the Board has decided to sell it through the CallBoy.

## **Bits and Pieces**



Wyatt Thomas shows two HO scale freight cars that he is working on. He finds that it's too expensive to buy kits or ready-to-run cars. Awesome job, Wyatt.



Charlie Reiter is showing the axle, to Sheldon Yee, that he salvaged from a tricycle he scavenged from a Burning Man event in the desert. He plans to use it to construct his steam tricycle.





## RULES of the month



2011 Safety & Operations manual

October 2015

### Section 2 - Equipment

#### 2.06 Water Pumps and Injectors

*All steam locomotives shall have at least two devices for putting water into the boiler. At least one of these devices shall be operable when the locomotive is not in motion.*

**2.18 Fluids Discharge** *Any overflow or discharge of steam, water or oil, from the engine or other equipment shall be directed away from people and such that it is not deposited on the rails or seating.*

### Section 4 - Passenger Transport

#### 4.02 Conduct of Passengers

*Passengers shall remain on the train unless otherwise directed. Engineers and brakeman are responsible for orderly passenger conduct. That train crew shall inform the passengers that:*

- 1. Feet and hands must be within the limits of the car.*
- 2. Every passenger must be seated facing forward*
- 3. Photography while train is in motion is prohibited .*

# Silent Auction



*The bidding for the Stan James estate items has begun and the here are the items that have bids on them. Remember that the auction is ending October 4!*



Date	Bidder Number	Amount
08/21/2015	#1	\$1,000



Date	Bidder Number	Amount
08/31/2015	8	\$1,500

The following items do not yet have any bids on them:

2-4-0 Petrolea with tender:	Opening bid: \$2,500
Kozo Heisler:	Opening bid: \$2,500
0-4-0 Porter with tender:	Opening bid: \$2,000
2-4-4 Forney	Opening bid: \$1,500
4-cylinder IC engine	Opening bid: \$ 200
Remote Control Motor Boat	Opening bid: \$ 100

These are wonderful models built by a skilled craftsman and a document with a the auction rules, full description of each item and its current bid can be found on our web site at [www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org).

The auction is ending on October 4 on the last day of the Fall Meet, so if you are interested in participating, please contact Pat Young, auction chairman at:

Pat Young ([pty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:pty95014@yahoo.com))  
 (408) 838-0190 (cell)  
 10349 Glencoe Drive,  
 Cupertino, California 95014

### **Two Stirling Engines**

By Glen Christoffersen



The attached photo show two Stirling engines built to the plans of Jerry Groves, published in the Mar/Apr 2012 issue of Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading. I built the red and black engine, my friend and mentor, Ken Brunskill of Fremont, California built the green engine.

We were careful to maintain the critical dimensions of Jerry's original Stirling design, but we each developed our own cosmetic design of the individual components of the engines. We machined the flywheels from one inch thick pieces of five inch diameter cold rolled steel. The engine bases are made from pieces of black



Date	Bidder Number	Amount
09/01/2015	4	\$1,750



Date	Bidder Number	Amount
08/30/2015	#2	\$305



Date	Bidder Number	Amount
09/13/2015	3	\$1,500



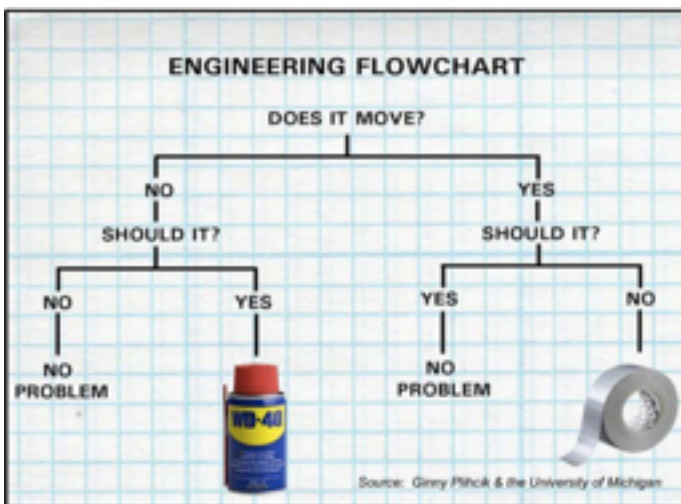
walnut wood provided by my brother Paul Christoffersen in Iowa.

A thin piece of mirror finish stainless steel is fitted under each engine to show off the interesting connecting rod motion when the engine is running. We are pleased that both engines run very well, and we thank Jerry and Live Steam and Outdoor Railroading Magazine for providing these plans!

Glen Christoffersen  
Pleasanton, California

### **Engineering Flowchart**

From the New Jersey Live Steamers Newsletter



### **Photos from Our Membership**



From member Rich Lundberg: The original "lawn mower loco". (and it doesn't even need tracks!) (my cousin's grandson is driving)

### **For Sale**

#### **Club Used oxy-acetylene Rig**

September 23, 2015

Rig consists of the following items:

- 1 hand cart for the cylinders
- 1 oxygen cylinder 80 scf
- 1 acetylene cylinder 55 scf
- 1 twin hose (length unknown)
- 1 Linde torch with one tip (small)
- 2 Harris regulators
- Cylinders are believed full.

Asking price \$150 and pick up is at the club only. If interested, please contact Rich Lundberg at: ([luckylundy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:luckylundy@sbcglobal.net))

### **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.

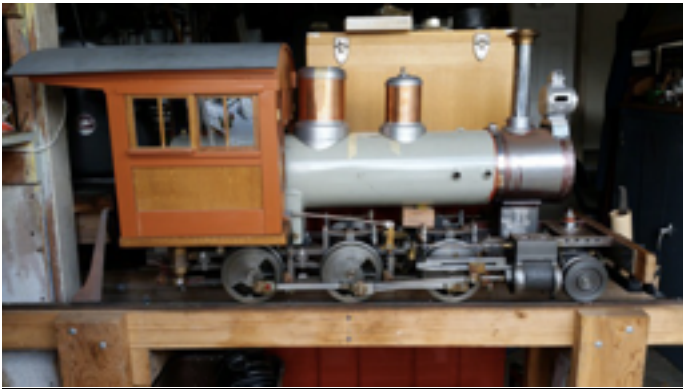
Price is \$13,500

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

### **For Sale**

Two Steve Easlon built 3.75" scale Ore Cars

July 30, 2015



2.5" scale RMI 6" D&RG Griffen with wheels but has no couplers.

\$800 for the pair and will not sell separately. No shipping but will deliver to GGLS.

Contact [marshcreekminingcompany@gmail.com](mailto:marshcreekminingcompany@gmail.com)



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