John & Bill Smith are unloading ingredients for the club sponsored Recognition Lunch that members enjoy in participating. Thanks to the Lunch crew for their ever delicious meal!

The CallBoy

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Signals:	(To Be Determined)
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Track:	John Lytle
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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 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

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

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

09/08/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
09/21/18 GGLS Fall Meet
09/22/18 GGLS Fall Meet & Open House
10/13/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
11/10/19 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/08/19 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/
Board Meeting

GGLS Fall 2019 Meet
September 21, 22 2019

The Golden Gate Live Steamers will once again hold their Fall Meet at their Tilden Park location for the minature train enthusiast and the Public.

Saturday is reserved for fellow miniature train fan, guests of the club and model engineering enthusiasts.

Sunday from 11 AM to 3 PM is the Fall Open House where the Public is allowed closer inspection of the club facility. There will be free train rides, exhibits, weather permitting. Be aware that nearby parking is limited and the Park Police will ticket illegal parking.

Minutes of General Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10 AM by Vice President Andy Rodgers. Some 26+ members were present.

Guests:

Son Conner Isaacs and father Nick Livanos introduced themselves.

Joe Vargas introduced himself and said this was his second meeting for membership enrollment.

Be Sure to say 'Hi' if you see them at the track!

Steaming/Railroad Activities:

Ken Blonski went around the world by rail (as much as possible) starting in San Francisco. The trip took 32 days and used the above tour guide. He didn't see any steam but did see a lot of electrics. Ken would be happy to share his experiences if anyone is interested.

TRAIN MOUNTAIN RAILROAD

Walter Oellerich took a trip to the August Meet at Train Mountain and picked up his "trolley". Then did a progressive poker/dinner run one evening and he said it was a lot of fun.

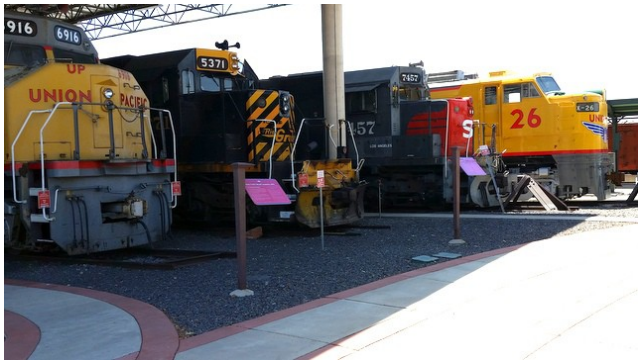
Michael Smith, his wife and daughter went on a 17-day pilgrimage to Europe. They saw lots of trolleys and visited the Warsaw Railway Museum (more information can be found at the following URL: www.mazowieckie.com.pl/en/railway-museum-warsaw
They also saw steam in Germany.

John Lytle went to Ely, Nevada and saw the Nevada Northern. They are retiring #40, at least temporarily, but are still running a pair of 2-8-0's.

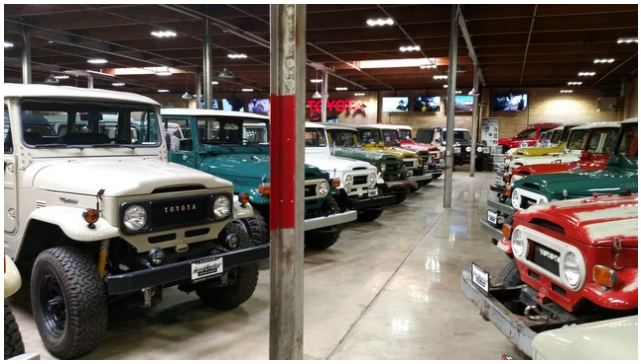
He also mentioned that they are running Astronomy Star Trains at dusk in conjunction with the National Park Service, where telescopes are set up.

Mark Johnson attended the National Flute Convention with his wife. He went to Promontory Point and

saw the reenactment of the Golden Spike ceremony.



He also went to the Utah State Railroad Museum which has a UP gas turbine among other things.



He also attended the Land Cruiser Museum in Salt Lake City.

Announcements:

Richard Croll announced that the High Track would be cut & out of service starting Thursday, August 15th. He also asked if there was any objection to the location of the lift out and there was none. The project is expected to take less than a month.

Rich Lundberg announced that he has archived the various files he has accumulated over the years pertaining to GGLS. They will be posted on the website. A copy was given to the Secretary to put in the files in the clubhouse. There are systems document for the electrical, water & air systems. Also included are the drainage system, which is very important during the winter, and the grounds, including pruning instructions.

Officer Reports:

President: Absent.

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: The club has received an invitation to the Orange County Live Steamers meet in September. Information will be posted on the bulletin board, and is on the club website.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Ombudsman: Nothing to report.

