

# My Report on the 2014 GGLS Fall Meet

By Pat Young



On the October 11, 12 weekend, the Golden Gate Live Steamers held their 2014 Fall Meet. Unfortunately, I was sick with the flu (I should have got a flu shot in August but didn't) and only allowed me to come on Sunday for a quick photo session. Luckily for me, other members took photographs and were kind enough to send them in for this report.

This meet seem to be more sedate & laid-back than the Spring Meet earlier this year but there still were crowds during the Open House. Perhaps everyone was burnt out during the summer but our food vender, Jeff's Pit Stop was sold out, which indicates to me that there was still some attendance.

## Members & Steam Enthusiasts Saturday

I wasn't there on Saturday because of my illness but Rick Zobelein, our club membership chairman, was there and he sent in the following photographs. I will attempt to do some photo interpretations on what is happening:



Jeff's Pit Stop food operation is once again servicing the happy crowds with their wonderful food



and excellent prices.



Raymond Vitkovits and his father Steve was steaming up their 1" scale West Bay Iron Works 0-4-0 switcher.



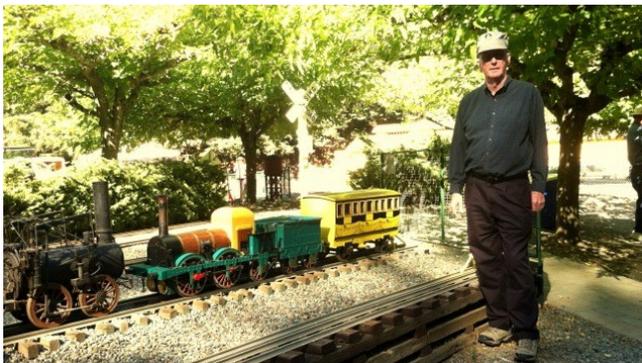
The lunch crowd enjoying their meal in the club's picnic area.



Looks like Mark Johnson, Sammy Tamez and an individual who is hiding his face operating a 2.5" scale narrow gauge shay as he is pulling into the yard.



Bill Schaefer and Ken Dado are wandering in the steaming bay.



Blair Phillips, former member & owner of the Tit-Field Thunderbolt, is shown posing for the camera.



It looks like Andy Weber is steaming up his

locomotive in the Round House area and assembling his train for a local run.

### Open House Sunday

Rich Lundberg was there on Sunday to provide additional photographic coverage in case I didn't survive my bout with the flu. Here are many of his photos which he took on Sunday:



Many members were able to bring in some engines & cars that were displayed on the stationary track by the side of the club house. On display are two locomotives from the 1830s-1840s early age of steam.



This appears to be the De Witt Clinton owned by some lucky individual and



this is the Stourbridge Lion, another well done model, owned by the brother of Blair Phillips.



The track next door was used by Bob Morris as a used train car lot for two items for sale. They are from member Hal Sparks and the caboose shown below may still be for sale.



Another shot showing the back of Rick Zobelein, Jerry Kimberlin, Anthony Duarte and others.



I hope he got some action on them!



Other individuals whom I can't identify but the front-most 2 engines belong to the John & Bill Smith family.

Rich also snapped some of the activities going on in the steaming bay:



The Apple Valley train belongs to Dave Keitel and the shay next to it seems to be the one owned by Safety Chairman Michael Smith.

Here is Rick Zobelein walking past some of the locomotives attending the meet.



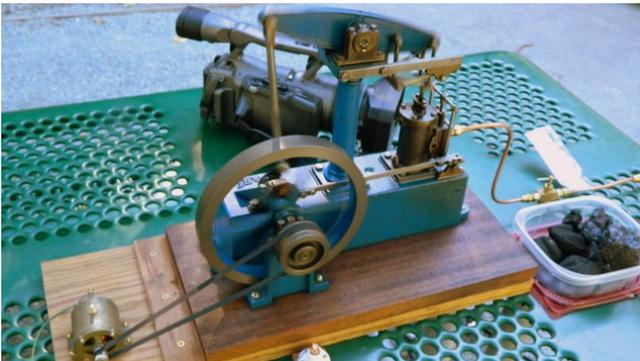
Many members too numerous to mention are enjoying their

lunch time. Can you identify them all?

