



Steve Vitkovits summarizing his Planning Committee findings for the Board

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Rules of the Month

By Dan Swanson

**RULES**
of the
month

2011 Safety & Operations manual

September 2015

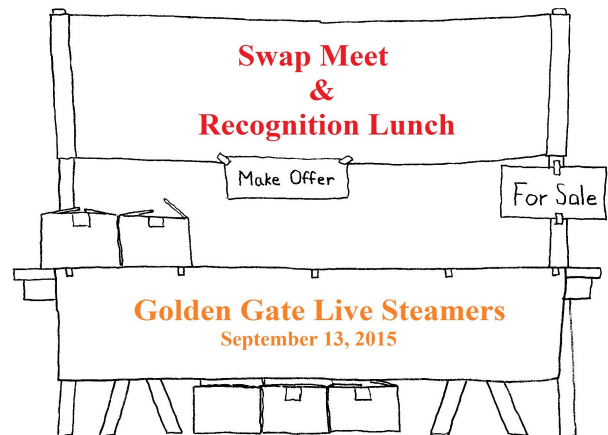
Section 1- General Procedures

1.05 Children - *Children shall be supervised and accompanied by their parents, legal guardians, or a sponsoring regular member, at all times. A boisterous playground atmosphere will not be tolerated and will result in ejection, as per rule 1.03 (Conduct).* -

Section 2 - Equipment

2.03 Safety Chains - *All trains, running on the ground track, shall have steel safety chains or cable (1/8" minimum thickness) between the locomotive and any car behind the engine, occupied or not. For trains running on the High track, all cars between the engine and last riding car should be secured with safety chains in addition to the standard connection. However certain exceptions may be granted for unorthodox or superior connections, as per rule 6.12 (Exceptions).* -

Announcements



In case you missed reading about it, the club will hold a Swap Meet & Recognition Lunch held on September 13 after our regular meeting.

The Swap Meet has become one of the favorite events of the year and all members are encouraged to clean out your workshop, library & garage for items that you can sell and help out other members, especially the beginners.

The Recognition Lunch is new this year and is a way that for the club to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers as a small token of gratitude from the club. So if you have contributed your time, effort or some other type of donation to the club during the past year, please come and join us for lunch.



Please do not remove signs from the club building without obtaining permission first. They are sanctioned by the club and are important.

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.

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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

08/09/15 Meeting

09/13/15 Meeting, Swap Meet & Recognition Lunch

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 August 9, 2015 at 10:01 am by Vice President Andy Weber with a small attendance of members on a day that got to 90 degrees in the afternoon.

New Members and Guests:

No visitors or new potential members.

Steam-related Activities:



Rich Croll with John, his brother & Walt Oellerich attended the Train Mountain Operations Meet where they ran trains and did a lot of switching.

On Thursday they helped with the set up of the event by doing a equipment safety check & then distributing/spotting of 111 cars through out the club's track siding.

On Friday, the Meet began and they ran 3 trains, picking up & dropping off cars, through out the club. They did so well that they won two tickets to the Grand Canyon Railway. Problem is, how do you divide two tickets among the three engineers?!

More about Train Mountain can be found at their web site at: www.trainmountain.org/



John Smith had reserved the club on August 8 for the use by the Masonic Lodge and had a very successful day. There were over 80 people in attendance with John praising the food provided as the best he has ever had, which is high praise indeed! They also like the smooth running, level track completed by Andy Weber & John Lytle.

If you are a member and would like to reserve the club facility for a private event, please contact web person Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com) for availability.

Committee Reports:

Building Chairman Rich Lundberg has printed an updated map of the track layout for the club house. It is laminated, dry-erasable and he got it done at Kinko for about \$4 per square foot.



The Clerici long barn for Public Train rider car storage is in a deteriorating state and will need complete replacement, probably next year.

Grounds Chairman Andy Weber is also continuing with routine maintenance and our newest member John Lytle has been helping out with the Thursday crew. Thank you John for jumping in.

