

Steam News From The Eastern Free State



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEK

- 1.) Class 10 CR Cosmetic Restoration.
- 2.) O&K Anna
- 3.) Washout Fowler
- 4.) Track extension Waenhuis & 2nd Mainline Hoekfontein Station













1.) CLASS 10 CR COSMETIC RESTORATION



The cosmetic restoration of our Class 10 CR is making good progress and during the week we fitted back the cab
And painted the locomotive.

The steel plates for the cladding was delivered and Thinus is currently busy making the new cladding that will
Be fitted in next week. The locomotive then will be painted in her final livery.

Below: Securing the reverser in the cab.



Below: The moving of the cab from the salvage yard.



Below: A massive front end loader was used to move the cab to the Class 10 CR.



Below: We extended the 3'6" line behind the Class 10CR to enable us to move the tender and locomotive Out from under the shed to lift the cab on. This extension will also be used when we move the caboose to the Class 10 CR



Below: We first moved the tender out of the way and then pulled the Class 10CR locomotive out.





The Class 10CR locomotive was out and Henry operated the crane to fit back the cab of the locomotive.







The cab was back on and we again moved the Class 10CR back to her final resting place.
Below right: Keeping all hand clear from connecting the tender and locomotive draw bar.



Below: Brian and his artwork on the Class 10CR.



Thinus and Wouter continued to fit back all loose spares.





Below right: Securing the smoke box head plate



Cecilia first cleaned off all oil and grease with diesel and cloth and then washed the wheels and motion With degreasing fluid to enable Brian to paint the wheels and rods.





Below: The motion was cleaned and Brian painted it with a special graphite mix.





In the meantime Ben started with the new wooden floor for the Class 10CR.



Below right: The construction of the new cab floor began.





Ben still needs to repair the wooden roof inside the cab and we soon will finish the painting of the Interior of the cab and floor.



Below right: Isak fitted Sandstone Estates number plates to the Class 10CR.



The steel plates for the new cladding was delivered on Thursday and Thinus and Wouter started with The metal work and making up of the new cladding for the Class 10CR.



2.) O&K ANNA'S TRIAL RUN TO GROOTDRAAI.



During the week Isak steamed up our O&K Anna for her maiden run to Grootdraai and back. It is needed to Test the new locomotives for warm axle boxes or bushes.

Below: Anna on her way to Hoekfontein Station after minor repairs were done.



Below left: At the water column in Hoekfontein.



Below right: Ready to depart from Hoekfontein.





Below left: Anna on her way to Grootdraai.



Below left: Departure at Grootdraai.



Below right: Anna & Ermyntrode outside the Wagon Shed.



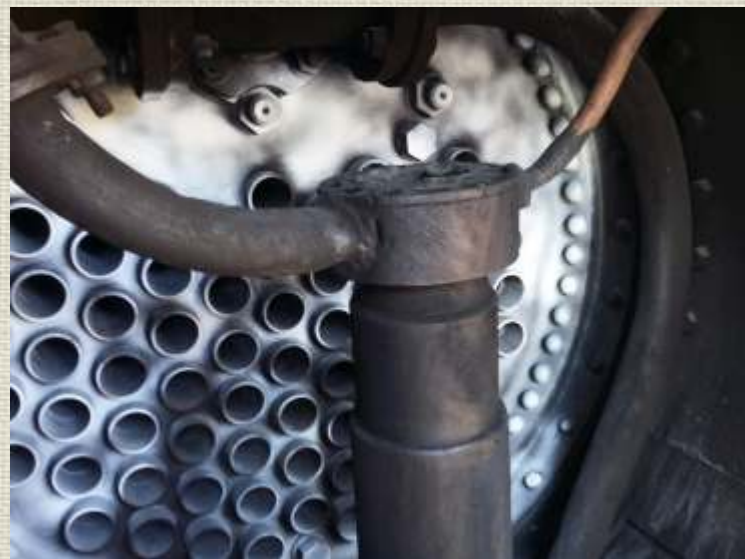
Below: A photo stop at the Silo's.



3.) WASHOUT OF THE FOWLER SANDY



This week we washed out the Folwer Sandy as she is one of the locomotives that we are going to use on the 26-27 March Steam weekend this year.



We have spend about 2 days of this week to wash her out thoroughly and all the tubes were cleaned as well.



Below left: Washing out from the smoke box end towards the foundation ring where we could Remove all the scale and sludge from the boiler.





The washout was completed and Isak attended to the repairs needed on the Fowler.



4.) 3'6" TRACK EXTENTION AND 2ND MAINLINE HOEKFONTEIN.



During the week we extended the 3'6" line at the Waenhuis and soon we will be moving another Dinning Coach From the 150M Shed. The shed roof will be extended as soon as the 2nd Dinning Coach is offloaded.

Below left: 2 x 10M track panels on the way to the Waenhuis.

Below right: Thinus and Wouter loosened the steel steps and took out the tar poles that were in the way.



The panels were offloaded and we had to take away some of the grass and soil to build a new track bed
For the 2nd Dinning Coach.



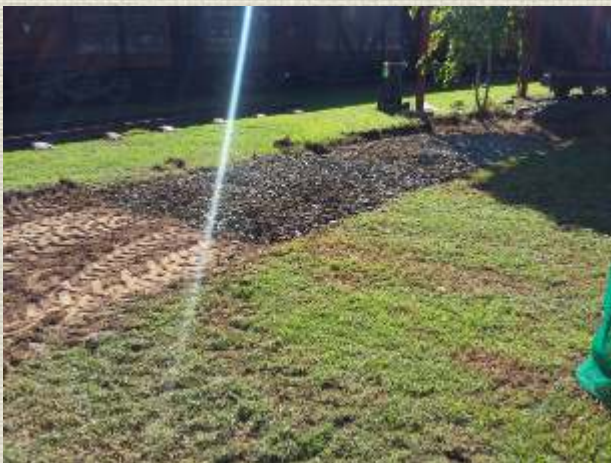
The grass was offloaded at the 2nd mainline through Hoekfontein and Cecilia and Agnus planted the grass
Again.



One AY wagon loaded with ballast was shunted to Hoekfontein Station.



The needed leveling was done and it was time to load ballast for the 20M track.





Our Track bed was ready and the 2 panels were fitted.



The final alignment was done with the help of the TLB.



Below: The final leveling of this track will be done in next week.



Below: Joseph and his Team lifting out the slacks on the new line at Hoekfontein South.



Below: Cicilia and Agnus planted back grass here on the part where the old line were build on.





The tamping and final alignment of the new track will be completed by the end of next week. This is a very Time consuming task indeed.



Outlook For Next Week!



- 1.) Class 16 CR Cosmetic upgrading.
- 2.) Roadworthy of all passenger coaches to be used on 26-27 March 2017
- 3.) Roadworthy of NGG 16 number 153
- 4.) Roadworthy of Fowler Sandy
- 5.) To finish the tamping of second line in Hoekfontein
- 6.) Clean all Locomotives and display.
- 7.) Railway line cleanup and preparations for 26-27 March 2017 Train rides.



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