



The Call Boy

Golden Gate Live Steamers Fall Meet



There was something for everyone, including David Hoffman's little conductor who was a perfect fit for the WP caboose. There were a few big steam engines out on the track, including Bob Petersen's green Southern 4-6-2, Jim Pate and his 4-6-2, John Lisherness and his large scale Shay, Rick Zobelein and his 2-8-2 with freight consist, Jim Martorella and his Shay, Chris Rizzoli and his 4-4-0, Bill/Jeff Smith and their 4-4-0 and others, plus Mel McDonough and his small scale 4-8-4. Jeff's Pit Stop Barbecue made sure everyone was well fed, including those who like burnt hot dogs. Many thanks to Bob and Sandy Morris who took on the task of making this all a very successful event!

Event Calendar

October

10/14/18 GGLS Member Meeting
10/14/18 GGLS Board Meeting
10/20-21/18 SVLS Fall Meet

November

11/11/18 GGLS Member Meeting
11/11/18 GGLS Board Meeting

December

12/09/18 GGLS Member Meeting
12/09/18 GGLS Annual Meeting
12/09/18 GGLS Board Meeting

January

01/01/19 New Years Chili Run
01/13/19 GGLS member Meeting
01/13/19 GGLS Board Meeting

February

02/10/19 GGLS Member Meeting
02/10/19 GGLS Board Meeting

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Secretary: Richard Croll
Treasurer: John Lisherness
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Ombudsman: Bob Cohen

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Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
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Buildings: Rich Lundberg
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High Track: Sheldon Yee
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**Deadline for submittal to next months' issue is
15th of the month**



Announcements

January Steam Engine Class



Two of our newer members, Vladimir Kovalevsky and Andy Rogers will be hosting a multipart class for those who wish to learn what it takes to fire up and operate a steam engine. Class will start with a contest to see who can hold up a steam engine boiler the longest! Stay tuned for more information!

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

Track & Club House Location
2501 Grizzly Peak Blvd.
Berkeley, CA, 94708
510-486-0623
www.ggls.org

Club Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM by President Richard Lundberg. 21+ members were present.

Guests/New Members



Jeff McCurry



Steven Chang introduced themselves as Guests.



John Davis and his wife, Shanna O'Hare introduced themselves as new members.



Joaquin Murphy introduced himself as a new member.

Steaming activities: none.

Announcements

President Lundberg reminded members of the upcoming Fall Meet and Open House, on September 22 and 23.

He reminded members that volunteers are needed, particularly on Sunday. He also asked the membership to have equipment out on display on Sunday for the Public to see.

Jeff's Pit Stop barbeque will be offering food both days. The Bay Area Engine Modelers are expected to be displaying both days.

Richard Croll announced that he has some Welsh coal available, as well as some other coal.

Sam Tamez mentioned that the Masonic Lodge he & John Smith belong to is having a picnic at the track on Saturday, September 15th and said GGLS members were welcome, especially to run, and would be fed.

Officer Reports

Secretary: Richard Croll reported that longtime associate Member Cal Tinkham passed away on August 13th. See the accompanying obituary in this issue.

The Secretary also reported that Special Event Permit application for our Fall Meet has been submitted, and it has been forwarded to the park supervisor for his signature. He noted that this will need to be done for all of our future meets and can be done as soon as we know the dates.

Finally, the Secretary stated that we had received the club liability insurance policy for the next year.

Treasurer: John Lisherness reported on the income and expenses for the past month. Any member wishing more detail can contact John directly.

Safety: Sheldon Yee reminded members to get their boiler tests done, preferably before the Fall Meet.

Ombudsman: Bob Cohen reported the election slate of Board officers for next year. It is as follows:

Rick Reaves for President
Andy Rogers for Vice President
Richard Croll for Secretary
John Lisherness for Treasurer
Jerry Kimberlin for Safety

Rich Lundberg encouraged others to run for office this year, or in the future.

Committee Reports

Rich Lundberg announced that the Board of Directors had formed a security committee to handle the video surveillance, locks, and any other security related matters. Jon Sargent has agreed to head the committee.

