



*A new milestone for GGLS!
Rahim Pereira gets a closeup look at the G scale adaptation to the High Track!*

The CallBoy

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Club Correspondence

All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers should be sent to the secretary, Sarah Buhre at this email: secretary@ggls.org

Membership

To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings. At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and obtain a membership application from the Membership chairman or Secretary. At the second meeting, return your completed application, a signed release form, 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 submittals to next month's issue is the 19th!

2025 Calendar of Club Sponsored Events

(Dates may change without notice)

10/12	General Meeting/Board Meeting
10/17	SVLS Fall Meet
10/19	SVLS Fall Meet
11/09	General Meeting/Board Meeting
12/14	General Meeting/Board Meeting End of Year Business Meeting

Announcements

Matt Petach looked at the spark arrestor for the clubhouse pot belly wood burning stove. He will put it up when Paul Hirsh gets it.

2026 Board Election Slate

The current slate for GGLS Elected Officers for 2026 is as follows:

President:	Jon Sargent
Vice President:	Lew Breon
Secretary:	Sarah Buhre
Treasurer:	John Lisherness
Safety:	Jerry Kimberlin
Director-at-Large:	Sammy Tamez
Ombudsman:	Lisa Kimberlin

There is a blue clipboard with the slate hanging on the cork board in the clubhouse with the candidate names. There is also space to nominate other candidates for each of the positions (nominees may decline to accept the nomination).

You may also notify Lisa Kimberlin if you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of the positions by email (ombudsperson@ggls.org), text (see roster for cell number), post-it, carrier pigeon, etc. Remember, nominees just need to be 18 years or older and be a current voting member in good standing to run.

Guests and New Members



Sky Huang came with Kasper Chang and introduced themselves:

"I was part of the railway club in college and we would share the model train sets, photos of trains (mostly in positive files!), research projects, among others. Today many of the club members work in the public transportation industry, including Taiwan High Speed Rail, Taipei Metro, Department of Transportation, City of Taipei and many others. We still talk regularly on IM. I'm probably the most non-technical member in our club because my focus was

the user/passenger experience. I am interested in the mechanical but my brain is not designed for that so I decided to be the one watching and give wows.

Kasper is very interested in building things and he loves steam trains. We have been to many train museums around the world because of our shared interest in trains. Every time we saw a steam engine in the museum he would spend a long time looking at its details and try to figure out what each part does. He has many, many Lego trains and his dream is to build steam trains that goes around our house! I would like to help him to make this dream come true because I think that would be very cool.

Last week after the meeting, we stayed for a bit and Kasper watched Paul fixing a locomotive. We asked Paul how he gained knowledge about those locomotives and it seems he has a background of that. We then asked about how or if this knowledge would be passed on and how. Would there be classes or training offered at the club? We were told just come and ask a lot of questions! So I guess that's what we'll be doing then.

I myself am very interested in landscaping and the experience overall. I enjoyed watching all the little houses and nice little (fake) ponds during the ride. So if the landscaping team is recruiting please let me know!

I am a full time mom now but I used to work as a designer, doing visual communication and user experience design. So if the club needs something like that done I can help."



At his fourth visit, Tristan Watts-Willis allowed me to finally get a photo of him. He is here as a wing man to help Ben Newton with his locomotive ambitions, and he says that the club meetings have been pretty interesting so far. He is not actually much of a train nerd, but Ben's trying very hard to change that. He will see how things go.

Railroading Activities

Becky Pereira and family had a family reunion in Dunsmuir, California at the Jubilee Railroad Wilderness Lodge. Off of highway 5 north of Sacramento, California you can park your RV there or rent a caboose overnight.

Sarah & Charlie Buhre went to the Roots of Motive Power Motive Steam Festival, two day festival in Willits, California, running all of Roots of Motive Power's steam equipment.

This included their Keystone Drill, the Dipper Stick shovel, a Ohio Steam Crane and three steam engines. Charlie ran the Ohio crane and Sarah ran the Keystone Drill.

John Davis made his first visit to Train Mountain last week. The maps were a little frustrating, but they were able to run on just about every route they had.

He brought his new little electric cab engine which was able to pull one riding car with no problem, but two cars was too much.

He also found out that Heisler engine number 9 is now at the State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, California. John machined some oil cups for this engine, so if you're there, look for his oil cups!

Charlie Reiter went to Sebastopol recently and found out that the steam powered Sturgeon Saw Mill had an Open house that day. Everything there was working and this historical steam sawmill runs about 4 times per year.

Charlie believes that all the lumber taken off his house from his 1960's remodel was redwood sourced from Sturgeon's Mill. He built a new shed in his backyard with the reclaimed wood!

Jim Hague went to Jamestown, California and visited the Twilight number 3. This 4-6-0 ten wheeler was build by the Rogers Locomotive & Machine Works of Paterson, New Jersey in 1891.

This locomotive has been seen in movies like the Virginian, High Noon, the Great Race, Back to the Future III, The Unforgiven and many TV shows.

Dudley Stone was in Portland for a family reunion and went to the Oregon Rail Heritage Center. He saw the GS-4 4-8-4 Daylight and then watched them work on tires and a boiler for another locomotive in their workshop.

