

2016 GGLS Spring Meet

The 2016 Spring Meet was held on June 25, 26 and although the Saturday turnout reserved for members, steam enthusiasts and visitors from other clubs was moderately attended, the Open House on Sunday was heavily visited by the Public. Unless you arrived early, parking was at a premium and the club displays & attractions were well received.

I was not there on Saturday and did not take any photographs, but was there for a few hours on Sunday taking the following photos.

Pat Young, former secretary, interim editor

Seen on the Track:



Bruce Anderson's latest motive power, a Little Engines 0-4-0T 1.5 scale, 7 1/2" gauge steam locomotive he named affectionately "Harley". Most of the teething problems have been resolved and we hope to see Harley roaming around the tracks more.



Pair of Americans, one owned by member Dave

August, the other by Michael Smith.



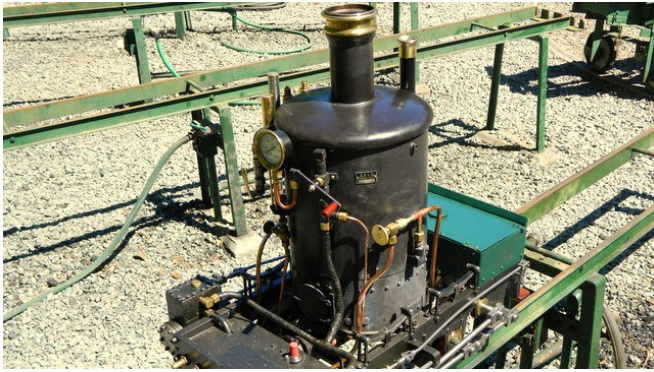
Here is Steve Alley's 4-4-0 American as it gets ready to leave the steaming bay. Steve is the owner of the new Allen Models of Nevada a Gardnerville, Nevada company that continues the supply of Gene Allen castings and parts for the live steam community.



Steve Alley proudly posing with his 4-4-0 American as he gets ready to take it around the club track.



Rich Croll had his 2-8-2 Mikado ready to steam up.



Owned by Rich & Don Ratto, there is their 0-4-0T crab locomotive also ready to run later this afternoon.



Here is an orange Milwaukee Road electric owned by Walt Oellerich.



Roy Anderson is seen here steaming up his award winning 2-6-0 Fitchburg Northern.

There were some motive power on the display track along side the club house.



A superb model of Southern Railroad Pacific built by Norm Kruger and in Charlie Reiter's opinion, the best running Pacific that ever ran on the GGLS facility. It is for sale by member Bob Cohen for \$28,000 and is probably worth it.



Here is a model of an early American grass hopper style locomotive (possibly the De Witt Clinton) owned by Walt Oellerich's brother, I think.



Long time members Dave and Geraldine August are enjoying themselves in front of the camera! Nothing like happy members.



A surprise visit by well known boiler maker Marty Knox showed up at the club track. Didn't have a chance to talk to him but I hoped he had a good time.

Stationary Engine Display:

This year the Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM) set up their displays along with models from Golden Gate Live Steamers members which was extremely well received. I hope that this is the beginning of a close association with them and our club!

Bay Area Engine Modelers:



Dian and Al Aldrich taking a small break with some of their models in the foreground.



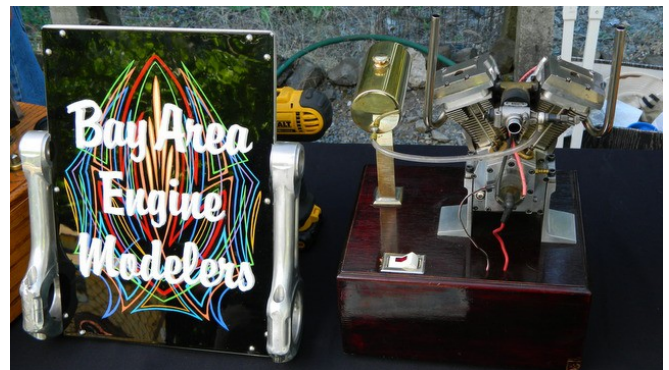
Here is their 1/6" scale Tiger I tank model from World War II rolling down to show its stuff!



