



*After some months of waiting for his 3/4" Northern to be completely rebuilt, Mel McDonough has it back on the track. Enjoy running it, Mel!*

# The CallBoy

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# The CallBoy Newsletter

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## GGLS Trust Fund Members

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Bits & Pieces:	Sheldon Yee
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Building:	Rick Reaves
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Engine:	Mark Johnson
Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	To Be Determined
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Signals:	Steve Wood, Bruce Anderson
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 or Secretary. 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, Rich Croll at his email at [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 ([phty95014@yahoo.com](mailto:phty95014@yahoo.com)).

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

## Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

08/12/18 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
09/09/18 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
09/15/18 John Smith Lodge Meeting  
09/22/18 GGLS Fall Meet  
09/23/18 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House  
09/29/18 PV&A trip to Train Mountain  
09/30/18 PV&A trip to Train Mountain  
10/14/17 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
10/20/18 Sacramento Live Steamers Fall Meet  
10/21/18 Sacramento Live Steamers Fall Meet  
11/11/18 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting  
12/09/18 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/  
Board Meeting

### Minutes of General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 AM by President Richard Lundberg. Thirty plus members were present.

### Guests



John Davis introduced himself and showed a small engine he built as a kid.



Rob Vastano introduced himself and his son Rory.

### Steaming/Railroad Activities



Ken Blonski's son flew him to Boston to attend some Red Sox games, and Ken then took Amtrak back home. It was 4 days & 3 nights in a sleeper. The ride was terrific, but not the food.



Brian Perry attended the Summer Steam-up held at McClellan Field near Sacramento, California, for G gauge steamers.



Richard Croll reported his trip, along with his Brother John and Walt Oellerich, to the 2018 Train Mountain

Operations Meet. He encouraged members to give it a try. Walt added that he had contributed 5 cars to the operating pool.

### Announcements

Rich Lundberg brought plums and encouraged members to take them.



Vladimir Kovalevsky proposed that he lead an effort for GGLS to attend the 2019 Maker Faire in Santa Clara, with the intention of recruiting potential new members. He said depending on the number of members helping, it could be as large as possible. Mark Johnson made a motion to appoint Vlad chairman of a Maker Faire committee. Sandy Morris seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. President Rich Lundberg encouraged members to participate.

Anthony Rhodes mentioned that the Bay Area Engine Modelers displays at the Good Guys car shows, and GGLS members could display engines as well.

### Officer Reports

**President:** The meeting scheduled with East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) had to be canceled at the last minute and is awaiting re-scheduling.

**Secretary:** The club received an invitation for members to attend the Orange County Model Engineers Fall Meet, Sept. 28, 29 & 30, in Costa Mesa, California.

**Treasurer:** The Treasurer reported on the club's income and expenses for the month of July. Members wishing details can contact him directly.

**Safety:** Nothing to report.

**Ombudsman:** He reported that he will be checking on a problem with the phone. He is to contact John Smith about this.

### Committee Reports:

Before starting the committee reports, the president polled the members in attendance on whether they wanted each committee called even if they had nothing to report. The majority wanted all committees to report.



**Buildings:**

Rick Reaves reported we have a new roof on the club house and Tilden Station.



John Lisherness announced the coal tippie is cut loose and is ready to move. The Thursday crew will attempt to move it.

**Grounds**

Andy was absent, but Ken Blonski noted that we need to be very mindful of the potential for fire. He pointed out that because of all the wildfires, response time from the fire department might be longer. Rich Lundberg commented that members burning coal should be extra careful and pointed out that it would be best not to run alone.

**Signals:** Nothing to report.

**Ground Track:** Absent.

**High Track:** Sheldon had nothing to report.



Bob Morris thanked Bill Smith for fixing the pin on the new lift out bridge. He also noted that help is needed leveling the high track.

John Lisherness brought up the need to clean and paint the old lift out before it is re-installed. He also suggested that once it is in, a service track could be added from the turntable going toward the parking lot.