Minutes of the General Meeting

Meeting started at 10:01 am.

Officer Reports

President: Please come next week to the 2025 Fall Meet!

Vice President: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Cleaned up the membership roster list of past members and who aren't currently paid up on their membership.

Treasurer: Club is doing well and donations are coming in. We spent a lot of money this week on the materials for the new High Track swing bridges, wheels for the Public Train riding cars and club insurance. Another insurance payment is due soon.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Director at Large: Nothing to report.

Ombudsperson: For next year we have had a couple of nominees for the vacant Vice President position and one of them is Lew Breon. If you have more nominations, please contact Lisa. The current Board members have volunteered to run for their current position.

Committee Reports

Buildings: Nothing to report.

Grounds: Andy Weber is out of town but Bruce mentioned that Andy made multiple trips and taking the club's compostable waste to the East Bay Regional Park District's green waste bin.

Ground Track: Jim McKibbin reported that the spur track to Bulger barn is completed & leveled out. They also completed the re-profiling of the inside track area by the ducks before the bridge.

We have been acquiring new supplies for the track system such as ballast & track screws. The metal items are stainless steel due to corrosion issues.

Signals: John Davis says there has been a problem with a potential false signal by the ducks but we are not sure if it's fixed. So if you see a red, it could be a false red; treat it as a regular red & slow down until you see the green at the next block.

High Track: Brian Perry says we have had a great crew helping to make the new G-scale track possible and they have laid over 600 feet already!

Track laying members Brian Parry, Lew Breon, Charlie Buhre, Lisa Kimberlin, Sammy Tamez & Rahim Pereira have been helping.

They are hoping to make it to the High Track lift bridges out by the roundhouse in the next day or two. Future issues include adapting the lift bridges and fixing the track unevenness.

Locomotives: Paul Hirsh says everything is working fine and the RGS #20 & #22 are ready for the Fall Open House next weekend.

He is still testing the injector on the Heinz locomotive. He ran it a couple of weeks ago for about 45 minutes and it was fine. The axle pump is there to keep the boiler filled if there is a problem with the injector.

He took the 4760 diesel's motor apart again and made sure the brushes weren't stuck since it seems to be losing power somewhere. We will test it with the Public Train today to see if it makes it up the Heinz loop. If it doesn't, will have to use 8150 for backup.

John Davis bought a crane scale to measure tractive force for testing of the engines.

Shop and Rolling Stock: Rich Croll is absent but Paul Hirsh says that because many riding cars had worn wheels, Rich purchased some from Accucraft & replaced them. He also had to replace the brakes on two riding cars.

Public Train: Walter is back from his hip surgery and feels no pain! Surgery went well, but expects a slow recovery.

Fridge is stocked for next week and grandson will be weed spraying around the track.

Landscape: Jo Ann Miller is absent watching the 49er's play, but sent a report to Bruce.

The woodshed is full & weeds have been pulled. If you see weeds in the steaming bay, please pull a few for us and big bags for waste can be found under the woodshed.

Thanks to Bob Walker for all the work cleaning up the areas around the track as well as new member Phil Jenschke who has helped out a lot.

Roundhouse and Storage: Jon Sargent says it is time to pay the yearly storage fees for those who rent space to store their equipment at the club facility. Payment is due by Dec 31st and there is no grace period. Lisa will take payments by cash, check, credit card or Apple Pay and if you pay electronically, it must be done in person. If you have rental space to vacate, please let Jon know as soon as possible so the next member on the waiting list can apply for it.

Security: No issues.

Membership: Guests please see Sammy after the meeting in the kitchen.

Library/Call Boy/Website:

Librarian Pat Young reported that we do have some free magazines in the clubhouse that need a good home. Please feel free to take some.

CallBoy editor Pat Young says that if you are not getting the emailed online CallBoy, please contact Pat about this problem.

Web person Pat Young mentioned that the club website seems to be doing well with no reported problems.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

Meeting end: 10:45 am

Minutes of the Board Meeting

Present Board Officers: Rick Reaves, Sammy Tamez, Lisa Kimberlin, Jon Sargent, John Lisherness, Jerry Kimberlin, Sarah Buhre & Stephen Fares.

Approval of Last Month's Meeting Minutes: Sammy Tamez moved to accept the August month minutes and Stephen Fares seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Old Business:

Club Insurance: Jon got the new documents for our club insurance and all other policies for stock & volunteers are renewed. But we still need to pay for one part that was incorrect.

Printed CallBoy: We discussed charging people who wanted the printed copy of the Call Boy an additional cost due to rising production costs. We need a list of people who get the printed version and will mail them a letter asking them if they would like to pay the extra or to move to electronic delivery. Sarah has asked Pat for the list and will contact those people to let them know of the new charge. Sammy Tamez made a motion to charge an additional \$10 for the printed CallBoy and Stephen Fares seconded the motion. With no discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Donation: Jon Sargent received a donation from his grandson's school.

Nomination: Lew Breon has accepted the nomination for Vice President and he can also take over the High Track chairman position.

