Rarely seen but happy GGLS members Ken Dado & Bill Schaefer at the New Years Day Chili Run

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Articles, pictures, photographs, items for sale or any
other information that would be of interest to the club
should be sent to Pat Young interim Editor.

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

GGLS Committee Chairmen
Bits & Pieces: Sheldon Yee
Boiler Testing: Jerry Kimberlin
Building & Grounds: Rich Lundberg
Engine: Mark Johnson
High Track: Jeremy Coombe
Librarian: Pat Young
Membership: Rick Zobelein,
            Susanne Waterman
Public Train: John Bouey
Refreshments: Jim Dameron, Walt Oellerich,
             Sheldon Yee
Rolling Stock: Richard Croll
Round House: Michael Smith
Treasurer Assistant: Susanne Waterman
Technical Talks: Charlie Reiter
Track: Jim Dameron & Bill Smith
Web Site: Pat Young & Rick Zobelein

Calendar of Club Events
02/09/14 Meeting
03/09/14 Meeting
04/13/14 Meeting
05/04/14 Meeting
05/17/14 SVLS Meet
05/18/14 SVLS Meet
06/08/14 Meeting
06/21/14 GGLS Meet
06/22/14 GGLS Meet
07/13/14 Meeting
08/10/14 Meeting
09/14/14 Meeting
10/11/14 GGLS Meet
10/12/14 GGLS Meet
10/19/14 Meeting
11/09/14 Meeting
12/14/14 Year End Meeting and Elections

Membership
To qualify for membership, attend 2 monthly meetings.
At the first meeting, please introduce yourself and
obtain a membership application from Membership
chairman Rick Zobelein. At the second meeting,
return your completed application and the yearly
prorated club dues, together with a the $25 initiation
fee and you're in.

Club Correspondence
All correspondence to the Golden Gate Live Steamers
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**Announcements**

There is a work day on Saturday, February 15, 2014 to do tree pruning around the club house. Bring loppers, pole pruners and anything else to trim off the vertical shoots of the trees and other light pruning. But if you have none of these tools, come down & help anyway. If enough people show up, we may install a turnout.

Membership and Roundhouse renewals for 2014 is due now. Similar to last year, John Lisherness has requested that all payments be again made to Suzanne Waterman to streamline the accounting process. See the club web site for additional information and renewal form. Also, roundhouse dues DO NOT have the same grace period that membership dues have and are $200 per door, due by January 1, 2014.

**Club Meeting Minutes**

The Club meeting was called to order on January 12, 2014 at 10:01 am by President Rich Lundberg with a scant 21+ members attending on a chilly 40 degree NFL playoff morning.

**New Members and Guests:**

None.

**Steam-related Activities:**

Member Matthew Thomas mentioned that his good friend Russ Robinson is hosting a private 15" gauge meet on Memorial Day weekend on his Trinity Alps Mountain Railroad in Northern California. The September 2013 CallBoy issue has details about this railroad and for more information about this, contact Matt (marchcreekminingcompany@gmail.com).

Michael Smith's family visited Disneyland in Anaheim, California and like Mark Johnson, were able to get a special ride on the tender of this park's 3-foot narrow gauge park railroad.

**Committee Reports:**

Chili Run chairman Sheldon Yee raved about the food and many thanks to those who participated in the New Years Day Chili Run! But Sheldon wondered where all the serving spoons & ladles in the club kitchen disappeared to! Rich Croll suggested that he talk to the coal burners!

GGLS and its faculties are for the benefit of our members, their relatives and guests. If scheduling an even such as a Swap Meet, birthday parties, etc., please feel free to ask the Board of Directors for approval.

Buildings chairman Rich Lundberg had news that the East Bay Regional Park District has given approval to the club's plan to build the storage building on top of the Heinz Loop to house the Public Train's riding car.

