



John Davis is not doing a magic act with the stick that he is holding. More in this issue on what he is really doing!

The CallBoy

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Ken Blonski (elected December 2019)

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Building:	Rick Reaves
CallBoy Editor:	Pat Young
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Grounds:	Andy Weber
High Track:	Sheldon Yee
Librarian:	Pat Young
Membership:	Sammy Tamez
Public Train:	Walt Oellerich
Refreshments:	Walt Oellerich, Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock:	Rich Croll
Round House:	Michael Smith
Security:	Jon Sargent
Signals:	John Davis
Technical Talks:	Charlie Reiter
Track:	John Lytle
Web Site:	Pat Young

Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Rich Croll at his email railroc66@yahoo.com

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.

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 CallBoy editor at phty95014@yahoo.com

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

Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

11/14/21 General Monthly Meeting/Board Meeting
12/12/21 General Monthly Meeting/Annual Meeting/
Board Meeting

Announcements

Board Elections

Nominations are open now for members who would like to run for any of our Board officer positions in the upcoming election. As a refresher, the list of officer positions that are open for the election cycle are:

President, currently filled by Rick Reaves
Vice President, currently filled by Jon Sargent
Secretary, currently filled by Rich Croll
Treasurer, currently filled by John Lisherness
Ombudsperson, currently filled by Matt Petach
Safety, currently filled by Jerry Kimberlin
Director at Large, currently filled by Mark Johnson

If you'd like to be added to the list of candidates for a position, please send me an email at matt@petach.org

Clubhouse Door Lock Time Change is Here

By the time you read this our clubhouse door lock is changed back to the winter hours schedule so your push button combination will only work between 7 am to 7 pm each day. So please turn off the main power and be out of the building by 7 pm so you don't get locked out!

Jon Sargent
jonsargent7@aol.com

Minutes of the General Meeting

From acting Secretary Matt Petach

The meeting was called to order at 10:01 hours Pacific time by Vice President Jon Sargent.

Steaming Activities:



Charlie Reiter held their annual apple crushing/juicing party under steam. They crushed apples, made 15

gallons of apple juice, and had dinner under the trees with the steam engines running.



Sarah Buhre went down to Anaheim to Railroad Supplies to buy a speeder, for their personal use at the club.

Officer Reports:

Nothing new to report from the President, Vice President, Secretary, Safety, or Director at Large.

Our Treasurer John Lisherness gave his report and for more details please contact John directly.

The Ombudsman reported work continues on being able to accept electronic donations from the public. Also, nominations are being accepted for candidates for the 2022 Board elections, which are coming up in December. If you would like to run for an office, please email matt@petach.org to let him know what office you'd like to run for. We're accepting names for all Board officer positions.

Committee Reports:

Nothing new to report from Buildings, Roundhouse, High Track, Locomotives, Rolling Stock committees.

Security: Security reports that the clubhouse combination door lock will change to winter hours at the end of October, and it will lock between 7 pm and 7 am each day. Make sure you have packed up and turned the power off before 7 pm, so you don't get locked out!

Grounds: Grounds reports the gas chipper has been serviced and is being used to chip up branches from around the property. The chips are being put on the dirt areas to keep them from getting as muddy.

Signals: Signals reports there is still an intermittent problem with the signal at the top of the trestle by the flowers. They're still trying to identify the source of the intermittent failures, so please be aware of that when running.

Ground Track: Ground Track reported that John Lytle tamped the ballast in the area out back that was sinking.

Public Train: Public train reported we're seeing about 800 riders each week, and bringing in quite a lot in donations, which is really good. Thanks to everyone who helps out with making this such a success!

GGLS Web Site: A new club roster has been uploaded to the website, with updated information. *Please remember the club roster contains private information, and shouldn't be shared or sold to anyone.*

Builder's Group: Pat posted a video link last issue from Joe Pieczynski, a true master builder, on his assembly of a 1/12" scale 1890 metal lathe from parts that he machined from metal parts from a kit. In my opinion just a few in our club could match his ability. I will continue to post entries of video that I think the readers would be interested in as space in the CallBoy permits.

