



Federation of Heritage Railways of Southern Africa

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Dear FEDRAIL SA member,

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Welcome to our latest News Update of 2016 with more news from FEDRAIL SA and our members, in these frequent bulletins we shall be updating our members and friends on matters relating to rail preservation and tourism in Southern Africa. We invite all our readers to submit any comments or information that could be beneficial to the growth of rail preservation and tourism for future issues.

News

Transnet Freight Rail assistance to steam clubs.

Recently one of our members enquired about the legality of TFR employees assisting steam clubs in their own time as volunteers as they had been advised by the local TFR management that this was not possible. FEDRAIL SA contacted Jan-Louis Spoelstra of TFR who advised that this was allowed subject to the following conditions to which the steam clubs and TFR employees must conform.

What we would like to stress is the following:

It is totally on a volunteer basis with no remuneration

It is declared to the individual's line manager in the normal declaration of interest and involvement process.

It is all done outside of the working hours but also not during times that individuals may be on call – we want well rested employees.

The volunteer work must still allow for the individuals to get sufficient rest between continuous shifts.

This is a positive step for our members and we ask that they adhere without exception to the conditions stated.

Members News

Sandstone Heritage Trust

The return to service of David Shepherd's 15F, 3052, "Avril" with Pretoria operator, Friends of the Rail (FOTR) has been a high light of 2016. Sandstone had planned to host David Shepherd and his wife in 2017 to see the locomotive in action but sadly neither David nor Avril are able to make the journey to South Africa. To compensate for this, Sandstone, in collaboration with FEDRAIL SA have commissioned a video production of

3052 on one of FOTR's runs to Cullinan that can be presented to David. The video will be produced by well-known rail film maker, Ron Nel, who has produced such masterpieces as "Steam Fever" and numerous other rail related movies. It is expected that the video will be shot on December 16th during the FOTR run to Cullinan on that day.



3052 close to Cullinan on a recent trip with the Jacarandas in full bloom. Picture by David Benn

Reefsteamers

The long awaited return to steam of 15F 3046, "Janine" took place on Saturday 19th November with a fully booked train to Magaliesburg. The locomotive performed faultlessly on the trip although stolen track fittings on the triangle at Magaliesburg caused a delay in turning the loco for its return journey.



Track repairs at Magaliesburg.



3046 storms out of Magaliesburg on November 19th. Picture by Graham McWilliams

The Reefsteamers support team had to make some temporary track repairs to enable 3046 to run chimney first back to Johannesburg and connect with its auxiliary water tanker. Interestingly the locomotive was crewed on its return journey by Swiss driver, Philipp Maurer and English fireman, Clive Holliday, both FEDRAIL SA members. Pat Ackerman captured a storming ascent of Hamburg Bank on the outward leg which can be seen on You Tube on: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VEHCLBslcyU>

Locomotives for Sale

Dylan Knott is acting on behalf of a FEDRAIL SA member who has a number of ex SAR steam locomotives for sale. He can be contacted on cell: 071 679 6019.

- Class 12R 1510 @ Creighton - **R250 000.00**
- Class 12R 1865 @ Beaconsfield - **R400 000.00 / R500 000.00** if complete
- Class 19A 684 @ Jan Kempdorp - **R230 000.00**
- Class 19A 691 @ Germiston - **R250 000.00**
- Class 3BR 1488 @ Millsite - **R370 000.00**

All locos are sold "as and where" standing. Transport of spares or locos are the buyers responsibility.

3BR 1488 has a large number of fittings included

12R 1510 is missing its leading bogie and all fittings. Bogie can be sourced.

19A 691 is also missing all its fittings.

19A 684 has some fittings, but no axle boxes. We can list the fittings if there is an interest.

12R 1865 has half its fittings, but the rest can be sourced at a price.

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The World Association of Tourist Trams and Trains, of which FEDRAIL SA is a member, has just released its Oct/Nov 2016 newsletter. The focus on coal as a future fuel for steam locomotives makes interesting reading. You can find the newsletter on the FEDRAIL SA website:

http://fedrail.co.za/images/pdf/Wattrain_Newsletter_No10.pdf

Membership

We urge all our readers who are non-members to join FEDRAIL SA especially now with our recognition by Transnet Foundation. If you belong to a private railway club or operator you might like to use the opportunity to promote your club. In other words, we would like members to know what other members do so we can provide an opportunity for dialogue and cooperation. We would really like to hear from you. Readers are invited to share this newsletter and non-members are invited to join FEDRAIL. Full details can be found on our website, www.fedrail.co.za under membership applications

Join FEDRAIL SA now and add your voice to Railway Preservation and Rail Tourism in Southern Africa.



Currently under cosmetic restoration at Sandstone. 16CR number 821 was pictured in Pretoria in April 1966 by Leith Paxton.