My photo romp at the meet started at the picnic area where there was a small stationary steam setup.



Here we have one of our newer members, Bruce Anderson showing his walking beam engine to some future live steam enthusiasts.



It was running on compressed air which turned a small generator and if you look closely, you can see a little light glowing by the fly wheel!



I think everyone learned something from Bruce! Maybe more stationary steam exhibits will show up next meet.



Bruce is also a great photographer and sent me this photo of Safety Chairman Michael Smith and his son Christopher sitting side-by-side ready to pull their trains.



Christopher Smith is one of our youngest adult members but a very accomplished engineer.



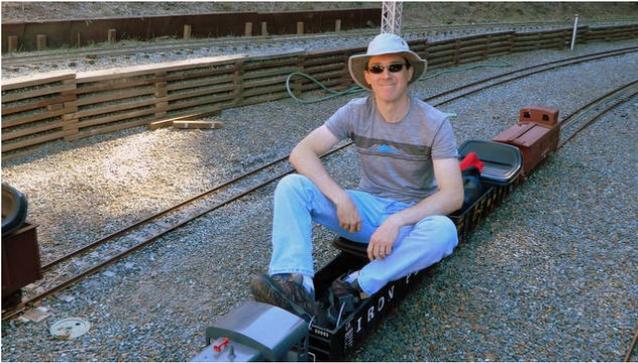
With his dedication, I expect him to be a club official soon!



It's probably OK to do this when your engine is not moving but don't let your Safety Chairman Dad catch you driving like

this, Michael.

Other individuals in the yard and running include:



Andy Devlin and his SP405 switcher

There were many examples of talented craftsmanship at the meet too:



This is an very well done outside-braced box car that doubles as a rolling storage container



Luke Burwell handling John Lisherness' 2.5" scale narrow gauge shay



that was built by member Dale Furseth who was a past manager of the club's web site.



and some happy individuals enjoying a unique family experience.

In the steaming bay, there were many of the perennial members and attendees who came out to enjoy the weather and the track.



Among them was Anthony Duarte tuning a locomotive that he formerly owned



Chris and Richard Rozolli, accomplished whistle makers

distribution expert enjoying a polite conversation,



Fred Byl who is enjoying the warm weather,



Meet Chairman Bob Morris, Andy Weber, Don Ratto and Dave August, no doubt debating the proper care and feeding of Don's steam locomotive



and many others that congregated the area.

Next to the steaming bays are the bench area which turns out to be a favorite watering hole and gathering spot, especially for the public.



and our younger members Luck Burwell, David Waterman and Dmitri Meyer, whom we hope will carry on the love and tradition of live steaming at Golden Gate.



Here we have Geraldine August, avid aviatrix, and Amy Herman, our valuable CallBoy printed newsletter

## Acknowledgment

The smooth running and meticulous planning of our Spring and Fall Meets require the tireless effort of many individuals to make it successful.



One of the most sure-fire attractions for the Public is our



little electric engine Thomas, the tank engine, designed & created by talented Bill Smith.



The “little boys” in most of us can't get enough of Thomas!



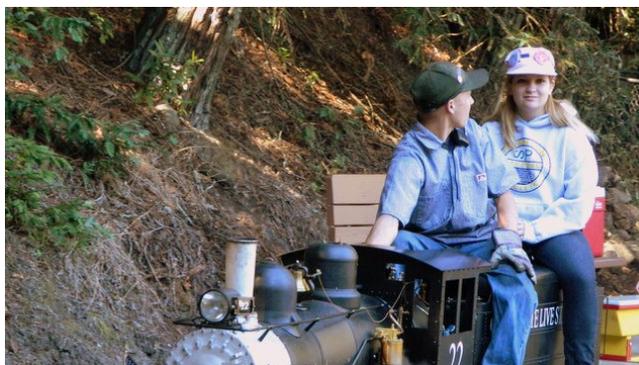
Bob Morris (shown on the left) was once again Meet Chairman and deserves recognition for his great organization skills in making it happen.

Bob wants to personally thank everyone who volunteered their time and helped out to make it such a success.

The Public Train crew once again provided the monetary means and political reason for our club's existence.



Their tireless work & dedicated attendance of members



like Scott Kennedy and Jessica Kosnik makes our club what it is today.