



*Armando Epifani photo of the Smokiest, Darkest Day in Recent Time at the Club on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## Officers

President:	Rick Reaves	510-479-3386
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Secretary:	Rich Croll	510-276-3893
Treasurer:	John Lisherness	510-647-8443
Ombudsman:	Matt Petach	404-256-2883
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## GGLS Trust Fund Members

John Lisherness  
Jerry Kimberlin (elected March 2015)  
Ken Blonski (elected December 2019)

## GGLS Committee Chair people

Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing:	Jerry Kimberlin
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Engine:	Mark Johnson
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
Librarian:	Pat Young
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Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	(To Be Determined)
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
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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 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

**(Until further notice, the 2020 Calendar is no longer valid)**

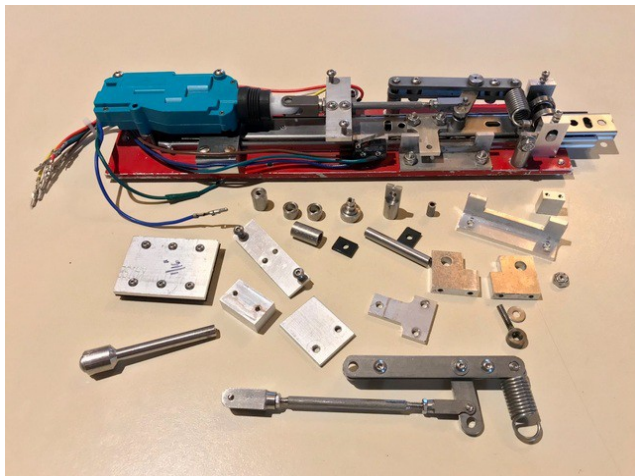
11/08/20 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
12/13/20 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting

## Announcements

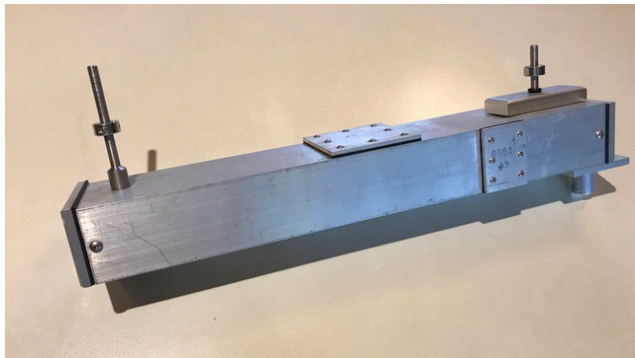
### Switch Actuator Project Machinists Still Needed!

Submitted by GGLS member John Davis

Last month I asked for volunteer machinists to help with the switch actuator machining. So far, I haven't gotten any replies. The photo below shows most of the parts,. I have good drawing to work from. Some parts have tight tolerances and others don't. I can fit the job to your preferences. If you have machining capability and are willing to help out, please contact me, [48jrd@sbcglobal.net](mailto:48jrd@sbcglobal.net) or 510-915-1696 (leave a message).



Actuator Mechanism and Parts.



Completed Actuator Housing.

### Minutes of General Meeting

No general meeting was held due to the COVID-19 shelter-in-place restrictions.

## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

September 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by President Rick Reaves. Also present were Jon Sargent, Richard Croll, John Lisherness, Jerry Kimberlin & Mark Johnson.

A motion was made by Jerry Kimberlin, seconded by Mark Johnson to accept the minutes from the June 2020 Board of Directors meeting. The motion passed.

### Old Business

**Safety Rules:** Jerry Kimberlin said they will be printed once the printer is back open.

**Long Term Storage Building:** No report.

**Telephone:** John Lisherness has terminated our phone service with AT&T. Richard Croll removed the phone handsets from the outbuildings and put a sign on the phone in the kitchen saying it was out of service.

**Lease renewal:** The renewal is on target. Rick Reaves & Richard Croll had a zoom meeting with the park people as a preliminary to a meeting with the committee on September 17th. That will be another zoom meeting. They are proposing a 10-year lease to the Park District Board. Richard asked during the meeting if we have exclusive use of our leased area and was told that we do have exclusive use.

