Members Receive New Club Jackets

After many hours of research, phone calls and hard nose negotiations with the various vendors, our Sandy Morris was able to pull together all that was required to produce these jackets. The jacket vendor was found on the internet and provided information on size and availability. The patch design was done by Sandy with the thought of being embroidered directly on the jacket. This proved to be insanely expensive, so a separate patch was made to be sewn onto the rear of the jacket. Finally, A small round club patch was sewn onto the jacket front, along with the member’s name. Sandy, the blond lady in the front row, deserves our heartfelt thanks for all her work. Please show your gratitude by helping her put on the club’s Eightieth Anniversary Celebration!

Event Calendar

June
6/4-5/16 Redwood Valley Meet
6/05/16 Pot Luck Lunch
6/12/16 GGLS Member Meeting
6/12/16 GGLS Board Meeting
6/25/16 GGLS Spring Meet
6/26/16 GGLS Open House

July
7/04/16 Lou Bradas Memorial Run
7/04/16 SVLS 4th of July Run
7/10/16 GGLS Member Meeting
7/10/16 GGLS Board Meeting
7/23-24/16 PV&A Invitational

August
8/5-7/16 GGLS 80th Anniversary
8/14/16 GGLS Member Meeting
8/14/16 GGLS Board Meeting

September
9/11/16 GGLS Member Meeting
9/11/16 GGLS Board Meeting
On Sunday, June 5th GGLS will host a lunch with burgers and hot dogs for attending members. However, it is also “Pot Luck” and members are requested to bring a tasty item for others to enjoy. Plan on enough for five people when preparing.

Rolling stock chairman Rich Croll has made available some surplus club rolling stock for members to bid on as part of a silent auction. Information on this event is found elsewhere in this newsletter.

There will also be a swap meet at the same time, so feel free to bring out stuff you no longer need. This, for others to acquire to take home and add to their collection of stuff they don’t need.

It’s boiler inspection time as the Spring Meet is almost here! Please get this item taken care of before the Meet. Boiler testing during the Meet will only be done for those members living at a distance, who cannot make a special trip to the track before the meet.

For those members who have NOT received their club jackets, please contact Bob Morris and remind him that you will be at the June 5th event to receive your jacket and pay off the balance due or receive a small refund based on your original deposit.
Club Meeting Minutes
President Mark Johnson called the General Meeting to order at 10:06 am:

Obituaries:
The membership observed a moment of silence for Golden Gate Live Steamer, Les Cuff who passed away last month.

New Members, Guests and Guests:
We welcomed Jim Reed, who expressed interest in joining the club.
We welcome back Loren Byron, John Croll, and Dick Stark, whom we don’t see a whole lot of. We look forward to seeing you guys more at GGLS!

Steam-related Activities

Rich Croll visited the Grand Canyon Railway on a day where they had one of their 2-8-0s steamed up to pull the excursion train

David Luther is currently collecting all the certifications to be a licensed Engineer at Jamestown.

Secretary Christopher Smith went to American Flats Railroad in Fiddletown to attend their private Spring Meet

Dick Stark mentioned that he attended the Polar Bear Run at Train Mountain, where there was 2 ½ feet of snow on the tracks in some areas.

Officer's Report:
President Mark Johnson: “I would like to welcome everyone to the May meeting and thank you for attending.
I am pleased to inform you that the on April 5, 2016, the East Bay Regional Park District Board approved and renewed our Lease Agreement. This means that we now have a valid five year lease of our premises until January 2021. We will need to begin the lease renewal process at least six months the prior to the expiration of January 2021. I have hung a copy of the lease renewal document on the Bulletin Board and I have asked our webmaster to post the document out the website as well.
In addition to the 80th Celebration, the GGLS Board is sponsoring some great upcoming activities. We are planning on have a Pot Luck Lunch and a Swap Meet. If you can, please plan to attend and participate in these Club events and have some fun at the track.” – Mark Johnson.

