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Tourist Trams & Trains



WATTRAIN October 2018 Newsletter.

Editorial:

Welcome to this October 2018 edition of the **WATTRAIN** Newsletter.

It's getting closer! Not many days to go before the **WATTRAIN** Conference in Frisco Texas,US. (31st October-4th November 2018.)

All will have made their travel plans to enjoy this triannual event, which carries the theme:

"Addressing tomorrow's challenges with today's resources"

We will be pleased to include amongst the attendees, some delegates from Chile. And there will be a film presentation from Mrs Nadia Ricci, Argentine Representative for the Province of Santa Cruz.

As a helpful reminder, here is the Conference programme....

Theme: "Addressing tomorrow's challenges with today's resources"

Thursday November 1st

0600 to 0830 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0900 – Seminar –

- Stephen Ryan – Museum Design, Relevancy, Attracting Visitors
- Bob LaPrelle – Moving an Old Museum, the Challenges and Tribulations
- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1000 – Break

1015 – Seminar –

- G. Mark Ray, HeritageRail Alliance President – Partnerships
- Courtney Wilson – Reflecting on 30 Years of Experience

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- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1115 – Break

1130 – Seminar –

- David Morgan – Protecting Historical Items of Your Collection
- Tripp Salisbury, Account Executive, McRail - Insurance
- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

12.30 Catered Lunch at Drury Hotel

1400-Seminar

- Clive Moore – Environment, Keep the Fire Burning
- Shaun McMahon – Technical Developments Related to New Fuels (Presented by Clive Moore)
- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1500 – Break

1515 – Seminar –

- Sergio Rodriguez Zubieta – "The Issue of Social Inclusion"
- Eduardo Rodriguez - Saving the Colombian Trains
- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1615 – Coffee/Tea Break

1630 – Seminar –

- Gabriel Asenjo – Volunteer Work Management and Passing on the Knowledge to Future Generations
- Chris Le Marshall - Volunteering - When Governance Fails - The Indicators
Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1730 – “5:30 Kickback” ® (Provided by Drury Hotel)

19:00 – Catered Conference Dinner at Drury Hotel

Friday, November 2

0600 to 0830 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0900 – Seminar –

- Andrew Moritz-Transport Heritage NSW-Protection of Historical Collections
- Peter Lewis - Ensuring Engineering Continuity for the Future (Film)
- Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)

1000 – Break

1015 – Seminar –

- William Brotherton – Limiting Legal Exposure
- Senator Eduardo Costa- "Tourist Trains in Patagonia, the Necessary Multiplier Effect for the Economy and Local Development"
- Moderator/Host – (Stefano Benazzo)

1115 – Break

1130 – WATTRAIN AGM (A separate notice will be issued.)

1230 – Catered Lunch at Drury Hotel

1400 – Board shuttle to downtown Dallas

1445 – Tour Sixth Floor Museum (411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202)

1700 – Board Shuttle

1730 – Tour McKinney Avenue Trolley Shops (3153 Oak Grove Avenue, Dallas, TX

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1815 – Ride McKinney Avenue Trolley loop

1915 – Dinner on your own along McKinney Avenue

2045 – Board shuttle to Drury Hotel

Saturday, November 3

0600 to 0900 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0930 – Board shuttle to Museum of the American Railroad

1000 – Tour Museum of the American Railroad Rolling Stock (6299 N. Cotton Gin Road, Frisco, TX 75034)

1100 – Tour Train Topia Model Train Exhibit at the Frisco Discovery Center (8004 Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034)

1200 – Board shuttle to Grapevine Vintage Railroad

1245 – Board Grapevine Vintage Railroad bound for Fort Worth Stockyards (707 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051)

1415 – Arrive at Fort Worth Stockyards

1430 – Lunch on your own at Fort Worth Stockyards, Tour Fort Worth Stockyards on your own

1600 – Board train to Grapevine

1745 – Arrive at Grapevine Vintage Railroad

1800 – Board shuttle to Babe’s Chicken Dinner House (6475 Page Street, Frisco, TX 75034)

1845 – Arrive at Drury Hotel

1915 – Depart Drury Hotel for Babe’s Chicken Dinner House

1930 – Dinner at Babe’s Chicken Dinner House

2100 – Board shuttle to Drury Hotel

Sunday, November 4

Travel Day

Note: Complimentary popcorn and sodas are available from 1500 to 2200 daily in the Drury Hotel lobby. Coffee is available throughout the day in the hotel lobby.

Note: Follow this link to view nearby dining options: https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/Dallas-TX/Drury-Inn-and-Suites-Dallas-Frisco?utm_source=local&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb#dining

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Note: 5:30 Kickback[®] includes light snacks and beverages (Provided by Drury Hotel)

Note: Transportation to and from the airport will not be provided. A list of shuttle services will be provided.