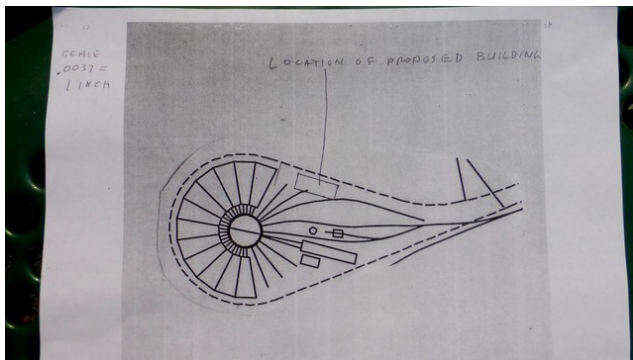
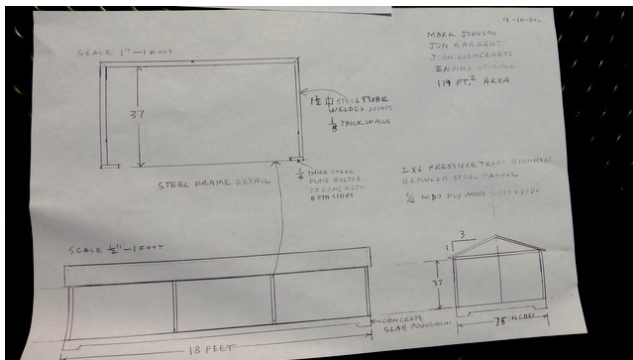
### New Business

**Treasurer:** John Lisherness gave a brief report of the expenses and revenue this year. As to be expected, the regular bank balance is down considerably from the beginning of the year. John also asked if the club will be collecting dues for next year. That idea was tabled for now.

**Election:** Richard Croll asked how we intend to hold the Annual Meeting & Election if the COVID-19 restrictions are still in place. No decision was reached. Matt Petach, our Ombudsman, offered to work on a slate of candidates for the Board. All the present officers agreed to run again. The Secretary will have the Callboy editor put an announcement in the Callboy seeking additional nominations.



**Security:** Jon Sargent mentioned that he has the documents from the Park District related to reopening during the COVID-19 restrictions. The President replied that we do not intend to resume having the Public on our premises until after the restrictions are over. Jon also reported on a couple of incidents where kids were discovered pushing a hopper car around on the track. In the latest incident, the Park Police took a report. He also noted that Dave Weaver, the Park Superintendent, had surveyed the fence and noted areas that need to be repaired and the work is to be done. Jon also mentioned that a remote camera has been put in place out in the Heinz Loop area. Jerry Kimberlin reminded us that we should all wear our name badges when we are on the site.



**Storage Shed:** John Lisherness showed preliminary plans for a storage barn to be built between the high track and Richard Croll's barn. The shed would be owned and built by John along with Jon Sargent, Paul Hirsh & Mark Johnson. He noted that the water & air would need to be relocated. The Board had no objections and told John he would need to get the approval of East Bay Regional Park District & the Membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.

## Engine Status Report

From GGLS member Mark Johnson

### Heinz Atlantic

John Lisherness has moved the Heinz Atlantic to his home shop which will now allow him to work on it whenever he has an opportunity.

John reports that finishing the remaining pipe work is one of the main things he plans to get done.

### Hunter Atlantic #3005

Paul Hirsh and his helpers continues to keep this engine operational. Paul Hirsh has replaced the missing hand rail on the left side of the smoke box, painted the numbers on the side of the locomotive cab and on the back of the tender. Also, he started cleaning up the lettering on the side of the tender. The front truck on the tender was replaced with the correct truck so everything is normal with the tender. Paul put a new chain on the coupler handle on the front of the engine. The Hunter is working great and it got 7 hours of running time in August.

### RGS 22

Rick Reaves reports that the RGS 22 is running. He still needs to fix leaky injector plumbing on the engine's right side.

### RGS 20

John Davis has completed the steam brake line. The cab cover is still off but other than that, the engine is ready to run.

### GGLS 1936

Engine is operational. Engine has been run in both directions through the switches without any problems. Paul Hirsh has been using the engine on "Clean Up" days to keep some run time on the engine. Paul will be looking into how to make fuel dipstick markings on the engine.

### GGLS 1972

Engine is operational. Paul Hirsh has put FULL and EMPTY markings on the fuel dip stick so people hopeful won't run the engine out of gas anymore.

### GGLS 4760

4760 is operational. The sound card is still at Phoenix Sound Systems for repair.