Andy has also stretched out some of the garden hoses so that if there is an emergency, the hoses will be immediately available. Thank you Andy for preparing for any potential problems!

The High Track chairman Jeremy Coombes will be preparing to convene a work day possibly next month to address high track problems.

Public Train chairman Rich Croll was on vacation but the Public Train crew carried on, where during one week they hauled 500 passengers and took in a sizable amount in donations. Great job, Public Train crew!

Rich thinks that by staying on vacation he has started a lucrative trend for the club.

There was some confusion on how the air compressors at the club are set up and Rich will put something in writing.

Rolling Stock Chairman Rich Croll has almost completed the conversion of the old conductor car into a Public Train passenger car.

The last issue of the CallBoy had a listing of all silent auction items from the Stan James estate. It included photograph(s) and a well crafted description by Charlie Reiter. A minimum bid for each item has been provided by Bob Morris & Jerry Kimberlin and the silent auction rules can be found in this issue of the CallBoy.

Officer's Report:



Secretary Pat Young received a copy of the Whistle Blast from the New Jersey Live Steamers which had an interesting link to Revetu Customs, in the Netherlands, about a retro-steam punk driven motor cycle. More information can be found at:

www.wherecoolthingshappen.com/awesome-steam-engine-powered-motorcycle

Treasurer John Lisherness reported that the treasury was knocked down because of payment for the club insurance premium but came back due to strong Public Train donations. More information can be obtained from John if interested.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Board Meeting Minutes

The August 9, 2015 Board Meeting began at 11:01 am with Board members Ken Blonski, Rich Lundberg, John Lisherness, Andy Weber & Pat Young with Bob Cohen, Roy Motz, Dan Swanson, Ray Vitkovits & Rick Zobelein attending.

Old Business:

Steve Vitkovits, chairman of the Planning Committee, presented a detailed recommendation on what the Board & the club could do address or minimize the "dislikes" in the member survey done during the past few months. Board members were then handed a copy of survey that were submitted & discussed for their own individual examination.

The Board would like to sincerely thank Steve Vitkovits, his committee members and all participants for all their hard work to improve the atmosphere, environment & condition of the club.

New Business:

None.

Bits and Pieces

by Sheldon Yee



Rich Croll - Transfer Plate, for use in vicinity of the Roundhouse trackage.

Silent Auction



As reported last month, the Stan James estate items will be offered to members first via a silent auction, each with reserved bid, at the end of the 2015 Fall Meet in October. The item list & description was presented in the last month's CallBoy and the auction rules are presented in this issue.

By registering in the GGLS silent auction, each bidder agrees to the following auction rules:

Legal Disclaimer

All sales are final and all items are sold "as is". GGLS has attempted to describe the items correctly, but GGLS shall not be responsible for the correctness of the description, genuineness or condition of the items.

Payment for items purchased must be made in full at the end of the auction to the treasurer or Auction chairman. GGLS accepts cash or a check made payable to GGLS and following payment, you may pick up your purchase(s). The purchaser must pick up all items at the end of the auction unless other special arrangements are made.

GGLS reserves the right to add or withdraw items, without notice, to or from the auction.

Each person bidding assumes all risks and hazards related to the auction. Each bidder agrees to hold GGLS & Board members harmless from any liability arising from the auction, use of the item or other such mishaps.

All decisions by the Auction chairman are final.

Bidder Registration

All bidders must register with their name and contact information to receive a bidder number from the auction chairman for use at the silent auction. Bidders then must write their bidder number on the bid sheet for their bid(s) to be valid.

Auction Item Procedures

There is a bid sheet for each item which is a history of bidders and their bid amounts.

To place a bid on a silent auction item, bidders write in their bidder number, item number and their bid amount on the item bid sheet or submit their bid to the Auction chairman for inclusion. A continuously updated version of this document, with bid history, will be available on our club web site (www.ggls.org).