Committee Reports:

Security: John Sargent announced the lock combination had been changed last month and he had lock cards for those on his list. He also announced that he has repaired our phone line and it now works. He has obtained the name of the new Park Superintendent and it is Dave Weaver. Jon also noted that AT&T has located the phone conduit and will be running fiber optic line to the clubhouse at no charge, once they get permission from East Bay Regional Park District.

Meet/Open House: Bob Morris announced that due to Sandy's foot surgeries, they would be unable to chair the Fall Meet/Open house. Wishers for a speedy recovery were given by the Vice President.

Grounds: Andy Weber noted Jo Ann Miller's fine gardening efforts. He also mentioned that he wants to improve the parking lot drainage. He also said we will be pruning the mulberry trees this winter.

Signals: Bruce Anderson reported that the signal maintainers are fixing things as needed.

Ground Track: John Lytle announced that it is still here.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson reported the following:
RGS #22: Jerry Kimberlin timed the valve gear and it was run on air. Once the steam chest cover & lubricator go back on, it is ready to steam. Rich Croll has the lettering applied on both sides of the tender.
RGS #20: RGS 20 is running well. Rich Croll got the numbers painted on the cab's sides. John Davis has been doing some minor adjustment to the engine. Rich Croll replaced the wedge on the right main rod, so it should give no further problems.
Hunter Atlantic: Nothing new to report from Vlad.
Heinz Atlantic: John Lisherness continues to work on the Heinz.
Johnson Pacific: A delegation from the Sacramento Valley Live Steamers Club came to the track on July 31st. With the help of Chris Smith, the Pacific was fired up and the Sacramento guys ran it around the track. They are going to review the engine with their Board and see if they wish to make an offer for the engine.
Gas Engines: The gas engines 1971 & 1936 remain operational. Rob Vastano will be monitoring the gas engines.
New Electric/Diesel #4760: The engine is operational.

Old Business:

Fund Trustees: The Vice President said the club is still looking for another Trustee.

New Business:

Life Memberships: The Board of Directors received a petition to make Pat Young & Andy Weber life members. The Board determined they are qualified. An election by secret ballot was conducted, and the vote was unanimously in favor, so both are now life members.

Orinda Masons: Dave Bradas announced that the Orinda Masons are coming to the track Saturday, August 24th and any members that come up and run that day will be fed.
Other members wishing to reserve the club for private events can contact Pat Young (phty95014@yahoo.com

Family Reunion: John Davis thanked the members that helped with his family reunion and mentioned that he collected donations for the club.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 11:28 AM by Vice President Andy Rogers. All Board members were present except President Rick Reaves.

Old Business:

AT&T: Jon Sargent gave the Board details of AT&T's fiber optic plans.

Phone: Jon Sargent found the phone wire cut two places in the tool shed which he then repaired.

Club House Push Button Lock: Discussion was held concerning the push button lock. Jon Sargent will bring alternatives to the next Board meeting.
Trust Fund: Ken Blonski offered to run for the vacant trustee position.

Insurance: John Lisherness asked the Secretary if we had received the bill for the liability policy. The Secretary has received it and will direct the agent to send an invoice to John.

Roundhouse: Discussion was held concerning apparent lack of running by some tenants. Discussion was held about Roundhouse Waiting List rules. The Board directed the Roundhouse Chairman to draft clarifying rules.

Johnson Pacific: The Board decided that we will entertain offers for the next couple of months. It was pointed out that we have not made it clear to the membership that offers would be considered.

New Business:

Callboy: Discussion was held concerning the publishing of Callboy articles, and if Board should review. The Callboy editor noted that the Board is sent a rough draft for review before it goes out for distribution. The Board confirmed that the Editor can enforce his deadline for submission of material.

Dick Thomas Award: Jerry Kimberlin pointed out that since Stan James passed away, nothing has been done with it. He would like to see some activity with it. A motion was made by Andy Rogers, seconded by Jerry Kimberlin, that annually with the election of officers, the membership will be invited to make nominations for recognition by the club. The motion passed.

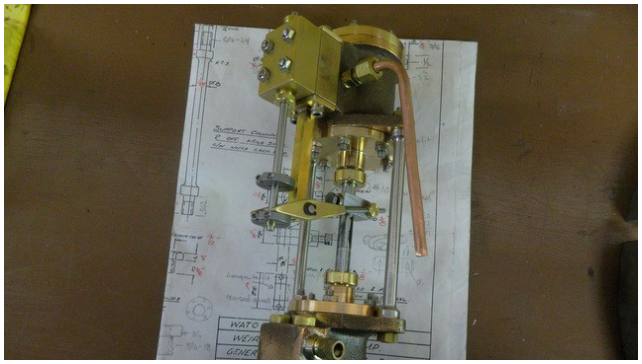
Postal Address: John Lytle informed the Board that Redwood Valley Railway was seeking to get a real address. John estimated the cost at around $200. He offered to handle the application. Andy Rogers made a motion, seconded by John Lisherness to authorize John to pursue this. The motion passed.