Vice President: Rick Reaves comments on the progress of getting an Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED) for the club. He states that the membership is 50/50 on the idea.

Treasurer: For detailed information regarding the Club’s finances see John Lisherness.
Secretary: Christopher Smith spoke on the Swap Meet/ Run day/ potluck, where he encourages everyone to come on out and have a good time. More information can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Ombudsmen: Bob Cohen stated that he will buy the meat and buns for next month's potluck.

Committee Reports:

Buildings: Rich Lundberg talks about the progress that has been made to the roundhouse. All the concrete curbs are in and the metal plates are next. Within a month, it should be structurally completed.

Grounds: Andy Weber asked that any dumping of hazardous materials be disposed properly.

Safety Committee: Jerry comments that in the past month we have had two boiler failures. He stresses the need to get your hydro test. Mike Gershowitz commented on the idea of adding the option of an visual optical test.

Signals: System is reported to be in operational mode.

Ground Track: Nothing to report.

High Track: Nothing to report.

Public Train: It is doing exceptionally well, where the train crew is giving out rides sometimes late into the afternoon and generating exceptional amounts or donations.

Locomotives: Mark Johnson reports:
RGS 22: Richard Croll reports that the #22 continues to do an excellent job pulling the Public Train on Sundays.
Hunter Atlantic: Rick Reaves has taken over the work on this engine. Rick Reeves has test run the engine Safety Valve and Injector need more work. For a great picture of Rick working on the engine (Action Photo) see the front page of the latest online CallBoy.
Heinz Atlantic: John Lisherness reports that the work on this engine is on hold.
Johnson Pacific: John Lisherness reports that he has completed Propane burner design. John Maryott who did the fabrication of the burner did an expert job machining parts for the new burner. The engine is now in the Shattock Shop for installation of new propane burner.
Diesels: Rick Zobelein reports that #1936 (Baldwin), and #1971 (UVAS) are both in good running order. On the #1971 the loose wire on hour meter has been reconnected and it is now functioning.

Rolling Stock: The assembly of the new riding cars is completed and are now awaiting air hoses to be fitted.

Callboy and Web Page: The Potluck announcement has been posted on the club website and if any members are experiencing any problem, to please contact Pat (phty95014@yahoo.com).

Membership: Steve Vitkovits has asked for anyone to bring stationary steam and other models to display at the Spring meet.

Roundhouse: Nothing to report.

80th Anniversary: Sandy Morris, Committee Chairperson, reports that plans for the upcoming GGLS 80th Anniversary Celebration on August 5-7 are on track. The committee is working hard to insure that the event will be a huge success. She has provided the Event Invitations and Registration Forms for our Secretary to send to other clubs. The Registration Form have been given to the Editor for insertion into the June & July editions of The Callboy. Sandy also requested donations of Raffle Items and various containers to use for the Themed Raffle Prizes.
Old Business:
The Golden Gate Live Steamers membership elected three new life members to the club. These members are Richard Croll, Walter Oellerich and Mel McDonough. Congratulations guys!

New Business:
Secretary Christopher Smith again asked for participating members to bring a dish for the potluck/Swap Meet on June 5th.

At the request of the club President, Sandy Morris presented her idea for club Tee Shirts. She suggested a navy blue tee, screen printed to look similar to our new Club Jackets: the large Golden Gate Live Steamers logo on the back and the small GGLS logo on the front left. She guessed that $2,000 would cover enough tee shirts for club members, with plenty left over for public sales, but would get a specific amount needed if the club was interested. Motion was made with a second and the motion passed overwhelmingly. This would be taken to the board for consideration.

General Meeting Adjourned at 11:20 am.

Board Meeting Minutes
The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order by President Mark Johnson at 12:13 pm.

Old Business:
Round House and Storage Space Lock update, Mark Johnson. Motion Made, with a Second to purchase combination locks with 5/16” shanks for use on all of the Round House & other Engine Storage areas at the GGLS track. Passed. Michael Smith Round House Chairperson was directed by the Board to contact Dale Larsen to get a price for the locks.