Security: Jon Sargent reported that an eighth camera has been installed, and the entire system is working well. He mentioned that with eight cameras, the system will record for three weeks. Therefore, members need to immediately advise Jon if there is anything they want to search for on the video. He also mentioned that the system had recorded five teenagers playing in the roundhouse area one night around 11 PM. He also discovered that one of them had posted their adventure on social media. He reported this to the EBRPD police. The police advised that anyone found in violation of the park curfew hours will be cited. President Lundberg reminded members not to confront anyone, but to call 911 if it is serious.



Buildings & Grounds: Rick Reaves reported that he had an arborist coming up to give an estimate to take a dead pine tree down.

Rick Reaves mentioned that Andy Weber had cleaned out the ditch behind Tilden Station. Rich Lundberg reminded members that the entire roadbed width should be blown off to reduce fire hazard.

Signals: Bruce Anderson reported that the signal committee was fixing the signals as needed. He also mentioned that Walt Oellerich has been working on the wiring needed for the new turnout.

Ground Track: no report.

Bob Cohen asked about members running when the Public Train is in operation and was reminded that nothing prevents members from running on the outer loop. Everyone was reminded to pay attention to signals and turnout position.

High Track: no report.



Mel mentioned that he had derailed his engine on a dip in the track, and that John Lytle had fixed it.

Locomotives:

RGS #22: Repairs are taking place on the #22. Rich Croll is working on the tender of #22. The new steel wheels for the tender and lead truck of #22 have arrived. The new tender truck wheel sets are ready to go back onto the trucks. Next step is to make brake rigging for the tender trucks.

Jerry has begun installing the new tires on the drive wheels.

RGS #20: The #20 continues to pull the public train every Sunday and is performing very well.

Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report, engine is still operational.

Heintz Atlantic: Vlad continues to work on the engine. Nothing new to report

Johnson Pacific: The engine is operational.

Gas Engines: Rick Zoebelin reports that both the 1971 and 1936 are operational.

Rolling Stock: Richard Croll reported that he constructed a car to carry the weed sprayer and its battery.

Public Train: Sam Tamez reported that we had visitors on the train from Spain last week.

Web/Callboy: Nothing to report.

Membership: Sam Tamez reported that one former member reapplied, and one new member applied.

Old Business

Meeting with East Bay Regional Park: Richard Croll reported on the annual meeting with Sergio Huerta & Dan Sykes from EBRPD. There are no apparent problems. They did confirm that the parking lot paving is our responsibility, as is the removal of the dead tree. They did advise us that the tree cannot have active birds' nests when it is removed. Sergio commented that our ridership on the Public Train seemed to be increasing.



Purchase of Locomotive: Richard Croll reported that the locomotive has CNC turned steel wheels. The motion, made by Richard Croll and seconded by Sheldon Yee last meeting, was to purchase Jon Nagle's used Duncan Herring built locomotive and four seat riding car for \$15,000.

The President stated that the reason for the purchase was to have a back up for the steamers. He pointed out that frequently one of the two normal steamers were out of service and not available for back up. He opened for further comments beyond last month's meeting. Bob Cohen mentioned that SVLS had purchased a new locomotive. Mark Johnson said it was from Mountain Car Company. Anthony Rhodes pointed out that the present diesels were not adequate for the job. The motion passed 26 to 1 in favor.

New Business



Member Built storage buildings: The President reported that we are close to having a final version of the contract between members and the club for such

buildings. He pointed out that there are few spots available to build on. The ones he mentioned are Boyers Bluff, where one is already approved, and John Lytle is set to build.



He also mentioned a location at the far end of Heinz Loop where the tin shed is as a possibility, and also next to the bridge on Heinz Loop. Anyone interested can contact Rich Lundberg.

Meeting Adjourned 11:15 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Richard Lundberg at 11:20 AM. All BOD members were present except for V.P. John Lytle.

Old Business

Minutes of the prior meeting were distributed by the Secretary. Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to accept. Motion passed.

Security

Discussion was held concerning changing roundhouse locks. Jon Sargent will handle, with assistance of Rich Lundberg.

Partitions in the roundhouse were discussed. Jon Sargent proposed chicken wire between doors. Rich Lundberg responded that it would be difficult to do. Tabled.