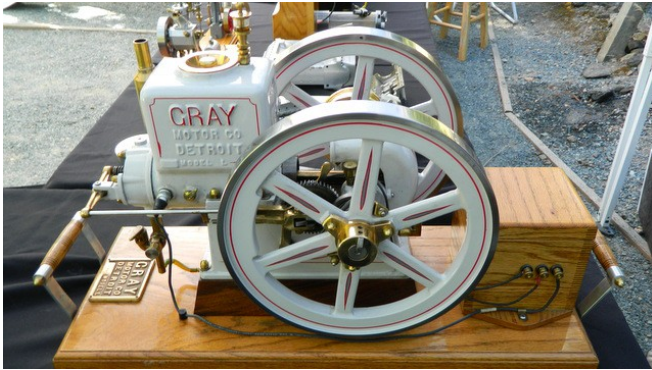
Al's tiger on the prowl! It moves, it growls, it's impressive!



Close up of a very massive model with Dave the Minion in the commander's hatch. Watch out, despicable villains!



Al Aldrich owns this engine built by an unknown individual with ignition by Paul Denham.



Al Aldrich's Gray Motor Company' Model L IC engine built by Dwight Giles.



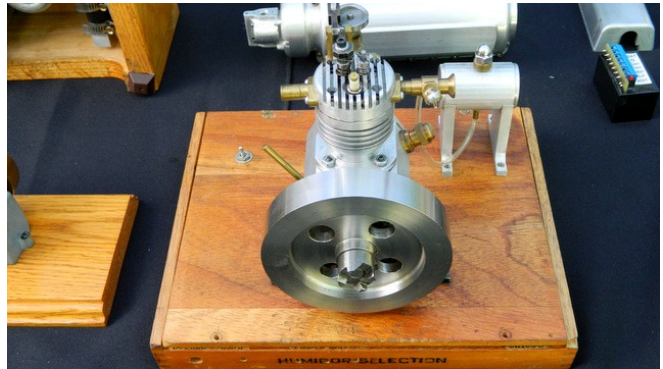
A cute Snap On tool box probably with teeny model tools. I could use one like this.



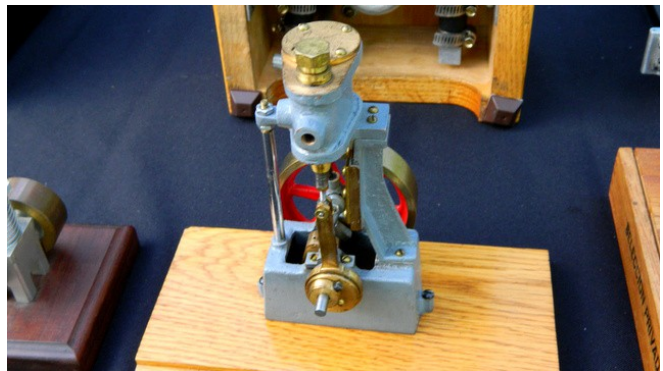
Pat O'Connor talking to GGLS member Bob Morris.



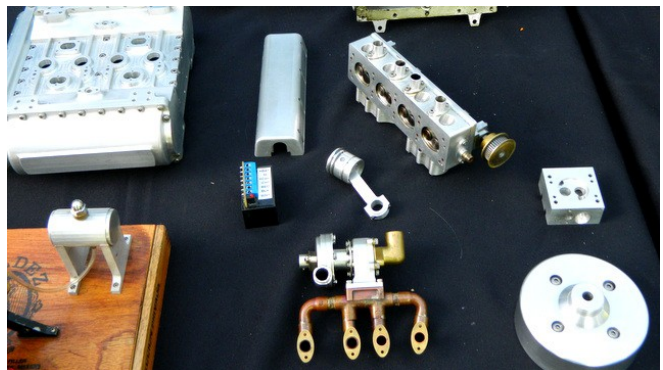
Ken Hurst's Black Widow V8 engine (believed to be a modified Challenger V8) designed, built and perfected by Ken & Dwight Giles over an 8 year period.



One of Patrick O'Connor's IC engine.



A small vertical steam engine owned by Patrick O'Connor.



Patrick O'Connors' radiator showing hidden inside the engine stand box of Ken Hurst's Black Widow V8 engine.

