



*Bob Morris and his wife Sandy are just some of the long time active members that contribute their time & effort to the club. Here is Bob getting members like Colton to purchase donated books where the proceeds go directly to the club! Well Done, Sir.*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness (permanent member)  
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Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)

## GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
Building:	Rich Lundberg
CallBoy Editors:	Pat Young (printed version), Rick Zobelein (email version)
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Grounds:	Andy Weber
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Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Rick Zobelein
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Dan Swanson
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
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 or contact him at ([rgz48@yahoo.com](mailto:rgz48@yahoo.com)). 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,

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

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

## Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

10/08/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
11/12/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
12/10/17 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting

## Club Meeting Minutes

## General Announcements:



Bob Morris reported sales of books sold for the club totaled \$96 dollars since the last meeting. He also informed the club that Dale Furseth is selling 1/2" aluminum rail & ties with 2 frogs for \$350.





Sandy Morris said that the t-shirts ordered should arrive by the 15th of September. Sweatshirts are also being considered for offer to the members.

#### New & Returning Members, Visitors, Guests:



New members David Neil & Colton Snell were acknowledged for attending their second meeting & becoming the newest members of GGLS.

#### Steam-related Activities:



Michael Smith visited the Disneyland steam trains and the Florida Steam Museum outside of Miami. Their web site is at: <http://www.frm.org/>



Mark Johnson visited the St. Paul's rail yards with Canadian Pacific equipment and



Mill City Museum with hook & loop couplers on the cars. Their web site can be found at: <http://www.millcitymuseum.org/>

#### Officers' Report:

**President Mark Johnson:** *"Please be reminded that our Fall Meet and Open House will be later this month, September 23rd & 24th. Please plan to attend this event and bring your engines of any type; steam, gas, electric or people-powered are welcome."*



*If you have an activity at the track on Saturday and take a significant number drinks from the refrigerator, please let Walt know so he can restock on Sunday. He normally checks it on Thursday and brings up what he needs on Sunday.*

*Do not take food from the refrigerator that does not belong to you. If necessary the Board will make a formal policy regarding this activity if it does not cease.*

*Regarding a correction in the 'Callboy', John Smith is using the facility on Saturday, September 16th.*



*Thanks our new member, David Neil for cleaning the dead mouse & nest out of the tool chest in the shop.*

*The BAGRS (Bay Area Garden Railway Society) has contacted the GGLS notifying that one of their members has an engine hoist that he wants to get rid of an engine hoist. If you are interested see the accompanying article in this issue.*

*A member of the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers has contacted the President and they are looking for a steam cylinder lubricator 2" X 2". If you have one that you want to get rid of, see the President for the contact information.*

*Please remember to clean up after yourself when you are done at the Facilities. Do not leave food items out that can attract vermin. Also, put away Club tools when you are done using them at the end of the day.*

*Be advised and please remember that it is the duty of the last person to leave the facility and track to make sure that the buildings & track is secured and locked.*

*We are about to enter the last quarter of the year when we begin the process for the election of our club Board officers. Per the Bylaws, the process begins by the formation of the Nomination Committee which is headed up by our Ombudsman. If you are interested in helping the Club out by being on the Election Committee please see Ombudsman Bob Cohen. Also, if you are interested in running for an office also see Bob Cohen.*

*Please remember that "Safety First" is Rule Number One in Live Steam. Always operate your equipment in a safe manner."*

**Vice President:** Nothing to report.

**Secretary:** Nothing to report.

**Treasurer:** John reported on revenue & expenditures for the month. Members wanting specific details can contact him directly.

**Ombudsmen:** Bob Cohen reported that the surveillance system was repaired with a new power supply for the computer. Major events only will trigger a review of the recordings. Issues between members requiring intervention of the ombudsman should be serious problems only among members at the club.

**Safety Chairperson:** Nothing to report.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Buildings:**



Chairman Rich Lundberg reported the Round house roof has been completed. Painting of the building will be needed soon.



The Clerici barn is being torn down for refurbishment and track alignment, this will require 2 to 3 weeks. He also called on members to make false windows for the building.



**Grounds:** Grounds chairman was absent but it was noted by members that the redwood duff needs to be blown off track. Rick Zobelein is the contact on this job and President Johnson reiterated the need to clean up the club for the Fall Meet.

**Signals:** Nothing to report as Dan Swanson has moved out of the area and will be unable to work with the Signals Crew.