**Locomotives:****RGS #22**

Repairs are taking place on the #22. Rich Croll started work on the tender of #22, and with help from Rick Zobelein and others, they have chipped out about three layers of something on the inside of the tank that was used to seal the tank. Rich Croll has the tank free from

the frame. The trucks were removed, and it was discovered that the wheels will need to be either re-tired or replaced. Some of the flanges are half of their original thickness. The wheel sets have been removed from the trucks. Jerry got the boiler off the chassis, and the chassis is now upside down on the roll around in the shop. Jerry has the RGS #22 drivers at his home and is preparing to install new tires.

**RGS #20**

The #20 continues to pull the Public Train every Sunday and is performing very well.

**Hunter Atlantic**

Nothing new to report; the engine is still operational.

**Heintz Atlantic**

Vlad continues to work on the engine. Mike Gershowitz has made some parts for the engine.

**Johnson Pacific**

The engine is operational.

**Gas Engines.**

Rick Zobelein reports that both the 1971 and 1936 are still working.

**Rolling Stock:**

Richard Croll reported that he had inspected all the cars on the Public Train and greased bearings where needed. Couplers were replaced on three cars and he showed the remains of the springs from those. He noted that two cars each had one brake lining missing and one truck was replaced. The second conductor's car has not yet been repaired. It was mentioned that these cars carry heavy loads.

**Public Train:**

Walt reminded members that it is only six weeks until the Fall Meet. Help will be needed on Sunday's Open House. He asked the members to bring out, or leave out, their locomotives on Sunday for the Public to see. He also noted that he will miss the Saturday Meet, but will try to be back for the Open House. Walt also repeated that the Public likes our small trains. Rich Lundberg once again thanked all those that help with the Public Train.

**Call Boy:** Nothing to report.

**Website:** Pat mentioned that questions have arisen about what we should do about other clubs' announcements and where they should be placed. Pat encouraged members to give him ideas on the subject.

**Fall Meet:** Bob Morris reported he needs volunteers to help. Needs are help with passenger loading on Sunday, and someone to watch over the steaming bay, especially Sunday. Bob also noted that Jeff's Barbeque will be serving both days. Bob asked about the need for a port-a-potty and was told by the President to get one if it is needed. Bob also mentioned that he and Sandy would miss the

September business meeting. The Secretary reported that our Meet/Open House has been listed in Discover Live Steam. Sandy encouraged members to bring their families to the meet.

**Elections:** Bob Cohen reported that Rick Reaves has agreed to run for President in this year's election and Andy Rogers has agreed to run for Vice President. Bob also announced that Lisa Kimberlin has agreed to assist the Treasurer in collecting the dues and roundhouse rents for next year.

**Old Business:** None

### **New Business**



**Diesel Locomotive:** Richard Croll made a motion, seconded by Sheldon Yee, to purchase John Nagle's used Duncan Harrison built locomotive and a four-seat riding car for \$15,000. Bob Morris, who is selling the locomotive for John, reported that it has about 10 hours running on it. It has brand new golf cart batteries and includes a charger. It has both dynamic and air brakes, as well as a sound system and lights. The locomotive was run on the public train one Sunday for 3½ hours pulling a full load without problems. According to Bob, the builder constructed 18 locomotives and their owners are happy with them.

Discussion was held with comments as follows:

Bob Cohen questioned the need for the engine. He suggested a committee be established to determine what we need, whether gas or electric, etc. He also questioned parts availability and drawings and schematics of the proposed purchase. He stated this would be a back up to the backup locomotive. He also questioned what we would do with existing locomotives.

Rick Reaves stated that the components on the engine are off the shelf golf cart controller and motor. He also said it is simple to maintain, and we do have schematics of the electrical system.

Andy Rogers asked how much money was available in

the Club's accounts. The Treasurer noted the amount in the reserve fund and said this purchase would come out of that fund.

Rich Lundberg stated that we want to keep the public train running.

Rich Reaves added that we need to be able to pull the full train.

Mark Johnson noted that we have had problems with the existing diesels. He also said the locomotive committee he chairs would make recommendations as to fate of other engines.