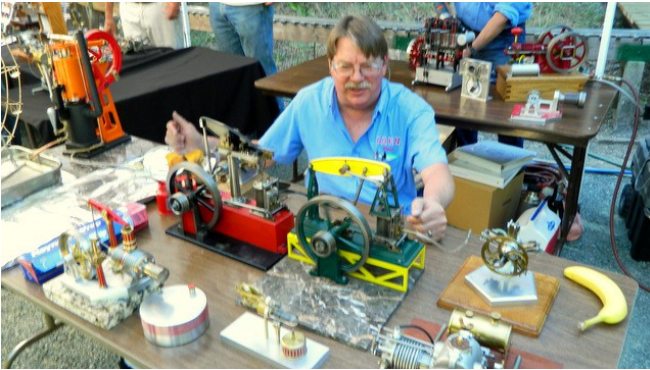
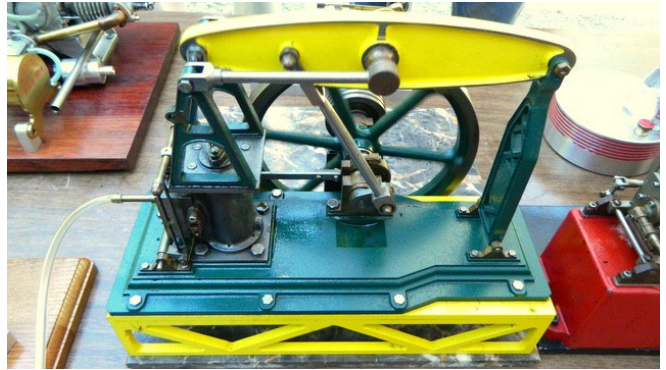
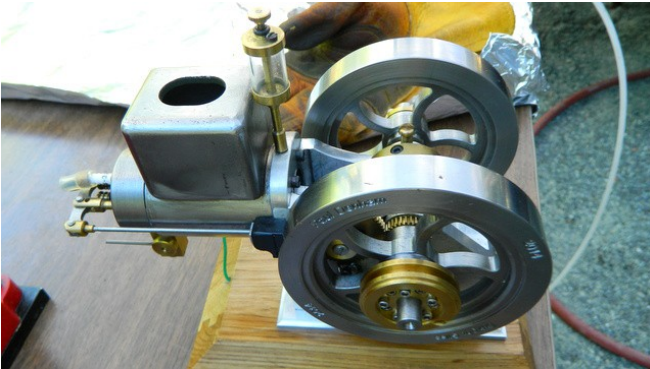


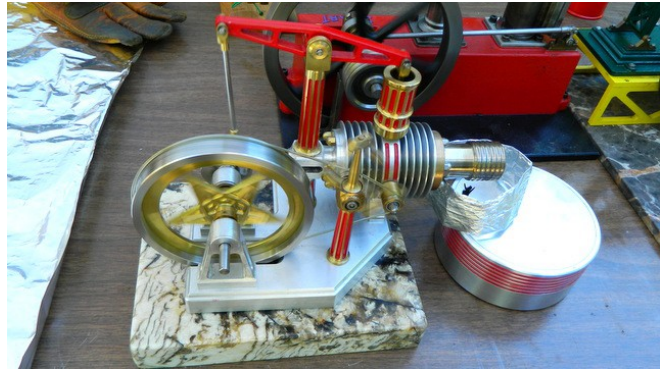
Table full of many models that Paul Denham has built.



Another nice looking walking beam stationary steam engine built by Paul Denham.



Paul Denham built this engine which was designed by Dwight Giles which according to Paul is a long story.



A hot air engine also built by Paul Denham.



A nice looking Stuart walking beam stationary steam engine also built by Paul Denham.



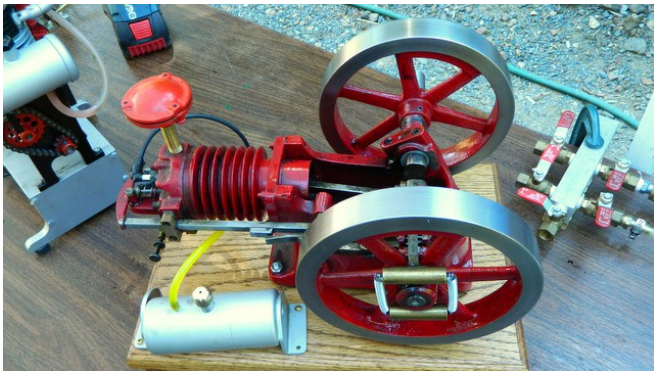
Model of the Improved Ericsson Engine by the American Mgm Co. driving the water wheel on the left.