The size of the drive on the video recorder was discussed. It was pointed out that we already have a very large drive. Jon Sargent felt three weeks of recording was adequate for our needs.

Jon Sargent showed the video with the kids at the roundhouse. Discussion was held concerning the

video system, Jon Sargent and Rich Croll will contact the park supervisor concerning our needs.

Locomotive disposal: tabled.

Paving: It was decided it was too late to do it this year. Tabled until next spring.

Dues Collection: John Lisherness will work with Lisa Kimberlin to determine procedures. Dues will be sent to Lisa for next year.

Telephone: John Lisherness reported he received notice from AT&T that the bill will go up November 1st. Bob Cohen said he will get the changes made on the account to get a lower rate and get it in the club's name.

PG&E: John Lisherness said PG&E credited and rebilled the power bill two years back. The electricity is now provided by something called MCE generation, and delivered by PG&E. We have not had the meter read for a while and they are estimating usage. John will contact PG&E to find out what is going on.

Excess rolling stock: Richard Croll asked the Board for permission to dispose of some excess non-powered cars and other related material. Jerry Kimberlin made a motion, seconded by John Lisherness to authorize Richard Croll to determine what is not needed and to dispose of it by auction. Motion carried.

Defibrillator: Tabled until January.

Coal Tipple: John Lisherness mentioned that we could not move the tipple where originally proposed. He questioned what we want to do with it. The membership will be asked if anyone wants to take this on as a project.

John also reported that he has installed the end piece for the new track at the turntable end and will be building a new turnout for the additional track.

Dues Renewal Discount: Pat Young asked if the Board wanted to continue the discount for early renewal. John Lisherness made a motion to continue

the discount, and announce it starting with the October Callboy. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried. The announcement will advise members to send the checks to Lisa Kimberlin.

Club Pins: It was brought to the attention of the Board that a member was seen taking a quantity of GGLS pins out of the filing cabinet. Mark Johnson made a motion to reiterate the Board of Directors position that all club property is not to be taken for members personal use. John Lisherness seconded the motion. Motion carried. Discussion was held concerning who should have custody of pins, etc. The feeling was that this should be part of the membership chairman's job. The Secretary is to make sure everything gets changed over to the new membership chairman.

Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll – Shay parts: tank “hold-downs”, hinged water tank filler hatch with filler cap.



John Lisherness – Westinghouse air pumps.



Jerry Kimberlin – Rear Axle for the club's RGS #22 locomotive. Broken pressure testing gauge for the club (and the memberships' inability to have enough responsibility to report it BEFORE it is needed).



Bob Cohen – Old Steam Pump from the RGS #22.

Passing of Cal Tinkham

Live steamer and steam expert Calvin C. Tinkham passed away peacefully at home August 13. He was 87. Known to his friends as Cal, he had been a member of the Northern Nevada Live Steamers, the Golden Gate Live Steamers, the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers and Train Mountain. His ten-wheeler Virginia & Truckee No. 26 logged thousands of miles on railroads around the West.

Born in June of 1931, Cal lived next to the tracks of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad that ran from Reno, Nevada to Virginia City. The daily trains running by his house and frequent rides on that line planted the seed that grew into his love for steam power. His first job was as a pipe fitter's helper in the Southern Pacific shops in Sparks, Nevada.

He went on to become a fireman on cab forwards running up the Southern Pacific Modoc line towards Oregon and served a stint in the Army as a steam locomotive instructor in the transportation corps. By the end of the 1950s, it became clear that railroad steam power was nearing its end and there was little future for engine men, so he moved on to other steam pursuits including obtaining a chief stationary engineer's license.

He restored steam tractors & road rollers, and spent 17 years in the restoration shops of Harrah's automobile collection in Reno. There he built or rebuilt low- to-high pressure boilers, steam generators, fire & water tube boilers, simple & compound stationary engines, and steam turbines. He also maintained Harrah's narrow gauge locomotive, a coal burning steamboat and a steam popcorn wagon.

Cal's skills were not limited to steam as he also designed & built a turntable for a pipe organ console and an automated machine for drilling holes in used gambling dice, and was even called upon to fabricate custom cookie cutters for the casino's executive chef.