Higher bids must be in increments of \$5 and in case of a tie, the earlier tie bid will get the item.

A maximum bid can be submitted which will allow the auction chairman to continuously top the current high bid by \$5 for the bidder until that maximum bid is reached.

Each items will have an assigned closing time and if the Minimum bid has not be reached, it is to be sold at that Minimum price on our web site or other web sites such as Discover Live Steam.

After all bidding has closed, a master copy of all the bid sheets will be available for viewing.

Auction Chairman Contact:

Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com)
(408) 838-0190 (cell) for questions
10349 Glencoe Drive,
Cupertino, California 95014

3D Printing at Contra Costa Library

From Jim House

The Contra Costa Library System has purchased 3D printers with a one-foot cube capacity that are available for use by people who have taken an orientation class to learn how to use them.

The two machines at the Walnut Creek downtown branch should be ready for general use in Mid-September. Qualified users can schedule time on one of the machines at the library website. I took the three-hour class yesterday evening and they are limited to six students so everyone gets quality time on one of the two printers. There is an extensive sign up list of interested people from the introductory meeting last month however half those who had signed up were no-shows so several people were able to attend without being on the list. Getting there late significantly reduces your chances of being included.

Here is their link for those interested:

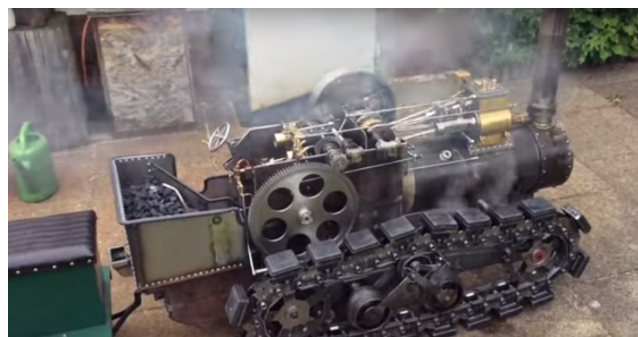
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Editor's Video Picks



A 2:05 minute Youtube video of a replica of the Hornsby Mammoth crawler steam tractor moving around. You have to love watching this giant lumbering around!

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



A 9:55 minute Youtube video of a scale model of a Hornsby chain crawler from Germany. Not much was presented about it other than it's coal fired but wonderful craftsmanship throughout and fun to watch!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fAAx_szUMxc

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.

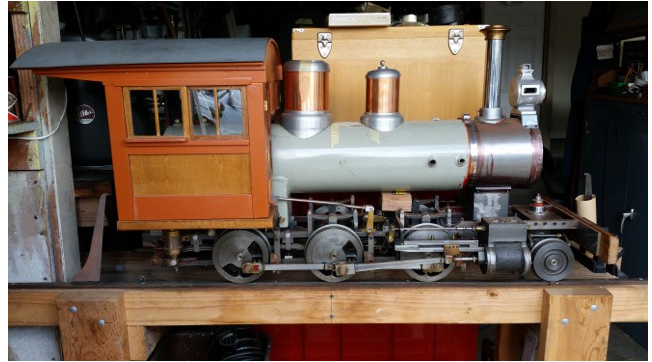


They measure around 14' but break down easily for transport. Included are 2 all steel stands for home storage. They operate on (4) 12-volt batteries which I just replaced. Plus (2) 6-volt batteries which are still good. Also included are 3 battery chargers. The 12-volt chargers do 2 batteries at once. 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

I, 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 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

For Sale

5" DIAMETER 8' ALUMINUM TUBE

July 30, 2015

One 8-foot long 5 1/2-inch outside diameter aluminum tubing with 1/4-inch thick wall. The tube has one cut-out at one end leaving approx 7-feet of clean material. Tube has some slight scratches but is otherwise in very good condition. Pictures available.

Asking \$100. Can deliver to track.
Michael B. Smith (415) 558-4536



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