**Ground Track:** John Lytle should be back to work on track as the Redwood Valley Railroad has cut back to weekends runs only.

**High Track:** Nothing to report.

**Locomotives:**

**RGS 22:** Nothing new to report.

**RGS 20:** The #20 is currently out of service. Last meeting day, a spring on the lead driving axle was found out of place. Later it was determined that the spring had worn off the flange from the right front wheel. Jerry Kimberlin removed the axle from the locomotive and Bob Cohen obtained a new driver casting from Tom Artzberger. With help of Larry Anderson's big press, Bob was able to get the damaged wheel off the axle but now there is a major roadblock. Bob's 4-jaw chuck is too small to hold the wheel sufficiently for machining. We are looking for a member with a larger lathe chuck (8" or 10" ) that has the equipment and the skills to take on this job. If interested, please contact Bob Cohen for the details.

The new tender tank is essentially done except for some touch up painting & lettering where Jerry Kimberlin produced a set of paint masks to do the lettering. Rich Croll found the gremlin on the right injector when he pulled the starting valve off. Using a strong flashlight, there was flash from machining blocking about 3/4 of the valve's exit side. With that chip removed, air went through it better. We will find out if that cured the injector problem when it fire it up again.

**Johnson Pacific:** Nothing new to report.

**Heintz Atlantic:** Nothing new to report.

**Hunter Atlantic:** The Hunter Atlantic remains in working condition. Mike Gershowitz has nothing new to report on it.

**Public Train:**



Walter Oellerich thanked the crew who repaired the RGS #22 to run for the public run days. He also thanked members of the Public Train and is still seeking members to come out and help run the Public Train, especially for the upcoming Fall Meet. He also reported that the new tender for the RGS #20 is on site but under lock and key. It will be revealed soon.

**Rolling Stock:** Nothing new to report.

**Callboy/Website:** Pat Young reported that web site & CallBoy's calendar will be synched up better with regards to announcements & club facility reservations. If members need to reserve the club facility for private events, please let him know so he can place the reservations on the website. He will resolve conflicts in dates requested.

He also called for the Board to provide calendar dates for upcoming events for 2018.

**Builders Group:** Nothing to report.

**Roundhouse:** Michael Smith asked that members fill out round house run sheet when running engines and to please police area around roundhouse as equipment has been left outside. President Johnson also called for members to check that the stall doors are properly locked when leaving.

Rick Zobelein complained a air hose was missing from the roundhouse area. Rich Lundberg reported air hoses in Shattock Barn and shop.

Michael also reminded members to not share lock combinations.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

None.

## Other Announcements:



Walter Oellerich announced that there is a new building on the Heintz loop. It was built by Artie & Susan Debeling and is spectacular. Thank you Artie & Susan for keeping the look of the club's surrounding fresh & interesting.



Sandy Morris has GGLS pins and patches available.



Brian Perry is looking for a person to join his project to build Pacific Fruit Express reefers. It would cost about \$1200 for a car, minus paint & trucks and he would like to see a string of these cars for the next Spring Meet. He'll be at the Fall Meet to take orders & checks and he'll pick up cars in Gardnerville for delivery to members. Member Rick Zobelein has an example of this car in his barn.

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Old Business:

**Roundhouse:** Round house needs junk removal and upkeep. Bob Cohen recommended sending email to Roundhouse renters to remove equipment from outside of building. Michael Smith will see to the emailing.

**Steam Pump:** A full size steam pump, donated by Loren Byron, needs to be picked up. It was suggested that it be sold. After discussion, a motion was made by Bob Cohen and Seconded by Rick Reaves to donate the pump to Roots and Motive Power in Willits California. Vote was unanimous to donate the pump.

**By-Laws:** The By-Laws Revision was deferred as Richard Croll was absent.

**Lawn Mower:** Andy Weber has purchased a new lawnmower for the club.

**High Track Bridge Replacement:** The new High Track bridge is being fabricated by John Nicholson and is ongoing.

**Donated Bell Mounting Assembly:** John Nicholson is also working on the mounting assembly for the donated bell to be installed at the round house and is hoping to get started in a few weeks.

### New Business:

John Lisherness reported that Mike Gershowitz would like a policy regarding the use of the Hunter Atlantic by club members. President Johnson called for Mike to draft a proposal and the board would then comment on it.

John Lytle would like to put a shed on a steaming bay track by the club house to match existing buildings. A discussion ensued where the Board took a field trip to the steaming bay area and after looking at available tracks, tabled the matter to the next meeting.

