

GGLS Membership



The Golden Gate Live Steamers is always open to prospective members. There is no special requirement for joining other than a genuine interest in railroad model engineering. Ownership of a steam or diesel engine and rolling stock is not a prerequisite for gaining membership. Members who are interested in learning the finer points of steam locomotive operation may be trained on one of the club's several steam engines. As this is a volunteer organization, members are expected to participate in buildings and grounds upkeep and maintenance along with special projects designed to improve the overall operation of the club track at Tilden Park.

Activities at the track include monthly meetings, progress reports by those building special projects, Open House for the public and Spring and Fall Meets for members and visiting railroaders from other clubs. Special events (e.g. small scale meets) may be held from time to time during the year. Sundays are "run days" along with rides available for the public from noon until 3 PM weather permitting. Volunteers in the positions of engineer, brakeman, and station master are always needed to assist with the public train operation. Lunch may be available for members, for a small donation, on some Sundays, provided that the chef is available. Lunch fare is hot dogs and hamburgers while sodas are available in the clubhouse.

Workdays are every Thursday for those with time and energy to spare, while the Saturday following the monthly meeting is available for large projects that may require many hands to complete. Most members have provided valuable career skills that allow the club to be self-sufficient and perform mostly all projects without hiring outside services.

To qualify for membership, one is required to attend two monthly meetings. A membership application may be obtained at the first meeting, completed on your own, and then submitted at a second meeting. This will allow one to determine if the club activities match their interest. Monthly meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month at 10 AM in the clubhouse at the track.

Happy Railroading!