The following are Optional Extras.....

2. Durango & Silverton Railroad on Monday 5th November 2018

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Regarding the Durango leg of the WATTRAIN Conference: With regard to notifying us of the number of you

- a) needing transport from Durango Airport to hotel on Sunday 4 November
- b) needing transport from Durango to Santa Fé on Tuesday 6 November and
- c) requiring a seat on the train excursion to Cascade Canyon on Monday 5 November

Together with names of each passenger and time of arrival at Durango Airport on Sunday 4.

November, please let me have the relevant information as soon as possible at

dauidtmorgan@outlook.com... And dauidtmorgan@hotmail.com

Fuller details are to be found in September's Newsletter.

In this edition of the newsletter: Tim Fischer, one of **WATTRAIN**'s esteemed Patrons, who is sadly not able to be present at the Frisco Conference, has recently produced a book on "Steam Australia." Also included is an item and a few photographs from "La Trochita", in Argentina.

Nigel Hunt sent in some pictures relating to a trip to Uruguay - one of the places TINHATT visited in 2006 as part of a South America trip. Steam returns to the Arganda Train in Spain; Google and Indian Railways collaborate on a project to make Indian Railway history accessible for all; Nilgiri Mountain Railway to get two new steam locos.

We start with a report on a UIC/TopRail meeting in Athens, attended on **WATTRAIN**'s behalf by Stefano Benazzo, WATTRAIN Vice-President.

UIC - Toprail - TrainOCE meeting in Athens, 13/9/2018 (September 24, 2018)

Stefano Benazzo (WATTRAIN Vice-President)

As requested by David Morgan, I represented **WATTRAIN** at the UIC - Toprail - TrainOCE meeting held in Athens in the morning of 13 September 2018 at the Wyndham Grand Hotel. I could not accompany the participants during their trips (tourist trains) to Kalavryta and Diakofto on the afternoon of 13/9/2018 and in the morning of 14/9/2018, due to my ongoing photo exhibition in Piraeus.

John Fuller represented Fedecrail. Ms Sandra Pansini represented Trenitalia. Mr Theodoros Toliias represented TrainOCE, the Greek railway company recently acquired by Trenitalia, acquisition of which he declared TrainOCE to be particularly satisfied. Austrian, Spanish, Catalan and Hungarian participants also attended.

Ms Ana Garcia Pando, former General Manager Tren Ecuador, now working with UIC as a consultant, presented the draft of the Top Rail Guidelines on Increasing Rail Attractiveness for Tourism Survey (discussed during UIC last meeting in June 2018 in Paris), asked for advice, and proposed the dates for its completion. She is expected to send the draft by mail.

I mentioned extensively the **WATTRAIN** Frisco Conference, invited the participants to join it, and distributed the **WATTRAIN** September 2018 Newsletter, asking to disseminate it among the respective members.

The following meetings were approved in principle:

November 4, 2018: Toprail Executive meeting in Rome to prepare the Forum

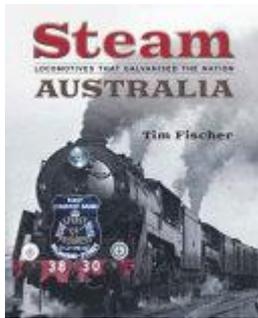
January 23-24, 2019: Toprail meeting in Barcellona after Fitour (22/1/2019)

May 16-17, 2019. Toprail meeting in Casarsa (Napoli, Italy), (Note: seat of an impressive railway museum).

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Tim Fischer(Patron-WATTRAIN): “Steam Australia”

The following review from Google Books fills in the essentials of the book... get yours now!(Publication date November 2018!!).



“If you are passionate about steam locomotives, or know someone who is, then Steam Australia is the perfect companion. Tim Fischer takes readers into the fascinating and grand story of steam transportation over ten vital decades of transformation in Australia's history. This book is so much more than a history or a set of lists, it is about the great tapestry of transport weaved by the steam locomotive, and Tim details how the nation was galvanised with economic growth delivered by steam. Fischer tracks key steam locomotives that traversed Australia during critical stages of our nation's development and transported soldiers to fields of conflict as we fought in two world wars. For a century, from 1850 to 1950, steam locomotive haulage dominated Australia's various rail systems and, during that period, rail networks expanded from a few short routes in the big capital cities to huge networks reaching every corner of each state. The book also covers the great named express trains hauled by steam locomotives over the decades: Puffing Billy, Robert Gordon Menzies, The Ghan. Special features include information on Albury's 'break of gauge' platform (where two state track systems met), the Amiens branch line (running through Pozieres and Passchendaele stations in Queensland), the 'garnishee' order against the Spirit of Progress, some important characters such as C.Y. O'Connor and many, many more fascinating topics.”