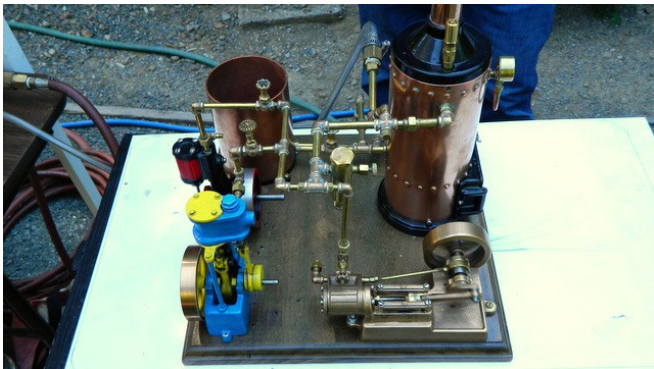
Another view of Paul Denham's water wheel system.



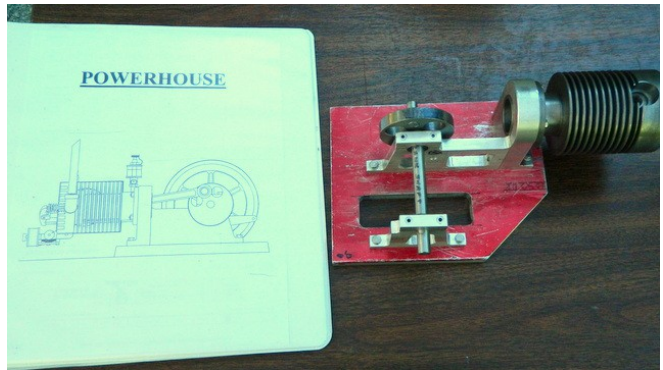
Ray Fontaine with his table of engines that he owns.



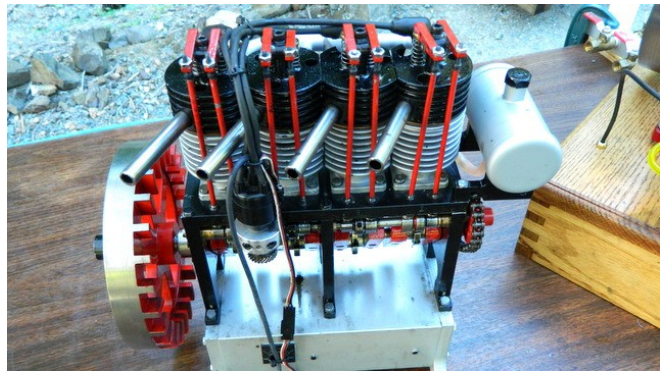
Ray Fontaine's IC engine model.



Ray Fontaine's model steam engine system.



Ray Fontaine's powerhouse model which is under construction.



Ray Fontaine's Randall Cox designed Open 6 shortened to 4 cylinders.



Ray Fontaine with his model demonstrating the motions of a H. Dock Engine.



Ray Fontaine's concept model that demonstrates the motions of the H. Dock engine.



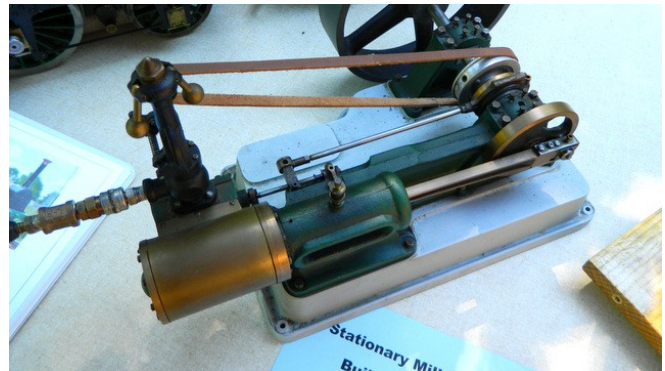
Ray Fontaine has a shay for sale for \$12,000 for those interested.