GGLS Pot Luck update, Chris Smith. Secretary Smith to post a sign-up sheet and also to publish in the CallBoy newsletter additional notification regarding this event. Secretary Smith was directed to also send an email message to all members regarding the event.

GGLS Swap Meet update, Chris Smith. Secretary Smith to publish in the CallBoy newsletter additional notification regarding this event. Secretary Smith was directed to also send an email message to all members regarding the event.

Automatic Emergency Defibrillator (AED), update from Rick Reaves.

Round House and Storage Space Report, Michael Smith. Item Tabled to next month for further discussion.

GGLS Board ID Information to John Lisherness for account management. Update John Lisherness. Board to meet with John Lisherness on Thursday 5/19/16, to get their bank identification account information verified by the bank used by GGLS.

Increasing Member Participation- Ongoing Discussion Item. Continued for further discussion.


New Business:
Member Request; Amendment to the club rules to allow charging of batteries by Brian Perry. Motion made, with a Second to allow for the use of battery maintaining devices in the GGLS Round House and other storage areas. Passed. Safety Chairperson Jerry Kimberlin to include this new provision in the revision of the Safety Rules.

Member Request to build future 45mm track at the GGLS by Brian Perry. Matter discussed and withdrawn.

Request by Sandy Morris for the Board to provide funds in the amount of $2000 for the purchase & general sale of GGLS Club Tee Shirts. Motion Made, with a Second. Motion Failed.

Request made by Richard Croll to sell at auction next month certain surplus GGLS rolling stock items at the Swap Meet on 06/05/16. Motion Made, with a Second. Motion Passed. Mr. Croll to publish detail on the items to be sold and the auction requirements in the CallBoy newsletter.

Discussion and request for membership classes associated with the status of “Life Membership”. Matter assigned to Ombudsman Bob Cohen for research and report at the next Board Meeting. Ombudsman Cohen is to also explore the requirements of revising the GGLS By-Laws.
Discussion on the status of the proposed Tilden Station Sound System donation and the necessary electrical requirements. Matter tabled to next meeting for further research and report. John Lisherness to follow up on donation and Bob Cohen to review the electrical requirements.

Suggestion by John Lisherness to have the purchasers of the Stan James engines to bring the engines to the track for display during the 80th Celebration. The Board approves of this idea and tabled the item to next month for follow up report by John Lisherness.


The meeting was adjourned 1:32 pm.

If this month’s cartoon is beyond your comprehension, you have not been following the dreams of Elon Musk, along with his Tesla project and future battery plant in Nevada. Rich Ratto appears to always be “one step ahead” (or beyond).
Michael Smith – Brass Smokestack with cracks in upper cone from Railroad Supply American (CP 173 – 4-4-0).

Christopher Smith – His new Western Pacific Locomotive.

Rich Croll – Stack for 2-1/2” scale Shay hogged out from a solid chunk and a poling pocket he created.

Paul Denham – Bay Area Engine Modelers (BAEM) – “Hoglet” …A running model of a Harley Engine!

Loren Bryon – Casting patterns and core boxes for casting a Best #25 Steam Tractor crawler track shoe.

**Swap Meet/Pt Luck/Run Day**
*Sunday June 5, 2016*

On Sunday, June 5th, we are having a Swap Meet/Potluck/Run Day at GGLS after our usual monthly club meeting.
Bring all your old junk that you want to sell, trade or give away and the following items will be sold by silent auction by Richard Croll (Equipment Chairman):

7 ½” gauge flatcar with bench and backrest. Car is 7’ long and has Winton plain bearing trucks. Car has operating coupler on one end and draw bar on other end. Starting bid $200.

Pair of 7 ½” gauge Winton plain bearing freight car trucks. Starting bid $100.