High Track Lift-out Bridge Update: John Lisherness says Paul Hirsh got all the iron work for the High Track lift out bridge at salvage metal prices. John is working on the bridges and probably saved \$1,000 on materials. He needs to price out the electrical costs and purchase aluminum.

John had a meeting with the G-scale folks and decided how to go about it modifying it. We need to also fix the electrical conduit that runs along the High Track.

Ground Track: Jim McKibbin sent a list of materials he needed for the ground track which the Board

approved.

2026 Board Member Election: Discussed procedures about the election and following the rules that are specified in the Bylaws. Lisa will send a list of Nominees to Pat for inclusion in the October Call Boy.

New Business:

2025 Fall Meet and Open House Plan: Thank goodness that lots of people signed up!

Meeting End at 11:53 am.

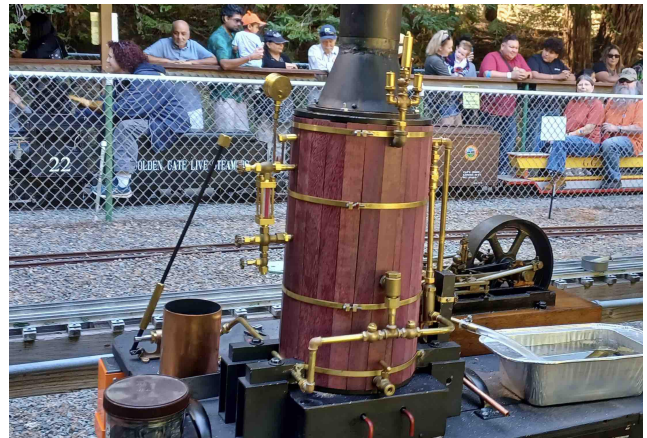
Bits and Pieces

Photographs by Bruce Anderson



Ben Newton took the bit between his teeth and began work on one of the Chloe's he recently acquired. He discovered the one in the photograph has been heavily modified and has been documenting the changes as he works through the rebuilding process.

Keep up the good work Ben and handle each problem as they present themselves, and in the not-too-distant future you will be out on the ground track enjoying the rewards of your efforts!



Bruce Anderson recently completed a stationary boiler started by his late friend Roy Mott. Bruce acquired it from Roy many years ago and over the last year or two has worked to take the unfinished boiler to the beautiful, finished item shown in the photograph.

It is coal fired and is finished in brass & purple heart lagging and works very well (after a hydro test of course). Bruce has three stationary engines he intends to run from this boiler, and a generator to power a Christmas ornament. Bruce also brought along a set of thread identifiers which he obtained from Micro Fasteners and an ingenious clamping tool made by Bruce to hold small pipe while threading the ends.

I really liked the stationary boiler, and the smell of coal smoke always takes me back to childhood.



Rahim Pereira continues to learn about mechanical mechanisms and created a "Candy Dispenser" utilizing

Lego (Rahim's current favorite medium). The dispenser would automatically reload "Candy" (actually, a Lego brick for demonstration) and was very pleasing to watch in action.

Becky (Rahim's grandmother) gave us the background on the shirt Rahim was wearing, which originally belonged to Becky when she was young and that was obtained during a Railroad Days celebration in Dunsmuir. Becky was fortunate to spend a fair amount of time in this scenic part of our state and has many fond memories of family gatherings there. It must have been a wonderful place to spend time growing up!



As Fall is fast approaching the annual tradition at the Reiter household is what Charlie refers to as "Apple Time". This year's apple harvest from Charlie's trees was quite good, and around 20 gallons of high-quality apple juice was the final result of friends & family who were lucky enough to attend. The grinding & subsequent crushing of the apples is done with steam power and what else would you expect at Charlie's house! Yours truly was assigned as the fireman responsible for maintaining boiler pressure and the equipment was under steam for seven hours.

Charlie brought in a sample of the juice, which was delicious!



Leo Sanchez is a new member candidate and showed his antique 1882 Elgin pocket watch. A very nice example of the watchmaker's craft and is a key wound watch, which Leo stated is not a railroad watch as most examples were stem wound. However, I did a little research which revealed during that period some railroads were using key wound watches.

So, you appear to have a very interesting piece of history Leo!

Proud Moments

By Amy Herman & Ray Kennedy



GGLS members Amy Herman & Ray Kennedy visited their son Scott Kennedy (a former member and now a current Associate Member) at the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in early August.



This was exactly 12 years since Amy & Scott's first trip in 2013 to ride the train to Silverton. This time around though, Amy & Ray were passengers while Scott was the Engineer!



Scott has worked at the D&SNGRR since 2019, where he works as both a certified pressure vessel welder year-round and as an engineer during the main season. He sometimes travels to other railroads to work on their locomotives, including Niles Canyon in 2024 and Knotts Berry Farm.



Other states with railroads he has worked on include Iowa, Kansas, Maryland and New Mexico. It's an interesting way to see the country.



We are eventually hoping to visit him in every season and so far we're just missing the Winter season (brrrr!).

If any GGLS members visit the D&SNGRR, please make sure to say 'Hi' to Scott!