A discussion about the machining and fabrication of a new wheel on the RGS #20 resulted in John Lisherness volunteering to machine wheel profile and bore the center axle hole. The remaining machine work will be done by another member.



## **Bits and Pieces**

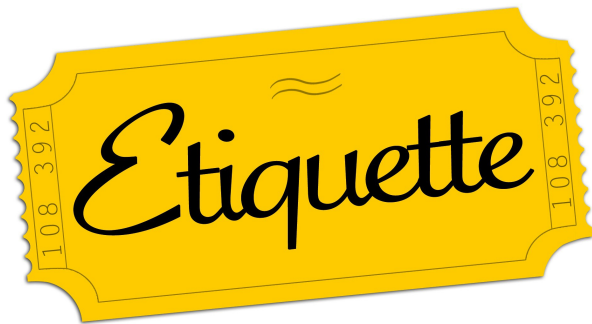
by Sheldon Yee



Jerry Kimberlin – Made a die for forming a cover plate from sheet steel for his Garrett locomotive.



Bob Cohen – Wheels for the club's RGS engine.



## **CLUB & ROUNDHOUSE ETIQUETTE**

### **Unused Equipment Left Outside the Roundhouse:**

This is a reminder to all members that the tracks outside the roundhouse are for steaming up, performing maintenance and making up trains for running. The tracks are for all member to use and are not for storage of excess equipment by one or two members. Please plan to remove all equipment from these tracks prior to your leaving at the end of the day. Exceptions will be made during 2-3 day Meets when the member will be running for consecutive days.

Leaving equipment in the open & when no one is present is an invitation for vandals to enter the property and not only damage/steal your equipment, but the club's property as well.

Where equipment is found left out & the owner is not at the facility, the Roundhouse Committee will make every effort to identify the equipment and contact the respective owner & notify them to either place their equipment in their stalls or take them home. In the event the equipment is not removed promptly after the member is notified, it will be relocated to an appropriate location approved by the Board.

### **Housekeeping:**

Please assist our club in keeping the Roundhouse area clean and picking up after yourself. Replace chairs to the locations along the new barn and dump/recycle any items that you no longer need instead of leaving it for the next member to clean up after you. Please note that the area is not a dumping ground for old furniture and other debris that you no longer want at home.

Thank you for your consideration to your fellow members. Any questions, please feel free to call me at (415) 558-4536.

Michael B. Smith  
Roundhouse Chairman

## **From Our Membership**



From Bruce Anderson:

*Friends,*

*A gentleman came into the clubhouse yesterday saying he had two 3/4" scale with GGLS boiler tags. One is a "0-6-0 Side Tank" and the second is a "2-8-2 Central Railway Of India" in a maroon paint scheme. He was hoping to get some information on the locomotives. He didn't have an email address but I*

took his mailing address; I just dropped a couple of DVDs in the mail to him and asked him to mail me the boiler numbers and photos if possible. He said he had seen my Marine Triple Expansion video on YouTube. Last night I realized the video I made to celebrate the 80th anniversary hadn't made it up to YouTube so I've just done that. It can be found at:

[https://www.youtube.com/embed/2I-FZaJPX\\_s](https://www.youtube.com/embed/2I-FZaJPX_s)

T.G.I.F.,

Bruce

### **From the Bay Area Garden Railway Society**



Recently, the club received the following message that might be of interest:

*As discussed earlier, someone wants to donate a locomotive hoist and was asking the Bay Area Garden Railway Society to take it. I informed him that this appears to be too large for our scale and that I'll reach out to our friends of the GGLS.*

*The Lift is located in Sebastopol, California and they are looking for someone to pick it up. It has been sitting in their warehouse for almost a decade and they would like to give it to a good home!*

*Please let me know if anyone is interested. And ill forward on the contact information! please do not hesitate to call me on my cell. 650-207-8119*

*All the best,*

Colin J Camarillo  
President  
Bay Area Garden Railway Society  
[www.bagrs.org](http://www.bagrs.org)  
650-207-8119

### **For Sale**



Pair of brand new ready-to-run ductile iron Titan Trains couplers for 1 1/2-inch scale trains. Only one coupler shown in picture but \$50 for the pair.



Miscellaneous Starrett Tools as shown, for \$50.

Please contact Michael Smith at (415) 558-4536. Can bring them up to GGLS for inspection most Sundays.