## **An Apocalyptic Day in the Bay Area**

By GGLS member Armando Epifani



“I wanted to send you some photos of the insane smoke on Monday 9/9/2020. The first picture is what I saw outside my bedroom window when I woke up at 8:30 am.



It proceeded to get darker and the second (darker) picture is from my car's dash cam when I left the house at 11:30 am.



The rest are at GGLS around 2 pm and these photos are completely unedited.

Armando”

## **A New F7 is Roaming at the Club Tracks**

From GGLS member Armando Epifani



I wanted to share the 4 3/4” gauge, 1” scale F7 locomotive I just purchased and had delivered from LALS. The locomotive is now repainted in Santa Fe Warbonnet paint scheme but was originally lettered for “AM Road”.





and used for part of the train crash scene in Gene Wilder's 1976 movie "Silver Streak". It was originally a dummy unit and was re powered at LALS. I just finished some touch up paint as well as a sound system and LED headlight conversion. I'm now working on a realistic miniature Mars light.

-Armando

### **Video Recommendation**

From Vince Spadaro



A 19:11 minute YouTube video showing a tour of the Union Pacific steam shop. Produced by the Union Pacific Railroad company, the description of their video is:

"We know many of you miss seeing our steam locomotives almost as much as our Steam Team misses bringing No. 844 and Big Boy No. 4014 across the Union Pacific system. To help us stay connected, our Steam Team has put together a "virtual tour" video of the Steam Shop in Cheyenne."

This video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tw50srOCai0&feature=youtu.be>

### **Video Recommendation**

By Mark Johnson

I am sending you a link to a video about the real full scale RGS 20 being rebuilt and steamed up for the first time from the Trains Magazine web site. The RGS 20 is the prototype for the Club's two RGS Engines, #20 & #22 which you know are the two engines that are used to pull the GGLS Public Train.



From the link:

"A narrow gauge 4-6-0 from 1899 that hasn't steamed since 1951 runs again at the Colorado Railroad Museum.



We attend the debut, talk to the crew, and soak up the sights & sounds of this mighty little engine! Look for more details in our November 2020 issue."

The short 7:50 minute video about the rebuild can be found at:

<https://trn.trains.com/photos-videos/videos/2020/08/rio-grande-southern-20-back-in-steam>

## Video Recommendation

Submitted By Mark Johnson



Here is something for you to watch in your spare time. This is how I have been spending my extra time during the Pandemic.

To view this 4:44 minute YouTube music video, click on the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G3EIKt-wQeo&t=64s>

Enjoy, and let me know what you think.  
Mark Johnson

## Builders Group Video Recommendations



From GGLS member Dan Swanson:

A 8:18 minute YouTube video titled "I make an "8 Ball" out of solid Stainless Steel and Brass" from video author "my mechanic".

His description is "I had this idea since I recently discovered how to easily make balls on the milling machine and lathe. As I currently don't know what to restore next, I decided to make the 8 ball. It was a very cool little project. Very accurate work was needed to get all six individual pieces fit together with no gaps. The hardest part of this project was filming the last few shots, because it is so super shiny now and reflects everything. I really like how it turned out and it will be a nice decoration piece to look at.

I hope you like my work and the video."

The video can be viewed at the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KKiHgBhW8UQ>





From Editor Pat Young:

A 7:22 minute YouTube video by an entertaining young man by the name of Quinn Dunki. This series of video is called Lathe Skills, a multi-part series to help you learn basic machine shop work.

This episode talks about the basic parts of the screw cutting lathe. This is directed towards the beginning metal worker and is meant to supplement knowledge already acquired either by experience, schooling or literature.

This video can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H6Dnmd3lDzA>

### **Union Pacific Signal Bridges Update**

Submitted by GGLS member John Davis



Above is a photo of the new signal bridge installed at MP189 (at the Soda Springs exit on I-80). It's much higher than the old signal. Maybe for double decked containers? Or for further site distance? Who knows. I was hoping to catch the crane car doing the installation, but it was not to be.

### **Thursday Work Days**

Submitted by GGLS member John Davis



Progress is being made on completing the electronic actuator on T41 next to the round house. All the wiring is now in place for the signals & the actuator. Installation of the actuator will be next. In the meantime, look at the switch points to make sure of where your going.