It is not clear why the club's water supply is still being left on sometime after Sunday and before Thursday. Please help us prevent the many expensive and time consuming problems that the result from leaving the water on. Remember, you too can prevent freezing pipes and broken hose bibbs at GGLS.

Newly-elected Safety Chairman Michael Smith announced that he has posted a list of qualified boiler inspectors on the bulletin board. He has requested that all members wear safety glasses & ear protectors when working with shop tools.

The Signal Committee had no news but Jim Dameron mentioned that the circuit breaker box did not turn off the Signal System power.

Grounds Chairman Jim Dameron reported fixing a derailment-prone area of track around the Heinz Loop by leveling & tamping it down. Rail joining screws that bind the rails together were working loose, is a problem being addressed by using longer screws to engage the threaded Nyloc nuts more completely.

Public Train report was given by co-chair Rich Croll who again thanked all the stalwart personnel who show up and help run the Public Train. On most Sundays, 200-400 people come to Tilden Station. Please consider volunteering at Tilden Station any Sunday between 11 am & 3 pm. More volunteers are welcomed here so that the Public Train crew can take breaks. Besides, this is the place to experience
Engine chairman Mark Johnson (and his locomotive crew shown above) along with John Lisherness made the following report on the club's motive power:

**RGS 22:** This engine is operational. Both the engine & the tender are waiting to receive new lettering & numbers. To find out more about becoming qualified to run this engine, please contact Rich Croll.

![Scott Kennedy passing by the newly re lettered Pacific.](image)

**Pacific:** David Waterman continues to fine-tune its oil burners. This locomotive is considered operational & in-service. New lettering & numbers have been applied. Members who would like to learn how to operate this locomotive can contact David Waterman.

![David Waterman is firing the engine while Scott Kennedy, Sam Lerman, and Souza watch.](image)

**Hunter Atlantic:** Last Sunday the engine was fired up and checked to make sure there is proper delivery of water. The running gear has a knocking sound which will be investigated asap. The boiler's sight glass has been verified to be ½" above the top of the crown sheet and can be reliably used to determine a low water situation. Two defective hoses between the engine & tender have been replaced. Two other hoses have been identified for eventual replacement.

![Mike Smith & Anthony Duarte discuss the Hunter Atlantic's maintenance.](image)

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Please let Christopher or Michael B. Smith know about your interest in running this engine.

![Matt Franaszek working on the Heinz Atlantic.](image)

**Heinz Atlantic:** John Lisherness continues to work with Matt Franaszek on getting this engine back in action. They are planning to install an axle pump plus refurbish the pins & bushings of its valve gear.

When talking about this project to friends, Matt has called the Atlantic “my project locomotive.” While he is not certain if this is the best title, we welcome you to come and join us.
RGS 20: No progress report from Bob Cohen. The number plate for the smokebox door is being cast.

Baldwin diesel: Up and operational.

UVAS diesel: Up and operational.

Mark Johnson ended his report by reminding everyone how to limit the amount of soot: before blowing out the flues & tubes of the boiler, just remember to close the doors of the Shattock engine barn.

Rolling Stock chairman Rich Croll had nothing new to report.

Roundhouse chairman Michael Smith has posted a 2014 roundhouse run log sheet on the bulletin board for those renting roundhouse space.

Web person Pat Young spoke about the current state and direction of GGLS's 3rd iteration of its web page and that it adds value in the following ways:

For the members:
- There is an announcement page of timely events (club and non-club) that would be of interest to the membership.
- There is a classified page that members can post what they need and what they want to sell.
- There is a calendar page to help members keep track of upcoming events.
- There is a library page that describes what magazines, books and documents that the club owns that would be of interest to members.

For the club:
- It has the potential to be the archive site for electronic club related documents currently held by members.

For the Public:
- Our web site is our face to be Public and is a potential membership enrollment vehicle.

Our website is set up to be easily maintainable, transportable to other host servers and hopefully it won't have to be created from scratch again.