John Lisherness said he supported the purchase on the condition that we dispose of one of the existing diesels.

Rick Zobelein said he looked at alternatives and did not come up with any suggestions. He also questioned the disposal of locomotives.

Walter said that as Public Train Chairman, his dream has been to see both ten wheelers double headed. He expressed his embarrassment on those occasions when the steamer was replaced by a diesel that could only handle six loaded cars.

Richard Croll stated that parts availability with other builders was not necessarily good, and that some of the builders he would not deal with. One well known builder has been sued repeatedly over non-delivery.

Vlad asked about regular maintenance.

Mark answered that all engines have some maintenance.

Bob Morris said the sound system uses an automotive amplifier, the system itself is from Phoenix, and they are helpful if there are problems. He said the motor is available. Bob was asked if the loco has steel wheels and he said he would find out.

Bob Cohen said he is not opposed to the purchase but questioned why now.

Rick Reaves answered it was available now. He also stated electrics are the wave of the future.

Ed Lee noted the high maintenance of steam locomotives.

Richard Croll stated that the locomotive is a direct replacement for the steam locomotive in terms of pulling power and is available immediately if the steamer were to fail. Back up steamers would take time to steam up. It also could be used when no steam qualified engineer was present.

The motion was tabled. Discussion will continue next meeting, and the vote will then take place.

*Roundhouse Chairman Michael Smith reported that a full-size air horn is missing from Andy Weber's stall and asked if anyone knows about what happened to it.*

Bob Morris proposed walls separating the roundhouse stalls. Rich Lundberg asked who would do it. Bob replying, he would. Discussion was held and Rich said the Board would need to see a proposal.

Sandy Morris announced that Mel brought up a cake to celebrate the completion of the rebuilding of his 4-8-4 Northern locomotive by Chris Smith.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 AM.

### **Minutes of the Board Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 PM by President Rich Lundberg. All Board members were present except Vice President John Lytle.

Minutes of the July BOD meeting were distributed by the Secretary. Motion was made by Mark Johnson, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

### **Old Business**

Rich Lundberg made a motion for Jon Sargent to be appointed chairman of the security committee, and that the job be extended to include security in general, including locks, doors, etc. Jerry Kimberlin seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Roundhouse Rules:** tabled.

**Member-built storage contract:** Michael Smith presented a proposed contract. Rich Lundberg made a motion to accept the proposed contract with Mark's changes. Richard Croll seconded. The motion passed. It was noted that the builders of the most recent 3 structures will be asked to sign the contract retroactively.

**Driveway:** Rich Lundberg said the meeting with the Park did not take place, so nothing new.

**New Locomotive:** Bob Cohen questioned what we would do about disposing of an engine if the motion to purchase passes.

**Officer Recruitment:** Bob Cohen said it is on track.

**Membership Chairman:** It was noted that the Secretary is now maintaining the membership roster. Lisa Kimberlin will be collecting dues and roundhouse rents and will be keeping the Secretary and Treasurer informed. Richard Lundberg made a motion to appoint Sam Tamez Membership chairman, seconded by Bob Cohen. The motion passed.

Bob Cohen mentioned that there seemed to be three spaces where members could build storage buildings. He suggested this should be announced to members. No action was taken.

Rick Zobelein advised the Board that he had compared the list of people getting the Callboy, and some were

no longer members. Rich Lundberg made a motion that the Callboy only be mailed to those members without email addresses. Bob Cohen seconded the motion. Motion was passed. The Secretary will notify Amy Herman.

### **New Business**

Jerry Kimberlin suggested that the Board should have Jon Sargent change the combinations on the roundhouse locks. He also brought up the idea of wire partitions in the roundhouse. Rich Lundberg will work with Jon Sargent to see what might be possible in the roundhouse, and have Jon come up with a proposed solution. He is to co-ordinate this with the Buildings chairman.

**Security:** The updates have been done. The cabinet for the PC has been made more secure, and air supply has been improved. The Board freed the security chairman to clear the top of the cabinet and screen it off for better air flow.

