



*Recognition Lunch members John Smith, Danielle, Luca & George Barros prepared a wonderful lunch for all the GGLS volunteers*

# The CallBoy

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## Rules of the Month

By Dan Swanson

## Announcements

**RULES**  
of the  
month

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2011 Safety & Operations manual

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**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

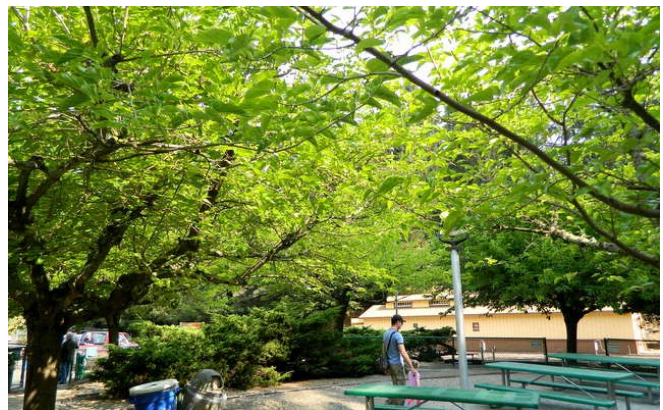
**4.02 Conduct of Passengers**  
*Passengers shall remain on the train unless otherwise directed. Engineers and brakeman are responsible for orderly passenger conduct. That train crew shall inform the passengers that:*

- 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 .*



The Portola Valley & Alpine Invitational has invited GGLS members to their October Meet on 24th, 25th. And 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 5 so that is what we will report to them.

If you plan to attend, it is situated on a very scenic location in Portola Valley, California just north of San Jose on private property and 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 branches of the trees

around the club house and turntable. There will be a Saturday work schedule in the near future to have members come down with their pruning poles, loppers & shears to tackle this problem. More information can be obtained from Andy Weber ([andy@atweber.com](mailto:andy@atweber.com)).

### **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](mailto:phty95014@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 interim Editor.

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

### **Calendar of Club Sponsored Events**

10/03/15 GGLS Fall Meet  
10/04/15 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House  
10/11/15 Meeting

11/08/15 Meeting

12/13/15 Year End Meeting & Elections

### **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 to enjoy the Swap Meet & 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 3 Northern California locations this fall. They 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:



Ombudsman Ken Blonski gave status on election nomination for 2016. The posts up for election are president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, Ombudsman and Safety chairman and he wants to stress that everyone has the opportunity to run at any position all the way up to election day in the December meeting. Although there is at least one candidate for each office, he has encouraged all interested & eligible members to contact him by email at [kennethblonski@gmail.com](mailto:kennethblonski@gmail.com).



October Fall Meet chairman Rick Reaves has everything ready although he would like to have two Public Trains running during the Open House day (October 4) of the Meet. 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 local members that boiler testing will be limited to out-of-town live steamers to lessen boiler testing during the Fall Meet. If you are local and need a boiler test, please do it early.

Round House Chairman Michael Smith wants to remind all round house renters that they need 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 to be valid.

Building Chairman Rich Lundberg wanted to thank Rick Reaves and Andy Weber for pressure washing the

clubhouse walls in preparation for painting. The club wants to thank both of you for the help!

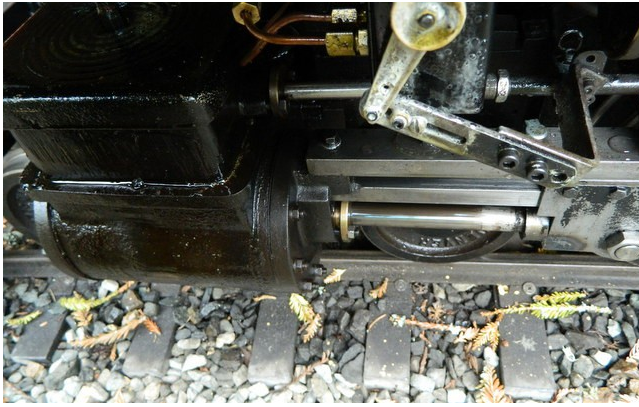


John Smith has taken on the repainting the kitchen with Mel scrapping off 40 years of accumulated grease & grime from the kitchen walls. John has also removed the old cabinet doors for the new replacements.



Grounds Chairman Andy Weber continues with doing routine maintenance and stressed that with the drought there is an extreme fire hazard potential, especially with the coal & wood burning locomotives. Please be aware of your firebox situation 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 dry 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 about the problem.



