

SANDSTONE ARTICLE WRITTEN IN SLOVAK

On the gauge 610 mm (2 ft) all look a bit like a locomotive toys. Not the narrow gauge "garrattky". On the farm are deposited four specimens and all are operational.

On 4 to 10 May 2013 in South Africa Republic made a remarkable festival Sandstone called Stars of 2013. Festival took place on a lonely farm farm Sandstone in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains near Ficksburg, on the border with Lesotho. Ongoing Every year, almost since 1995, when Englishman Wilfred E. Mole bought local farm and among other things founded the huge museum railway and agricultural equipment supplemented of transport or other means of mechanization, including fire. It was on this farm has been created its time the world record for the most collected operating tractors on one property (700!) built before the 1960s. The record was later overcome in Ireland, where on one property gathered at one time even through five thousand tractors. Farmers can have their machines weigh are prone to nostalgia, so here it is possible to see amount of steam loaders, serviceable engines, sentinels and other historical, but especially rail technology, of course, all in service (including military technology). Weekly program of the festival is scheduled to exactly and takes place in different sections - Railway agricultural and military. Programs sections blend together, creating not to repeat-

Sandstone Ranch is located in the foothills of the Drakensberg Mountains at an altitude of 1500 meters, but the two locomotives (Falcon) with a freight train does not suffer from shortness of breath. Otherwise there in May there has been a pleasant autumn and begin harvesting corn

partly atmosphere of old times. Railway Group Attendance daily driving approximately four different trains with a break for lunch. In front of train alternate All locomotives which are available. The farms are based on two separate narrow-gauge railway (2 ft), one to the south, long about five kilometers, the other to the northeast, long, about ten kilometers. Both tracks are finished loop allowing the turnover of entire sets to ride back. Trains are assembled either as freight, mixed, or personal, and is towed one or more machines. Freight trains are each constructed differently, of course bulk

and transport either agricultural machinery, cars, or military technology. Locomotives are interspersed in various combinations. The highlight of the festival is the conclusion and show old aircraft. If you are lucky then and driving historical military train, you can experience the great raid, in which you solidify blood in his veins ... The collections of the museum are machinery of the most lokomotivek of England, South Africa, Germany, France and other countries. There are magnificent specimens from Manufacturers Kerr Stuart & Co., Peckett & Sons, Falcon, Orenstein, Koppel, Henschel, Hanomag and many others. I counted a total of 22 operational machines from the smallest to the largest. Locomotives are deposited in the vast hall, which also serves as a workshop to facilitate the implementation all necessary work during servicing or repair. The largest machine of course "garrattky". These are four, all serviceable and during the event if you can survive is certainly all you see. Basic maintenance provided by local natives, then professional English, Australians, but also Germans and others, mostly high social status of people for whom the steam has become a hobby and Sandstone resting place. They also form locomotive crews.

Freight train in the style of our forest railways have so far been dispatched. Apparently next year. And so Three flooded locomotive Orenstein & Koppel currently basking in the sun, waiting for the afternoon train with military equipment.

Another "garrattek" posing by the lake. If the image fails, the performance is repeated several times, as all guests and visitors must be perfectly satisfied.

In this context it should be noted that in addition to the official program here is independently private program, organized tourist travel offices Geoffs-trains, contact: geoff @ Geoffs-trains.com. Trains narrated privately already depart for early morning or evening sunset to capture the legendary reflections lights on a moving train. Geoffs-train with his group is here shortly, maximum four days and then continues with another program focused the last "garrattky" has still not running over Victoria Falls.

Excluding locomotives and rolling stock for the narrow track you will find a rich collection of traffic equipment, rail cars and locomotives called "Cape gauge" (1067 mm). The park is not deposited and waiting for their future commercial utilization. The collections of the museum are also an extensive collection of other powerhouses, in which

are represented by steam engines, cranes, steam War, Sentinels and other vehicles to drive steam. You can see here is personal or trucks, motorcycles or military technology. The exhibits We were looking for a Czech representation. Eventually We found them. Honor did not save longingly Seeking SKODA locomotive, but the old bike "Shuttlecock" JAWA 350 from 1953. If annual festival organized by Stars Sandstone of the future visit, I recommend use the air route from Prague to Frankfurt, London or Paris to Johannesburg. Price flights to around 16 000 CZK. In Johannesburg I recommend to stay overnight and then rent car. Bus travel is too adventurous, the stops are not driving schedules and bus either coming or not coming. European immigrants and settlers are not tracking and usually long-distance bus service do not travel. The same is true for the suburban railway transport. When you hire a car, waiting you ride on the left and at least to start with is good be rested. It is advisable to travel in a small group four persons. Among the many guest houses which can be found the internet is an ideal Petra Guest House:

On the farm are seen only locomotives, but also a variety of personal and freight cars, and of course beautiful hand car.