**Locomotive 22:** Jerry made a motion, seconded by Bob Cohen to purchase 10 steel wheels from RMI at \$40 each for the pilot and tender of #22. The motion passed, and Richard Croll will order them.

**3/4" locomotive chassis:** The Board discussed what to do with the chassis that Charlie Reiter brought back that had been intended for the interpretive center. It was decided to put it on the side shelf in the clubhouse for now.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 PM.

### **Bits and Pieces**

by Sheldon Yee

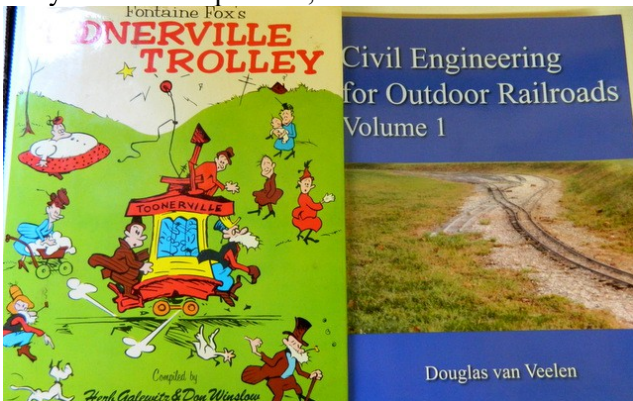


Bob Cohen – Bassett/Lowke display board, showing samples of small steam parts for steam engines.





Michael Smith – “Cannonball” Switch Stands, Switch Relay for full-size practice,



and Books,...”The Toonerville Trolley” and “Civil Engineering for Outdoor Railroads, Volume 1.



Jerry Kimberlin – Wheel Set and Tire for the Club RGS 22 loco.



Charlie Reiter – Gauges for the Braking system of the “Key System” train that ran from the Oakland Hills southerly and across the Bay Bridge.



Rich Croll – Continuation of work on the riveted brass tender tank for his Shay; in progress.



Mark Johnson & Chris Smith – Presentation of the finished product...the  $\frac{3}{4}$ ” scale 4-8-4 locomotive Northern belonging to GGLS Life member Mel McDonough.

# All Aboard...

*to celebrate the Golden Gate Live Steamer's Annual Fall Meet*

**Saturday, September 22, 2018 is an all day event.**

**Sunday, September 23 is an all day event (Open to Public 9 AM-3 PM)**

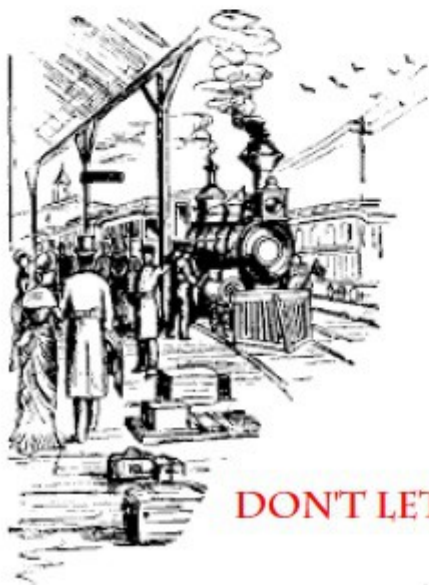
**TILDEN PARK, BERKELEY HILLS, ORINDA, CA**

*Families are welcome!* Ride the rails beneath the towering Redwoods while enjoying the view of the San Francisco Bay. See Club History Displays. Official GGLS Tee Shirts, Pins, & Patches available. Saturday & Sunday are open to any members of live steam clubs. Sunday is also open to the public (except the steaming bay areas). For Overnight Camping information contact Bob Morris (see contact information below).

Visit: [www.ggls.org](http://www.ggls.org)

## PLUS:

Saturday & Sunday... BBQ Lunch,  
Snacks, Soft Drinks & Bottled  
Water by *Jeff's Pit Stop*



## Golden Gate Live Steamers

*2018 Annual Fall Meet*



We look forward to seeing you.  
If you have any questions, contact  
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message including a call back number)  
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