CallBoy Newsletter: This month, Pat tried something new in that along with sending out the online monthly CallBoy, he included a trip report of the 2021 Fall Open House. He is hoping that members who never attended one of our Meets will be encourage to attend & help out.

Late fall is the time that Pat & the Board have to do year end event planning that include preparing for the 2022 Board member elections, finalizing the 2022 event calendar and sending out the 2022 membership renewal & roundhouse lease payment form. For those members who are new to the club, we collect next years membership dues at the end of the year and for those who joined in the last quarter, you won't renew until next year. In the past, members would trickle in with their renewals, which was somewhat tedious, so the Board instituted an "early bird" special. You will get a discount if you send in your payment before the end of the year.

One final thing is that the CallBoy is what it is due to its contributors and during the pandemic the contents were sparse; if you have anything you think other members would be interested in seeing, please feel free to send it in. The CallBoy's purpose is to inform & entertain and if members look forward to at least opening it, Pat is happy.



Library: Librarian Pat Young would like to personally apologize to Mel for leaving a mess in the club house because of the recent magazine & book donations. For those who don't know Mel, he does cleaning of the club house and cuts up timber for the wood stove. Pat is sorry that he had contributed extra work to Mel which is unforgivable.

So Mel, if you can bring back some of the boxes that Pat left behind for the library, he will bring the books & magazines back home for cataloging.

Also If you've borrowed things from the club library, don't forget to return them after you finish reading them.

Membership: Sammy Tamez reported that there were no new members this month. On a side note, he mentioned the Skunk Train up north is running, but only a short run as Tunnel #1 is still collapsed. They offer "forever passes" for \$1886, and have rail bike rides available.

Old Business:

Ombudsman is still collecting names for the election slate. Mail matt@petach.org if you'd like to run for any of our officer positions!

New Business:

Ken Blonski asked if we might get our parking area re-paved at the same time the road is getting re-paved. Jon thought it was unlikely, but he will check with the Park District about this.

General Meeting was adjourned at 10:16 hours Pacific time.

Minutes of the Board Meeting

By Matt Petach, acting Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:39 hours Pacific time by Vice President Jon Sargent. Members present

were Rich Lundberg, Jon Sargent, John Lisherness, Jerry Kimberlin, Mark Johnson, & Ombudsman Matt Petach, acting as Secretary.

A motion was made by Rich Lundberg to approve the minutes from the September 2021 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Jerry Kimberlin. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Electric Gate Proposal: Jon Sargent gave the following update on the electric gate proposals: So far, we have one proposal for \$32,000 and the consensus was their proposal does not meet our requirements. Jon will communicate that back to R&S, and ask for a standard swing gate proposal instead. Jon will again ask Reed Brothers to provide a bid as well and reach out to Eric Bledsoe at Electronic Innovations, and will report progress back at the next meeting.

Electronic payment processing: Matt has unfortunately not made as much progress as he had hoped, but will report back at the next meeting on our ability to accept electronic donations.

Standing Rules Update: Current 2 page standing rules need to be updated; Jerry Kimberlin agreed to read through them and provide an updated version for the Board to review, modify, and approve. Jerry will also check the Safety manual, modify it with the current date, and send it to Jon & Pat Young to be uploaded on our website to replace the existing version.

New Waiver & Release of Liability document: John Lisherness made a motion to accept the document Mark and Jon have prepared. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. During discussion, it was agreed that Mark Johnson will provide additional updated text to it and send it to the Board for approval via email in time for it to be included with renewal reminders.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Young asked the Board to approve the proposed 2022 calendar. The Board determined that this is not something that needs a vote, though we should verify meet dates with SVLS and PVARR before finalizing it. Pat asked if the Club wants again to provide an early bird discount for early 2022 membership dues renewals. Rich Lundberg made a motion to provide an early bird discount this year. Mark Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

We discussed the Vegetation Management document received from the Park District. Jon will set up a meeting with Andy Weber & Dave Weaver from Tilden Park to walk-thru and see if there is anything else we need to do within our area.

Jerry Kimberlin is considering relaxing copper boiler standards to pass at 1.25 times pressure instead of current 1.5 times. The Board determined that it is up to him to set, and no vote is needed by the Board to approve it.