Farmers old machine to the "scrapyard" not transport, but the vice versa is home preserve and maintain as far as possible in working condition. The festival will then many of them in various combinations, perhaps with Henschel, definitely pleasantly surprised.

Pension is near airport and the staff (on call) you free will take you to the airport. Next day you rent a car at the airport, booked in advance over the internet, the company RENTALSCAR, Avis, Hertz or more. Price of motor vehicles and weight is acceptable. Attention, road traffic is a left, but the road from the airport you out directly to the left on the highway, so at least the beginning is easy. Sleeping under the stars essentially nowhere I do not recommend. Granted, at best, you just about everything robbed. The surrounding cities is a shortage of B & price per person per night is around acceptable 700 CZK / day with an excellent rich English breakfast (just may not be every day). Suitable pension Located in Fickburg, inakersiehuis @ telkomsa.net ideal base. Stars Sandstone are deposited on a lonely farm lying party, right from the main road, about 15 km for

Ficksburg direction of Fouriesburg. Branch
the road can be recognized by an old tractor mounted
in an obscure monument beside the road.
The farm is surrounded by a high fence with electric
voltage so the exhibits inside the
get if you do not advance or invitation
permission to enter. Local security is tough.
Get an invitation via the Internet at headquarters:
www.sandstone-estate.com. In this context,
I recommend the attendance at events announced
organizers. Over the entrance is paid 800 rand /
2 000 CZK / day / person, if you do not participate
rides added special trains
be paid separately. Paying the ticket is complete
of course. If you would like to shoot
outside designated areas, be aware
the surrounding land is private and the illicit
entrance to avoid the shame of not only personal
and great inconveniences, but also make
disgrace to all others from Czech Republic
who take part in future events.
In this context, I want to emphasize that events
in Sandston regularly attend
prominent friends and lovers of nostalgia from the
world. Their meetings are focused not only on

**This steam engines is one of the many unique items. Do not be fooled. Farmers
today exclusively use modern agricultural technology**

**This is not the Midwest, but Sandstone with its mesas, imprints of dinosaur tracks, the nearby caves with prehistoric
paintings and "garrattkou" waiting fascinating sunset.**

cool active weekly rest, but especially
mutual acquaintance and new contacts. Yet
Czechs here ... unfortunately missed dinner by campfire
great steaks and delicious cuisine all day,
including breakfast (included in admission)
warm and friendly atmosphere will only intensify.
English is necessary here. Of course stay
several of such action may be reduced
and also add on other activities. Mašinek there really
but really ... sometimes too, namely
for partner ... It is good to have a little breather
and look around.
Neighbouring Lesotho is interesting perhaps Dragoon
mountains, caves and rock drawings
Bushmen and fossilized dinosaur tracks. Otherwise
nothing but misery. There is, however, highest
African "inn" on Sani Pass lying
at a height of 2,870 meters above sea Pub offers absolutely
unexpected great accommodation, ambience and cuisine
a wonderful relaxing after a previous travel misery.
Finish up here requires good weather and auto
all-wheel drive and capable driver. Here
But you know what the term means: winter as in Africa.
Even in Africa is falling snow. Traveling in time
local and autumn when watching the current
Forecast, "you" here to stay longer
until spring when the snow melts again. The path is
shingle as the car reached a height of 3250 m
From Sani Pass to Durban on the Indian coast

Ocean is the awkward way in practice piece
and here it is up to you whether you choose the South - Cape
town - the beautiful Garden Road, or north
and with him the Kruger National Park.
If you are left with the last day of at least two
clock time, please have a car Germiston.
It is located almost near the airport in Johannesburg.
There are depot and workshops railway company
Reafsteamers, www.reafsteamers.com.
Depo without using the "GPS" and knowledge of the coordinates of a
find! The tour but worth it. Resting
There are a number of South African steam beauties, mostly
in working condition, known more
under his name, as Janine, Susan, Eliza, Lyndie
Lou and other than with the series. These locomotives
You can see the full excursion trains with tourists
driven from Johannesburg to Magaliesburg.
However, you can even see the trains dispatched
other companies, which can be found at
Internet: www.shongololo.com, www.bluetrain.co.za
and more. If you have special luck and Society
train is introduced, you can spend in luxury
ride across South Africa, pulled
steam and motor beauties for three weeks
incredibly low price. The ticket, however, you must
order and pay in advance via the Internet
already from Prague. Visit Germiston is then
onou virtual icing on the cake South Africa
delicacies that materilize restaurants in the Johannesburg
airport while waiting for departure. To his
astonishment find that even at the airport (unlike Prague)
Allow to cheaply and still eat well. Coffee
s been a real icing on the cream cakes
Then you make a definitive end to the way he
You have many of you had secretly longed for and which
certainly never forget.

"Susie" s train to Magaliesburg us expected. On the 14th platform the Johannesburg station must be on time ...