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Steam nostalgia



The annual Stars of Sandstone Steam Heritage Festival is taking place from 12 to 21 April 2014. Steam enthusiasts from across the globe will be gathering at Sandstone Estates near Ficksburg in South Africa to celebrate the myriad steam-driven vehicles and machines that have been restored to pristine condition by Wilfred Mole and his team in celebration of the origins of transportation from days gone by.

Military vehicles, trek oxen, old tractors, steam lorries, traction engines, locomotives, old buses and cars will again be taking centre stage with the backdrop of the impressive Eastern Free State landscape and the majestic Maloti Mountains of the Lesotho Highlands in the distance.

Sandstone's world-renowned 26km narrow gauge railway forms the backbone of the world-class event and the distinctive autumn light provides a breathtaking vista ideal for photo opportunities of the vast vintage steam collection. Ever-

enthusiastic visitors return to Sandstone from across the globe every year to share this spectacular festival. Old tractors and other agricultural relics in mint condition will also be exhibited at the 2014 festival.

The end of an era of steam-driven transportation should not end with us and our forefathers; we should instil a love of yesteryear in our children and grandchildren so they have a deeper understanding of the history of the high-tech transportation we utilise today. How could we possibly appreciate what we have when we don't understand the history of how it all began?

Many visitors register and voluntarily operate specific vehicles as members of Reefsteamers, Friends of the Rail and the Sandstone Heritage Trust. Yes, these people actually pay their fees to register and then come to work as drivers at the festival – talk about love of steam...

The Sandstone Trust works closely with the South African Armour Museum in Bloemfontein. Sandstone Estates is situated on the farm Hoekfontein, which was acquired by the Mole family in 1994 to be used for mostly recreational purposes and a place to keep Wilfred's vintage tractor collection. Now a Heritage Collection, Sandstone Estates was formed as an agricultural business with specific objectives: that it should be large enough to be viable, self-sufficient and not dependent on service providers.

There is an airstrip on the estate and visitors enjoy the additional entertainment when pilots fly in to attend the festival.

For registration and quotes for the Stars of Sandstone gala and accommodation contact: Joanne West at joannewest@btinternet.com or Babita Hira at babitan@sandstone.co.za – call +27 11 805 4692/6530 – www.sandstone-estates.com ■