4 wood benches off of club work flat cars. They range in length from 68” to 72” long and will be sold individually. No Staring bid.

2 pairs of used operating 1 ½” scale couplers and will be sold as pairs. Starting bid $25/pair.

Bid Sheets will be put out in the GGLS clubhouse next week and bidding will end at 1:00PM Sunday June 5th. Rich Croll (railroc66@yahoo.com) will accept bids by phone or email if members are unable to attend the swap meet.

Also the club is going to supply the meat & buns for the pot luck and we encourage everyone to bring a dish that serves about 4 people. A sign up sheet will be set up in the clubhouse where members can bring write down what they are bringing. You could also email me if you plan to bring a dish.

We welcome you all to bring family & friends and enjoy a magnificent day of trains, food and swap haggling.

Christopher Smith, GGLS Secretary
schristopher700@yahoo.com
(650)-676-0118

To all GGLS and BAEM Members
By Steve Vitkovits

In the previous issue of the CallBoy, a call for members to show off models, tooling and any other model engineering display in any stage of completion for the Spring & Fall Meet.

The purpose of this grand “Show and Tell” is to give visitors to our Open House a realistic idea of what our model engineering hobby is about.

The exhibition will be shown in the area in front of the clubhouse and large steam locomotive or engines under construction will be put on shown on the display track.

It would be very helpful if we knew who is going bring what, so email Steve (ferrous1991@gmail.com) with the following information:

- name
- description of the model
- builder’s name
- year built or year started
- any other interesting information
- need compressed air (yes/no)
- space requirement (square feet)
Dan Swanson has replaced an old deteriorating and temporarily installed prototype passenger warning sign with a permanent commercially produced product. This sign is located along the outer loop between the switches for the shop service track and the new siding near Tilden Station. Shortly after departing the station this sign provides the first visual reminder to public train passengers to keep their arms and feet inside the cars. Any questions or comments about the sign please contact Dan or Andy Weber.

The Golden Gate Live Steamers will be celebrating our 80th Anniversary on Friday, August 5th through Sunday, August 7th, 2016. This is a three day event, full of fun-filled activities, perfect for the whole family.

The Clubhouse Cafe will be open with bottled water, soda, snacks and commemorative items for sale. Volunteers will be serving up delicious BBQ lunches all three days, country pancake breakfasts on Saturday & Sunday, all at very reasonable prices. There will be a catered BBQ Dinner by Jeff’s Pit Stop on Saturday Night. Reservations for this dinner are a must.

Several activities throughout the weekend are being planned by the committee, so you will not want to miss this celebration. Be sure to mark your calendar and register early since space is limited.

It takes a village to make these events successful, so please sign up to volunteer for a shift (or more) at the June GGLS General Meeting. Can't make it to the June Meeting? Call Bob Morris, 80th Anniversary Volunteer Coordinator at 925-240-9034 to choose your volunteer shifts times.

80th Anniversary Committee Needs

In order to make this celebrating a great success, we need your help in obtaining the following:

Items & such needed for the Raffle
To give you some idea of what we are looking for, here are some of the items that have been donated so far:
Train ride tickets, Builder's Plate, train books and videos, train engineer overalls, pet goodies, museum tickets, Manufacturer gift cards, a parts cleaner station, organic skincare products, miniature whistle valve, PM Supply catalogs.

Here is an example of one of our theme raffle baskets: Got an idea? Or looking for more ideas? Let us know!
For the Grand Prize we are putting together a 2 day stay in San Francisco, complete with hotel, meals, museum tickets, a boat ride and more. If you have any contacts in San Francisco, that would be helpful.

Containers to place the prizes in
We will be combining several items for Themed Prizes. For example, tickets to a train ride, along with gift cards for a meal at a nearby restaurant & gift cards to a couple of local shops will go into one basket or other container for a lucky winner. We need a few more large baskets and/or other containers in which to nicely display the prizes for the Raffle. Some things that would make terrific containers might be wooden boxes, metal or wire boxes/baskets. We want this to be a raffle definitely worth buying several tickets for.