The Public Train crew has done an incredible job of giving out rides each Sunday and generating revenue for the Club's Treasury. We have had at least 4 weeks of outstanding donations and everyone should help out the Public Train crew whenever possible.

They still need volunteer help each Sunday because of the large number of riders & running longer, so if you can donate an hour or more, please do so.

The RGS #22's steam cylinder packing nuts came apart and Rick Reaves was able to reassembly it and get it back into operation. Thanks Rick for the quick work!

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

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

A proposal was presented to the membership and next to the Board by Secretary Pat Young to try and address the problem of members not paying their membership renewal dues by the end of the year. The pros and cons for the proposal was discussed among the membership and the result is discussed in more detail in the Board Meeting Minutes.

Treasurer John Lisherness reported that the treasury was increased admirably by the awesome work of the Public Train these past several months. He has never seen the treasury at this level at this time and more information can be obtained from John if interested.

### **Old Business:**

After discussing the problem with the Meyer family that generously donated the sound system for the Tilden Station, the club has chosen to utilize low-voltage wiring to power the speakers from the club

house and is now sizing up the conduit to accommodate the number of wires/cables necessary.

### **New Business:**



Rich Lundberg made a presentation explaining that the focus of the club has shifted from being "model building" towards that of "Public Train" club. If the membership is no longer building things he looked at the possibility that perhaps the members are utilizing the track more but the club attendance log book & round house run sheet disputes that. Rich wants all members to think about what was said and what direction(s) the club should take towards 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 yearly membership renewal fee by December 31 as specified in the club Bylaws which causes an additional book keeping headache to keep track of those late members.

As an experiment, the Board voted & passed a proposal to provide a \$10 discount off of the yearly membership renewal fee 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 next year.

The results of Steve Vitkovits' Planning Committee presented during last month's Board meeting were discussed. The Board is now evaluating how, when & what recommendations to effectively implement to



address the issues plaguing the club. Further details will be forthcoming as the Board continues its investigation in the coming months.

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. His hunt for a suitable replacement centered around making sure that whatever was selected did not take up too much room. Nothing suitable has yet been found.

**New Business:**

The club is looking to donate the Worthington steam duplex pump that is sitting by the side of the parking lot to some organization that could use it instead of letting it rust away.

The oxy-acetylene rig inside the engine shed locked cabinet is not being used and the Board has decided to sell it through the CallBoy & our web page.

**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 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



*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





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

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

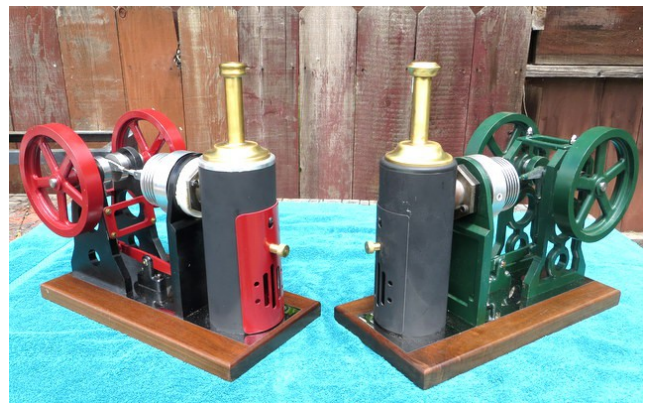
These are wonderful models built by a skilled craftsman and a document with the auction rules, full description of each item and its current bid can be found on our web site at [www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org).

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 ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@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 walnut wood provided by my brother Paul Christoffersen in Iowa.

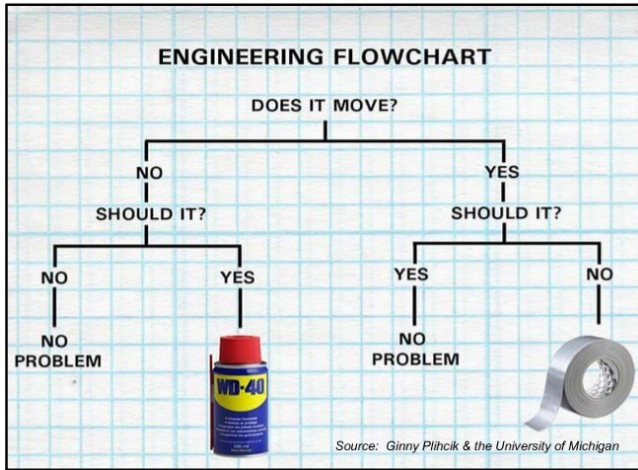
A thin piece of mirror finish stainless steel is fitted under each engine to show off the interesting connecting rod motion when the engine is running.

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



## For Sale

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))

## 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)



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