Jon adjourned the meeting at 11:31 hours Pacific time.

GGLS Steam Engine Upgrades

Submitted by John Davis

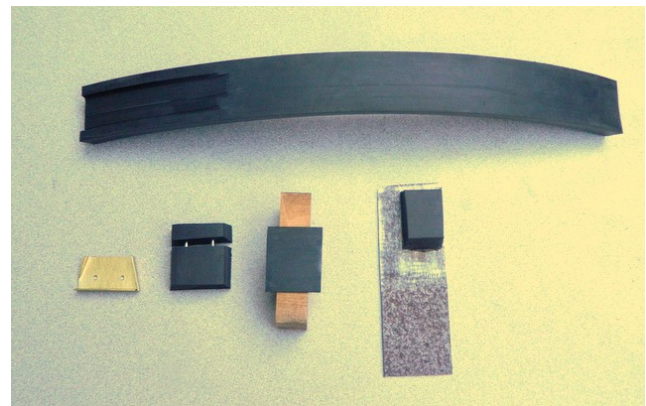
Two broken oil cups on the RGS 22 were replaced with custom machined adapters. Oil leaks on the top of the steam chest were sealed.

The RGS 20 got a new Naugahyde seat cover. Both engines are in good working order and were used in a double header on October 17, 2021 Public Train. All work was done by John Davis & Paul Hirsch.

Bits and Pieces

Submitted by Pat Young

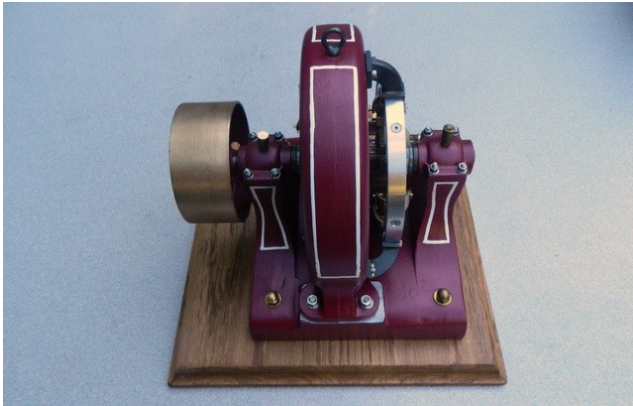
Charlie Reiter: Charlie brought in two projects that he was working on.



His current tractor project has steel cleated wheels which is tough on his brick yard at home. So he decided to add solid rubber tires on it and ordered some from England for his 16" wheels. But inside the small box that he got didn't have tires but 30 feet of rubber strips. He ended up grooving the rubber strips with a dado blade on a table saw, glued the strip down with Pliobond and pinned the ends of strip to securely

hold them down.

It was a tough job but was worth it.



The second item was a generator model he completed from a kit and is the second owner. He put a Honda permanent magnet generator on it and at 1,000 rpm he can get 12 volts from it.



John Davis: John showed a product that he highly recommends because it doesn't affect his skin very much (as with all solvents, always minimize skin contact). It has a pleasant smell is a great solvent for removing labels from plastic medicine bottles, a great degreaser, a replacement for paint thinner and good for the environment.

It's called Citrus Solvent from Milk Paint and cost \$75 for a gallon but you can purchase a pint for \$21.

Model Building Upgrade

Submitted by John Davis & Shanna O'Hare

Thanks to our dear friend Elizabeth (age 11), and her Mother Espe, one of our model buildings is being refurbished. Before Elizabeth started renovations, the house needed some shingle repair, the roof ridge line had gaps, a deck rail was missing and the paint was checked and peeling everywhere. After shingle, ridge and deck rail repairs, and a primer coat, Elizabeth is ready for the final colors (which are her choice). Stay tuned as the project progresses.



Elizabeth working on the little house.

An Injector Learning Experience

By Bruce Anderson

Okay, so Harley's spool valve has been replaced but now I'm facing another issue. Getting water into the boiler has been challenging the past couple of runs. Harley has two ways of doing this: an axle pump & a steam injector. Hand pumps & steam powered water pumps are two other ways commonly used.