With regards to email, the club is using email more and more as our vehicle to dispatch & deliver time critical club related news, announcements and/or activities that may require immediate action.

The following high points were brought out:
- Club related messages will always be preferred by "GGLS" on subject line as a safety precaution. If the subject line is blank or suspicious, please feel free to contact the secretary for confirmation. The most important precaution taken continues to be the use of the 'bcc' (blind carbon copy) address field. This insures that the full email address is never disclosed.
  - Currently if any member has a need to email a message to the membership, please send it to the secretary for broadcasting.

Both Yahoo groups GGLSP and GGLS Builders Group are now moderated by the owners and our Ombudsman Ken Blonski as a precaution. Also owner Pat Young of the GGLS Builders group temporarily crippled his access to the group. If anyone experiences any problems, please let Pat know.

There have been suggestions that the club consider using Facebook.

Officer Reports:

Secretary Pat Young received a limited number of 2014 10-day pass for any meet for those who have NEVER gone to Train Mountain. These meet events include the Polar Bear (January 17-20), Spring (May 9-11), Narrow Gauge (May 30-June 1), Operations (June 27-29), August (Aug 1-3), Big Build (September 5-7) and Fall Colors (October 10-13). A few were given out at the club meeting and those wanting a pass should send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the secretary's address listed in this newsletter.

Treasurer John Lisherness read the December 2013 Treasurer’s Report. There was a large inflow of funds from membership & roundhouse dues. The largest expense was our yearly lease fee to the East Bay Regional Park District. More information can be obtained from John.

Old Business:
The future of the Interpretive Center was discussed, beginning with a recap of its development up to the present.

Our sincere apologies to our architect-member Berne Holman who drew several beautiful preliminary sketches and plans. Because of the location of an underground storm drain, the Board regrets that this proposal, to build a permanent structure at the chosen location, is no longer viable.

After several Board discussions on what to do, the general consensus is to go back to 'square one', perhaps in a different guise. More about this subject is described in the **Board Meeting Minutes**.

**New Business:**
No New Business.

**Board Meeting Minutes**
The January 12, 2013 Board Meeting began at 11:34 pm with Board members John Lisherness, Rich Lundberg, Michael Smith, Pat Young with Rich Croll and Rick Zobelein attending.

**Old Business:**
A sign up sheet for “The New Interpretive Steam Project” was presented during the general meeting. The results of this sign up sheet were reviewed and looked very promising.

*(the following was received by the BOD concerning refocusing the feasibility of our Interpretive Steam Project & reprinted below.)*

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“Hello All,

Mina Edelston Lisherness here. For many years now, I’ve enjoyed hearing about the various activities and projects at GGLS.
The models I’ve seen here at GGLS and other places intrigue me. It is this curiosity that has inspired the enclosed modest initial proposal to reconsider how best to display stationary engine exhibits at GGLS.
In the past, I have participated in a cooperatively run art gallery in San Francisco. This included the process of developing and displaying exhibits.

My purpose for wanting to participate in this project is two-fold:
....Show how stationary models operate to **better understand how the parts of these engines work together and**
....Using pictorial materials, document **how originally the full-sized engine might have been used**.

Rather than a permanent building first, my goal here is to exchange ideas with interested members on developing exhibit(s) and/or display(s) that can be set-up for a particular event.

Demonstrating steam power has the potential of being an interesting and educational experience.

My hope for this project is that it inspires collaboration and sharing "know-how", providing additional interest for all those at GGLS.

What do you think?
Best regards,

MINA EDELSTON”
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The current state of club communication was discussed and clarification with regards to email broadcasting to the membership. As it stands today, messages are passed to the secretary to hand broadcast it to the membership. The plan is to use a moderated Yahoo group that will allow members to email messages to the moderator for viewing & eventual broadcasting.