Cleanup of leaves and redwood needles around the track has mostly been done by Bruce Anderson with help from Paul Hirsh, John Davis & others. Here is a photo of Bruce working hard and notice the big smile on his face!



## **Burner Expertise Needed**

By Gregory Blackburn

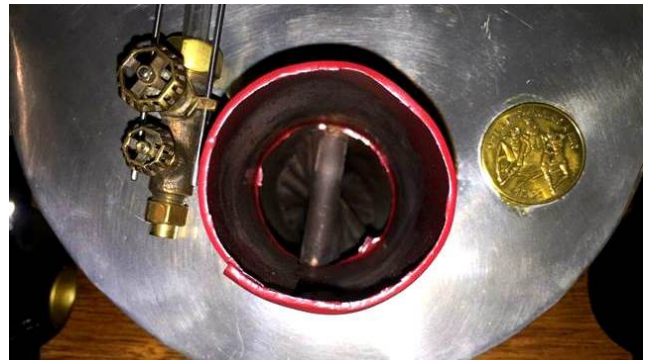


Hi,

I just purchased a working marine steam engine model that is lacking a burner unit. I would like to find someone who might be able to build a burner (propane canister?) for the model.



Then I'd like to bring her by the club (when re-opened) to see if we can get her working.



Could anyone provide some advice on this?

Thank you!

Greg

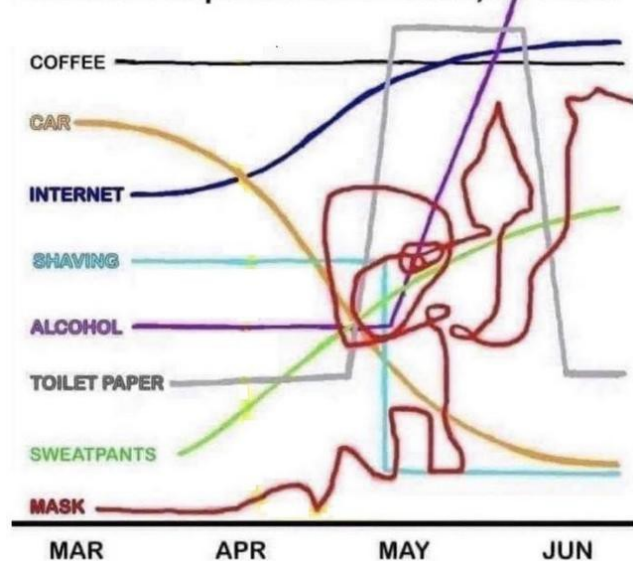
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*Editor: Greg has a nice web site with photos & background information about his profession as an architect. Take a look when you have time at: [www.be.net/gregoryblackburn](http://www.be.net/gregoryblackburn)*

## **Humor**

From GGLS member Andy Weber

### **Relative Importance In 2020, SO Far!!**



### Killamarsh Humor



Both images from issue 55 August 15, 2020

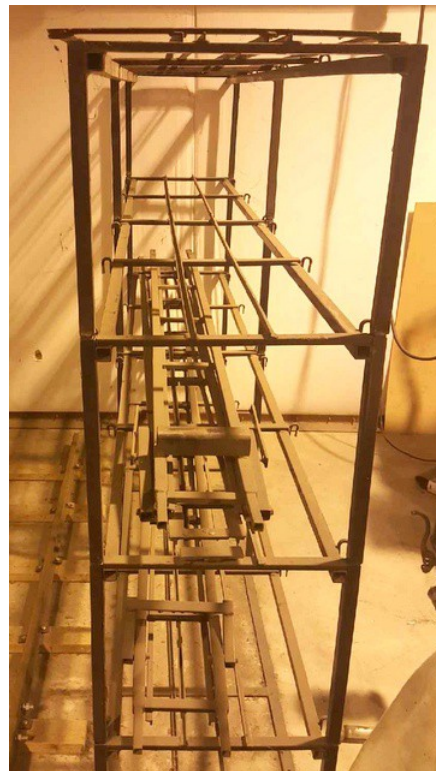


From issue 230 August 18, 2020

### For Sale

1" Gauge Racks

June 11, 2020



I have some racks left over from my 1" days which originally fit in a trailer. Powder coated and is actually stackable.

**New lower asking price of \$100**

Mike Davis (209) 402-3090

Prefer email contact at [trainmd@gmail.com](mailto:trainmd@gmail.com)