



Highlights of the week!



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Blast From
The Past

Fouriesburg Country Tours



Hoekfontein to Grootdraai

The Fouriesburg Country Tours have booked 2 trains, one on Thursday and the next one this coming Thursday. We use our Hunslet Diesel Locomotive to haul the train to Grootdraai and back.



It was a rainy day but everyone enjoyed the train ride even with a limited view of the Maluti Mountains Covered with clouds.



We arrived back in Hoekfontein just before 11H00 and our guest were taken on a walking tour through the shed Of exquisite displays of the past.

Class 16 CR Restoration



SAR Number 821

The restoration of our Class 16CR is almost complete. Last week Brian and Ernest painted the locomotive and They are currently varnishing the cab floor and window frames.



This week Wouter will fit the cylinder cladding. The cab fittings will be fitted after we have moved her In December this year.



Class 16CR Restoration

A donor tender will be found for her and she will look stunning once completed and displayed.



Below left: Brian just loves his paint art on Locomotives.
Below right: Ernest, our Carpenter who fitted the new wood floor and fixed the roof.



Below: The frame and wheels were painted in a dark graphite colour.



Class 16CR Restoration

Below: Paint work almost completed and looking much better with her Sandstone number plates.



We will fit the boiler cladding plates as soon as our suppliers deliver it.



Wagon Restorations



2 x O wagons

A large consist of Box wagons always looks great on a train and we have decided to fast track the restoration of another 2 x O wagons. We shunted them to the shed and both only need a fresh coat of paint now.



New vacuum hoses were fitted and brake and leak off test was satisfactory done.



Both O wagons will be painted in the next week even though they sometimes look Good in a old livery like above.

Wagon Maintenance



OZ 3197

While shunting consists we have noticed the 3197 had a problem on the bogeys. We have shunted the wagon to The shed and lifted it from the bogeys to grease the centers and side control friction plates.



We also had to replace all 8 bearings on this wagon because it was damaged. The axle box wool loses its feeding Capabilities over time and results in dry axles which damages the white metal on the bearings.



Below left: The picture shows the wool being end of life. Petrus packed the axle boxes with New soaked wool after the new bearings were fitted.
Below right: Damaged bearings



Below left: New bearings fitted.



It is very important to lift the wagons from the bogeys to grease the centers and side friction plates. The bogeys need To turn easily on the pivots to limit flange and track wear on the curves.

Wagon Maintenance



GV 2814

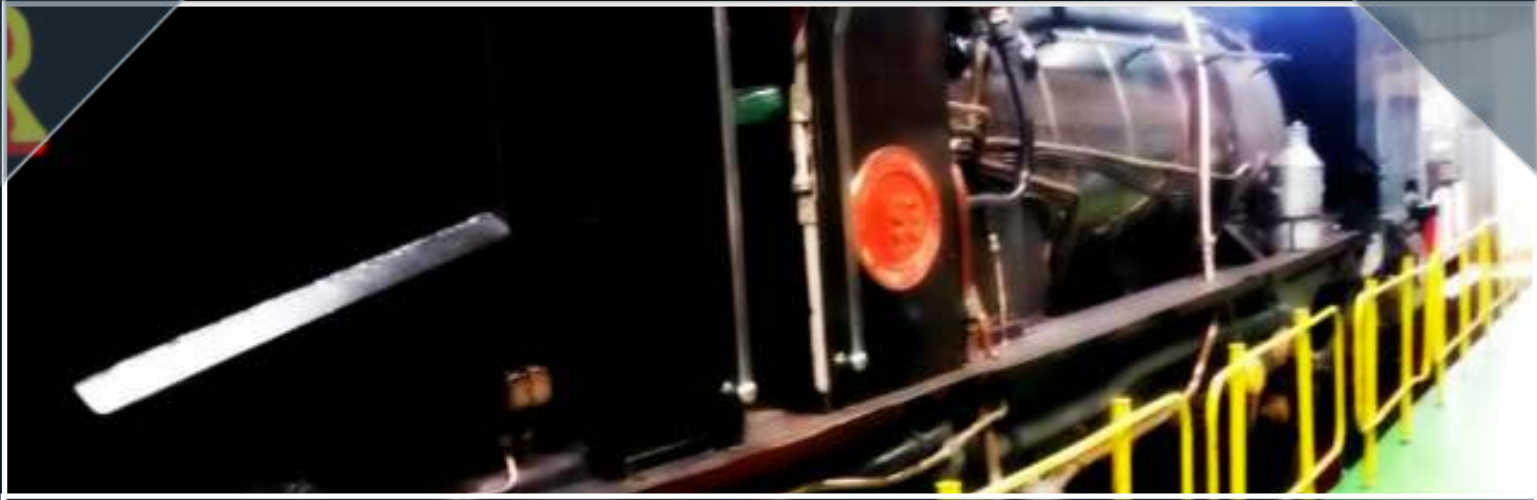
The wheels on this Guards Van was badly skidded and the Van also were running skew. We found collapsed springs On the bogeys and we are currently busy fitting two overhauled bogeys to our Guards Van



8 New bearings were fitted into the new bogeys and she will be good to go again soon.



Locomotive Maintenance



Class NGG 16 Number 153

Our Class NGG 16 number 153 was shunted to the pit. The blow down cork spindle packing nut were leaking Badly and we had to pack it again with new rope.



Coco Pan restorations



The past week Wouter have restored 3 small Coco Pans and he is currently busy with the restoration Of the Orania Coco pan.



Below right: The Orania Coco Pan restoration.



Water Columns



Steam Shed

Johannes is currently busy painting all the water columns again. He first paint them as far as he can reach and then He will build scaffolding to reach the top part.



He have completely painted all 5 water column pillars and will now start with the tanks.
Petrus painted the lamp stands in Hoekfontein Station that was in need of new paint.



Track Maintenance



Hoekfontein to Mooihoek

Our team is now very close to Mooihoek points and they should be finish by the end of the week with the Lifting, screening of this section.



Once they are done here we will move on the the section Hoekfontein Station as well as Hoekfontein to Grootdraai Where there are rails that needs to be replaced and the line needs to be leveled on this section.



We also have shunted 2 Ay wagons to Mooihoek that were loaded with the last ballast of Mooihoek old siding. This Ballast will be used to fill in ballast shortages on the section Mooihoek to Hoekfontein.

Outlook for next week!



Tasks

- 1.) Class 16CR Restoration.
- 2.) Goods Wagons roadworthy
- 3.) Coco pan restoration.
- 4.) Water Columns paint.
- 5.) Washout lawley
- 6.) Boiler Inspection preparations.
- 7.) 3'6" Dining Saloon paint
- 8.) GV 2814 bogey change
- 9.) Fouriesburg Country Train tour.
- 10.) Shunt consists from Hoekfontein Station to 150 M shed.
- 11.) Paint of 2 x O wagons.



Blast from the past!



By Les Pivnic

In May 1960, a trip was arranged on a goods train (riding in the van)
between Aliwal North and Motkop on the line to Barkly East.

This shot was taken at Lady Grey
of our engine - class GB no.2165 getting ready to depart for 4th reverse