Last meeting there was an initial start made to look into archiving historical & technical documents in electronic format. The most promising solution is to store these documents on the club's web host server. Members with small amounts of documents can have a knowledgeable individual move them to the server. Those with a greater need will be provided technical access to do the following: They would log onto the club's host server, create folders on the server's file system, and use a File Transfer Program (FTP) like FileZilla to move files to/from their PC to the host server at their discretion.

Membership renewal is lackluster with the majority of the members not renewed yet. Please renew as soon as possible or be dropped & forced to pay a $25 initiation fee.

**New Business:**
Rich Croll made a proposal to amend the club policy requirement that the locomotive-qualified adult that currently rides behind a 16 to18 year old locomotive-qualified junior operator be able to move to another location (eg. conductor's seat) if the adult deems it safe & necessary. A motion was made, seconded and
passed to amend the club policy with this amendment. The seemingly lack of cooperation with regards to the membership turning of the water supply consistently at the end of the day was addressed and a unique solution was proposed. The Board is assuming that this situation is due to the lack of training of some member(s) running during the week on how to turn off the water supply system. The lock combinations will soon be changed and force members to attend a short training session about proper water supply system operations if they want the new combination.

New members have commented that there seems to be no procedures in place to welcome and usher them into the club. The Board and Membership committee will have to look into this problem to come up with more orientation documentation, guidelines and perhaps institute a probation period.

The Board discussed installing a security system on site and passed a motion to seriously investigate this further.

**Sign Up to Participate in the Interpretive Display Committee**
By John Lisherness & Rich Lundberg

At our January meeting, 9 GGLS members signed up to be part of a new group interested in stationary engines and/or how steam power developed over time. We envision developing exhibits and/or displays for future meets and open houses. The hope for this project is that it inspires collaboration and sharing “know-how”.

Anyone interested is encouraged to add their name to the sign up sheet by e-mailing John Lisherness (lisherness.john@gmail.com).

It will be helpful if you indicate aspects of the project that might interest you such as:

- to plan graphics & actual machines for exhibits
- to bring something to display
- to help plan and set-up display facility (e.g. benches, awnings, air hoses, etc.)
- to staff display area(s).

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**Bits and Pieces**
by Sheldon Yee

Mike Smith - Machinist Nutcracker. Mike wanted to know about it’s origin, however sometimes "it is what it is"...a simple metal project, which can be used to crack nuts (edible, that is), press in small bearings, etc.

Jerry Kimberlin - His current project is building a Hay Press, as evidenced from the frame, installed wheels and gear train block. Also the color scheme is shown. Jerry explained the procedure for baling hay, and it will be interesting to see what type of natural grasses can be utilized in the scaled-down project.

Rich Croll - Engine Column Machining Fixture for use on a large Lathe. Consists of a large piece of angle plate bolted onto a face plate, so that a Steam
Engine Column trunk (crosshead) guides can be turned axially.

Charlie Reiter - A two (2) cylinder engine for use on a 2-1/2" scale Shay locomotive, built by Charlie.

Online CallBoy Additions

The following can be found on the Online version of the CallBoy:

- **GGLS Safety Corner** by Michael Smith
- Dan Swanson's "LEDs in the Cab" announcement.
- Conversation from Member Bruce Anderson
- Editor's Video Picks: Hay Baler.
- GGLS Builders Group: Query from Ken Rinehart.
- Classified Want Ads: Gondola, tank car and box car kit for sale.

Membership and Roundhouse Renewal Notice

It is time to renew your Golden Gate Live Steamers membership and Roundhouse dues for 2014.

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Please make the checks out to “GGLS” and member Suzanne Waterman has graciously agreed to help out with the membership & roundhouse accounting, so send payment to the following address:

Suzanne Waterman  
Box 151358  
San Rafael, California  
94915

If you want a membership card, please include a Stamped, Self-Addressed Envelope. If payment is not received by March 31, 2013, your name will be deleted from the club roster and require a $25 initiation fee to be reinstated. The Golden Gate Live Steamers is a 501(c)3 non-profit corporation.