Nigel Hunt: Uruguay Photos.. Manning-Wardle no.3 and Beyer-Peacock no.119.



La Trochita

Gabriel Asenjo is making a presentation at the WATTRAIN Frisco Conference on Thursday 1st November 2018 on the theme:Volunteer Work Management and Passing on the Knowledge to Future Generations

And we have received this message from Hector Cassano at “La Trochita”..

“The Trochita returns this year after 24 years of being out of service, and with it come several innovations in the field of “ferroturismo” (Railway Tourism)

This is a job that began in March 1994 with the intention that the Trochita is declared formally FCC stage, which was not supported by the Ministry of Tourism of Argentina. “

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The “La Trochita” is giving a presentation on November 6th at the Universidad Tecnológica Nacional Buenos Aires, known as UTN..It will be coordinated by the Instituto Argentino de Ferrocarriles, or IAF.

The Topic will be: [Tourist trains and Scenic routes.](#)

Railtourism Protocols TT-RA-1, RN-T-2 and RN-T-3 are my specific themes.

This is a work started in March 1994, specifically for La Trochita, and will probably end this next month with a formal scenic deARATION act under protocol.

La Trochita was categorized touristically as A7, while his brother train the Patagónico was categorized as AD6.

Since 7 years ago this theme is being regularly taught once a year at the Tourism Magister chair at the Universidad de Buenos Aires, or UBA. specifically at the Facultad de Economía.

[Link to the Official "La Trochita" video..](#) and two magnificent views



[Nilgiri Mountain Railway to get two new steam locos](#)

Two new steam locomotives will chug in the lush green Nilgiri Mountain Railway (NMR) next year as the preliminary works for the manufacture of these locos at the Golden Rock Railway Workshop here has been set in motion.

A senior official said around 1,000 components would be required in the manufacture of two steam locos which are to be produced at a cost of ₹8 crore.

Critical components such as boilers would be procured from outside agencies and assembled at the workshop.

Source: [The Hindu](#)

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Google chronicles the people and places behind Indian Railways' 165-year journey [HERE](#)

An online project on Google Arts & Culture is celebrating this rich history and heritage with over 100 exhibitions. Besides featuring scenic routes and historic events, this project, designed in partnership with the Indian ministry of railways, tells the lesser-known stories of the people who keep the trains running. These range from the trackmen and keymen to the pioneering women who've become signal engineers and rail managers in an overwhelmingly male-dominated industry.

The goal is to make this rail heritage more accessible to Indians. So the exhibitions will be taken to 22 railway stations across India

Viewers are introduced to three long-time railway employees who have witnessed different eras in the long history of India's railway network. There's Ganey Khawas, the oldest living ex-worker of the Darjeeling Himalayan Railway, who was born in 1916 and vividly remembers the days of the steam engines. Balbahadur Majhi, a 76-year-old former locomotive pilot, remembers the hazards of the job during natural disasters. And Deepak Das, a former senior section engineer, talks about some of India's historic locomotives, and working on the iconic Darjeeling Himalayan Railway.

Source: Quartz India

Spain: Steam returns to the Arganda Train

Sunday, October 7, the Arganda Train, which travels almost 4 kilometers between the Poveda station in Arganda del Rey and the stop of the El Campillo lagoon in Rivas, on Sundays in spring and autumn 11:00, 12:00 and 13:00 h., began its fall season dragged again by some steam locomotives more than 90 years old.

This trip to the past of the Arganda Train, which is managed by the non-profit association Vapor Madrid Railway Initiatives Center (CIFVM), runs along a section of the old railway line of the Tajuña Railway in old wooden cars with a balcony: AC201 manufactured by Carde y Escoriaza in 1916 and cars C-1 and C-2, rebuilt by the Roman Workshop School Aparicio de Arganda.



The Arganda locomotive was manufactured in 1925 in Kassel (Germany) and ended its 'first' life in 1967, in the works of expansion of the port of Musel de Gijón (Asturias) under the registration TLC 3. In 1990, it was rescued by This association of the warehouse of a scrap dealer of La Felguera (Asturias). For three years, his volunteers restored it and, on the way, he lost his nickname of TLC 3 to be called his adopted village. But this restoration did not include the boiler change that the Rios Supply Chain company has made at its Valladolid plant..

So, Frisco Conference beckons!! May I take this opportunity to wish all attendees a safe trip and an enjoyable Conference experience! I shall see you there in film!! And future newsletters will include papers from the programme. Till next month..

Peter S Lewis. (WATTRAIN-Newsletter Editor)

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