Does anyone have access to free wood excelsior? We'd like to use it to pad the containers for the Raffle.

Contact Sandy Morris, Event Chair at 925-240-9034 if you can help us. Sandy has Donor Request Letters, Donor Receipt Forms and Donor Information Forms that she can send to you via email for your use in gathering raffle items.

**GGLS Oval Patches For Sale**

Due to high demand, we would like to order another batch of 50 large oval navy blue GGLS patches! Patch size is 10 ½" x 7 1/5" and these patches can be attached to jackets, tote bags, vests, denim shirts & many others or they can be framed.

To encourage sales, club members are being offered a special Pre-Order price of just $17.56 per patch. So if you have NOT already placed your order, contact Sandy Morris ASAP at 925-240-9034 or nanasan1@sbcglobal.net.

**Roy's Gardening Service**

Grounds Chairman Andy Weber has become overwhelmed with the new vegetation sprouting all around the track. Life Member, Roy Motz, has come to the rescue with power equipment to get the job done. Andy and Roy will need help here. Please contact Andy with your skill set and Roy will show you how to operate this equipment he has graciously donated to the club. Roy is in a supervisory position and will be happy to provide any advice needed! THANKS ROY!
Golden Gate Live Steamers

Join us as we Celebrate our 80th Anniversary

Event Registration

Name of Attendee

Names of Family Members Attending

Home Address

Phone Number ( ) _______________ Club Affiliation

e-mail address

Bringing a locomotive? (circle) Steam Diesel Electric

Note: Boiler Tests will NOT be provided during the Event. ALL Steam Engines must have a current Boiler Certificate. Boiler Certificates from other clubs are acceptable. All Steam & Diesel Engines must be equipped with working brakes and safety chains between Engine, Tender & Riding Cars. MAX ENGINE WEIGHT: 2,000 lbs.

Gauge (IBLS Standards): (circle) 2 1/2" 3 1/2" 4 3/4" 7 1/2"

Note: Due to limited track storage space, please only bring necessary cars, such as riding or fuel cars.

Because of limited parking, carpooling is encouraged. Thanks!

No over night camping.

★ Clubhouse Cafe ★

Menu

Breakfast 8 AM - 9:30 AM
Sat. & Sun.

Country Pancake Breakfast...$6
with Sausage, Juice & Coffee or Hot Cocoa

Lunch 11:30 AM - 1 PM
Fri., Sat., Sun.

BBQ Lunch.............$7
Burger, Cheeseburger or Hot Dog, Chips & Soda or Water

Commemorative items, Snacks, Soda & Water will be available for sale ALL DAY

Hours: 8 A.M. to 5 P.M. each day of the Event

★ 80th Anniversary Dinner ★

Saturday, August 6, 2016 at 5 PM

Catered BBQ, featuring a delicious feast of

Pulled Pork, Marinated Chicken,
Tri-tip, BBQ Beans, Potato Salad, Coleslaw,
Tossed Green Salad & Dinner Rolls

$25 Per Person

Reservations must be received by
Monday, July 25, 2016

Raffle Tickets: $5 each, 6/$25, 15/$50

The Raffle will have lots of Fantastic Prizes that will be listed on the website and in the Callboy

Number of Dinner Tickets: _______ X $25 = $ ____________

Raffle Tickets: $5 each, 6/$25, 15 for $50 $ ____________

Total Amount Enclosed: $ ____________

(Your Dinner & Raffle Tickets will be waiting for you at the Registration Table. Extra Raffle Tickets will be available at the event.)

Make Check payable to G.G.L.S.

Mail completed form and check to: Sandy Morris, Event Chairman, 624 Cashew Court, Brentwood, CA 94513

Got Questions? Call Sandy at 925-240-9034 or e-mail nanasan1@sbcglobal.net