There are multiple designs and manufacturers of injectors and mine was made by former GGLS member Anthony Duarte of Eccentric Engineer (more information can be found at the following web site: <https://www.eccentricengineer.com/>).

My first assumption was that the small diameter holes on the injector's cones might have become clogged (the three cones are Steam, Combining, and Delivery). Upon disassembly, the holes appeared clear. I did notice that the washer did not move possibly due to mineral deposits or scale. Taking careful note of its orientation, I gently removed the washer and worked it so it slid nicely.

I wrote Anthony to pulse him about this. He responded that the washer should move about 0.015" with 0.001" of clearance; I did not notice the gap until I enlarged his drawing. I also believe this movement causes the little snap I hear when the injector picks-up and water flow begins into the boiler. Upon sharing this experience with others of our Thursday Workday crew, I was cautioned not to accidentally cross-thread any of the components during reassembly.

Next in the queue will be checking the axle pump (again).

I am sharing this story in the hopes it provides a useful learning experience to those of us newer to the hobby.....or a chuckle about my trials & tribulations to those already knowledgeable about injectors.

P.S., I had ordered a spare Delivery Cone in case I futzed it up. I would have ordered a backup washer as well but they are currently on back order.

Snake in the Tracks

By Pat Young and Shanna O'Hare

After the October General meeting and the Public Train began its operation, there was a ruckus by the entrance trestle bridge. Rumor was that someone saw a snake



and sure enough, there it was.

Now it wasn't your garden variety snake, no sirree! It was a 3-footer rattler but surprisingly pretty passive.

John Davis found the critter and began keeping under control with a stick. To me, that stick wasn't long enough (all my photos were done with a long telephoto lens).

He later got it into a box while Shanna called around the Park District on what to do. There were no officials able to deal with it and since it turns out that rattle snakes are considered endangered, they advised that we release it in a remote area. They also suggested she contact Animal Control which deals with wild animals since the Park District isn't allow to do so. Alas, this effort only resulted in a voice mail message saying "no one is here to take your call", followed by referral to another number which turned out to be a non-working number.

Strike 1!

Clearly this wasn't a good sign for forthcoming help. Next Shanna approached an officer writing parking tickets just outside our gate to see if he might have a working number for animal control or a suggestion for how best to deal with "Ronnie" the rattlesnake (after spending so much time together, Shanna thought we should introduce ourselves so gave the snake a name). While the officer didn't have any suggestions for Ronnie's future, he did flag down an approaching fire truck to see if they might have any insightful information. They did not, but said "be sure to call us if you have a fire".

Strike 2!

I wonder if this is the first time they ever had to deal with something like this...

John found a new garbage can with a lid on the club property and Snake Wrangler John lifted the snake inside.

Meanwhile Shanna was getting urgent calls from Sammy on the Public Train platform to "return to the station" where needed, so she happily left things in John's hands, thinking a snake in the trash can with lid on couldn't be too dangerous to release.

We hiked to the top of the Heintz Loop and yes, the snake was still in there.

Positioning himself, John gave the snake the old "Heave Ho" (you can see the snake flying, maybe) and the rest is history.

First time in my experience with the club that I ever got a chance to see a live rattler not in a cage or the zoo. So with the poison oak, stinging bugs and now this at the track, this could be the first of other sightings. **So Beware!**



Membership & Roundhouse Dues Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership & Roundhouse dues for 2022.

Regular Member (lives within 100 miles of club facilities):	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2021	\$ 40
If renewed on or after January 1, 2022	\$ 50
If renewing after March 31, 2022, see note below.	
Associate Member (lives beyond 100 miles from club facilities):	\$ 30
Family Membership:	
If renewed on or before December 31, 2021	\$ 50
If renewed on or after January 1, 2022	\$ 60
Roundhouse dues:	\$200

Please make the checks out to “**GGLS**” and send them to the following address:

Lisa Kimberlin
324 Nevada Avenue
Pt. Richmond, CA 94801

If payment is not received by March 31, 2022, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a \$25 initiation fee to be reinstated.

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