Ray Fontaine and Charlie Reiter discussing things & ideas.



Charlie Reiter's Steam Dragon tug boat with automatic steam plant and radio control.

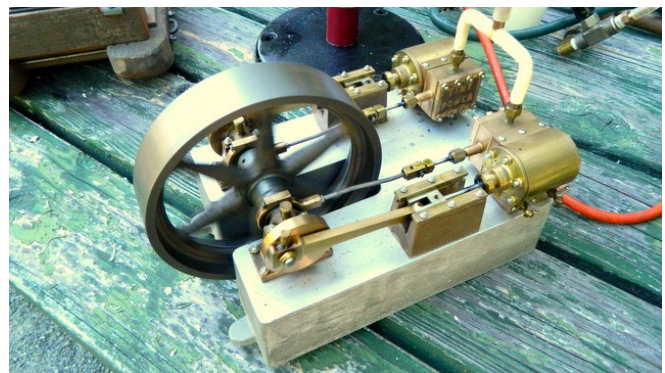


A stationary mill engine from a Railroad Supply kit, it was built by Rich Croll in around 1973. It was his first machining project before he started building his Allen ten wheeler (4-6-0) locomotive.

Golden Gate Live Steamers displays



Charlie Reiter's table of some of his steam engines.



Charlie Reiter's Tiny power horizontal engine.



Charlie Reiter's 3x3 antique vertical steam engine rescued from a junk yard 40 years ago.

This is a freelanced locomotive and started life as an 0-4-0. Stan acquired the parts from Chris Leggo and decided that he would make something else out of it. So he created a Forney based on William Morewood's 2-4-0 Raritan.

Everything appears to be in good order and the locomotive was known to run. It is an 0-4-4, 4 3/4" gauge and appears to be 1" scale. It could easily be taken as narrow gauge though. Coal fired of course but big enough to be easily converted to propane firing. Currently owned by GGLS member Bob Morris.



Dave August, owner Jerry Kimberlin and Lisa Kimberlin tending his working model hay press. It is powered by an engine on the left which is owned by Charlie Reiter.

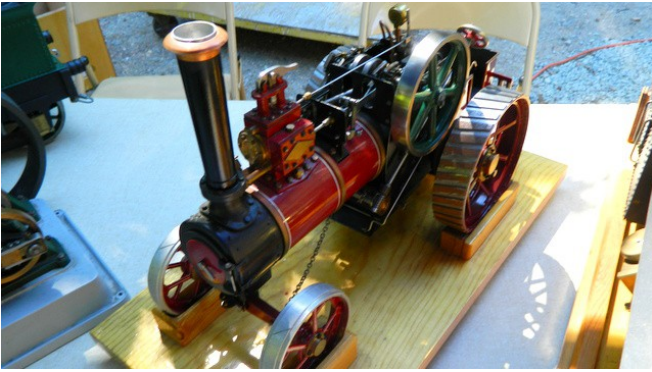
Stan James Models

Long time GGLS member Stan James bequeathed to the club his collection of 3/4" and 1" scale live steam models to the club when he passed away early in 2015. These models were auctioned off last year and many of the new owners were kind enough to bring them at the Spring Meet for display.



The Lion, it is also known as the "Titfield Thunderbolt" as the prototype appeared in a movie of the same name. The actual prototype is a very historic locomotive survivor. The locomotive was found working as a pumping engine in the British docks by a mechanical engineer that recognized her for what she was. When the locomotive was replaced by a modern pump the Lion was donated to the Mechanical Engineering Society. This model is 1" scale and 4 3/4" gauge. The original design by LBSC was 5" gauge so Stan had to redesign the cylinder block to give the needed clearances. As was LBSC's habit he provided optional designs for valve gear and Stan chose the slip eccentric version as more reliable. Coal burner of course, and GGLS members who saw it run claim it operated very well. Now proudly owned by GGLS member Rich Silveria.

Note that Charlie Reiter



A 1" scale, freelance, British style, agricultural tractor. A construction article by Mason, appeared in Model Engineer and many were built. The design was so popular that the article was republished in book form and it is believed that is still available new. Although small in size it has been seen pulling a 180-pound man across level, paved ground. Owned by GGLS member Bruce Anderson.