New storage Building: Michael Smith informed the Board of the intention of he & Chris wants to build a 20' two-track storage building next to Richard Croll's. Richard proposed that they erect story poles and plot the track connections so the Board can see the proposed project. This will be done.

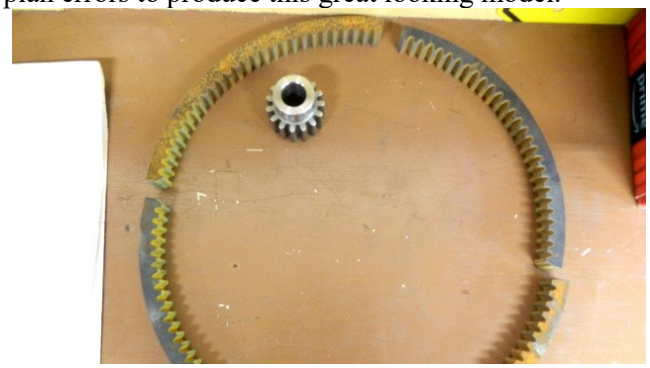
The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Bits and Pieces

By Pat Young standing in for Sheldon Yee



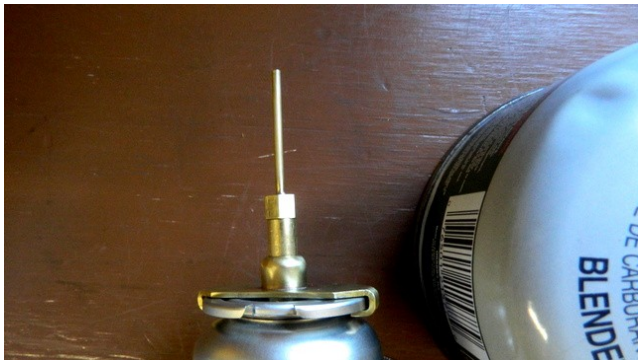
Charlie Reiter had 2 items: The first was a single cylinder Weir type feed pump from Wato Locomotive Works which was made from brass castings. Charlie was able to overcome problems with the castings and plan errors to produce this great looking model.



Four quarter sections which will be screwed together to a metal backing plate for his 2" McLaughlin steam tractor. The drive pinion engages the water jet cut teeth on the quarter sections.

From Rich Croll, more progress was made on the 2.5" scale 20-ton shay wooden cab. The parts are only 3/8" thick and required drilling gauges (shown on the right) to get the precise alignments of the dowel holes.

Jerry Kimberlin showed a clear plastic cylinder top cover for the club's RGS #22 4-6-0. It was used to set the timing of the valve gears and noticed an improvement the running condition of the locomotive.



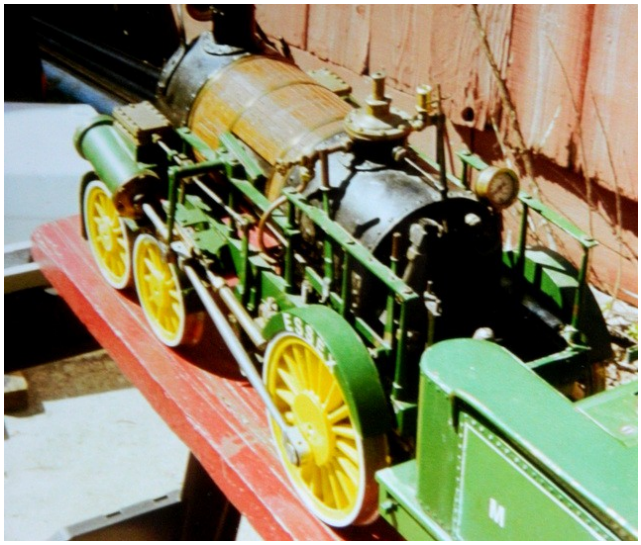
John Davis created a clever metal needle that he uses to recharge small empty butane cylinders from a larger cylinder.

John Lisherness built this 2.5" narrow gauge caboose based on a Westside prototype to house propane tanks and miscellaneous items.

For Sale

Andy Clerici's 4-2-0 Essex

April 19, 2019



This lovely locomotive has a new lead truck and new tender bearing. And a second safety valve I installed to comply with many club's regulation.

This locomotive has been converted to run on propane and runs smoothly. As shown, this comes with a riding/auxiliary water car.

Asking price is $7,500.

If interested or have questions, contact:

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