His friends recall his willingness to share his skills, knowledge and his talent as a builder. Ken Schroeder, owner of the host railroad of the Northern Nevada Live Steamers, said, "Steam was in his blood, and if you needed to know anything he would always share. He was a great builder, as he rarely used castings. He'd just machine what he wanted out of the solid."

Steve Alley, owner of Allen Models of Nevada, said, "Cal was the man that got me started. When I walked in at the Northern Nevada Live Steamers he made it so easy to feel welcome. That was the key that drew me into what I have become."

Sacramento Valley Live Steamers member Greg Lewis said, "He was more than a mentor. He was like a brother. His generosity with his time and knowledge was legendary."

Long-time friend Roger Gash said, "We were lucky to know him. He was generous and sharing."

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Mignonne, and his brother, John.

Remembrances may be sent to the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers, the Golden Gate Live Steamers, or the Nevada State Railroad Museum for use or restoration of historical equipment.

From the Membership



Bruce Anderson "The Men of the Thursday Crew moved the coal tippie from the Round House entry. The tippie is currently located between the Round House and the Tool Shed."

Vladimir Kovalevsky cleaned up our presentations on:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/Golden-Gate-Live-Steamers-164292346986748/>

Google Maps:

<https://maps.google.com/?cid=2889241361254531962>

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A 20:13 minute YouTube from Dan Swanson about a live steam miniature railway in Germany.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXHTdRwEI4>



Miniature locomotive delivery

A 12:40 minute YouTube from Dan Swanson. The delivery of a brand new miniature European style locomotive by a truck and trailer!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wAP0_eozlg&frags=pl%2Cwn



A photo from GGLS member David Glaubinger showing young Max Rogers with an awesome 4-4-0 Atlantic, purchased with his own money!

For Sale

Harper 2-6-0 Mogul and Tender

August 22, 2018



A beautiful 2-6-0 Ed Adams masterpiece is for sale. This is a Wabash style Mogul which looks to be an early Allen kit. It is in pretty good shape and was converted to burn propane.

It has a water pump, injectors, scale fitting and much more. It has not been steamed for many years and probably will require a boiler test.

The photos speak for themselves since Ed Adams does museum quality work and you must view it (in Napa) to appreciate it.

Please feel free to contact Dave for more information.

Asking a new lower price of \$10.500 or Best Offer.

If interested or have questions, contact:

Dave Bradas Napa, California

94558 707) 252-7390



Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2019.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2019	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2019, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2018	\$ 50
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, 2019, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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DATE OF LIST: 09/17/18

**WAITING LIST FOR GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	Benjamin Lerman (Sam Lerman)	12/18/12	Roundhouse
2	Pat Young	08/18/15	Roundhouse
3	Don Ratto	01/31/16	Roundhouse
4	Lisa Kimberlin	02/21/16	Roundhouse
5	Bruce Anderson	03/18/16	Roundhouse
6	Edson Lee	03/18/16	Roundhouse
7	John Lytle	05/04/16	RH/Storage
8	Derek Schipper	11/13/16	RH/Storage
9	Armando Epifani	01/08/17	Roundhouse
10	Jon Sargent	06/05/18	Roundhouse
11	Andy Rogers	07/15/18	Roundhouse

**WAITING LIST FOR SECOND GGLS ROUNDHOUSE STALL
AND/OR STORAGE LOCATION**

No.	GGLS Member	Date name added to list	Location Preference
1	John Lisherness	03/10/13	RH/Storage
2	Matthew Thomas	11/24/13	Roundhouse
3	Mark Johnson	07/08/15	Roundhouse
4	Bob Cohen	03/18/16	Roundhouse
5	Michael B. Smith	08/12/16	Roundhouse
6	John Lytle	05/01/17	Roundhouse

Regular members of GGLS requesting to place their name on the Waiting List for a roundhouse stall and/or storage location shall contact Michael B. Smith, GGLS Roundhouse Chairman by email at smithrailroad124@gmail.com. I will confirm your request by return email. Your name will be placed on the next issuance of the Waiting List which is updated bimonthly.

The current list shall be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board and inserted bimonthly in the CallBoy. Please contact Michael B. Smith at (650) 615-0475 or at the email noted above.

Last list dated 07/17/18

MBS