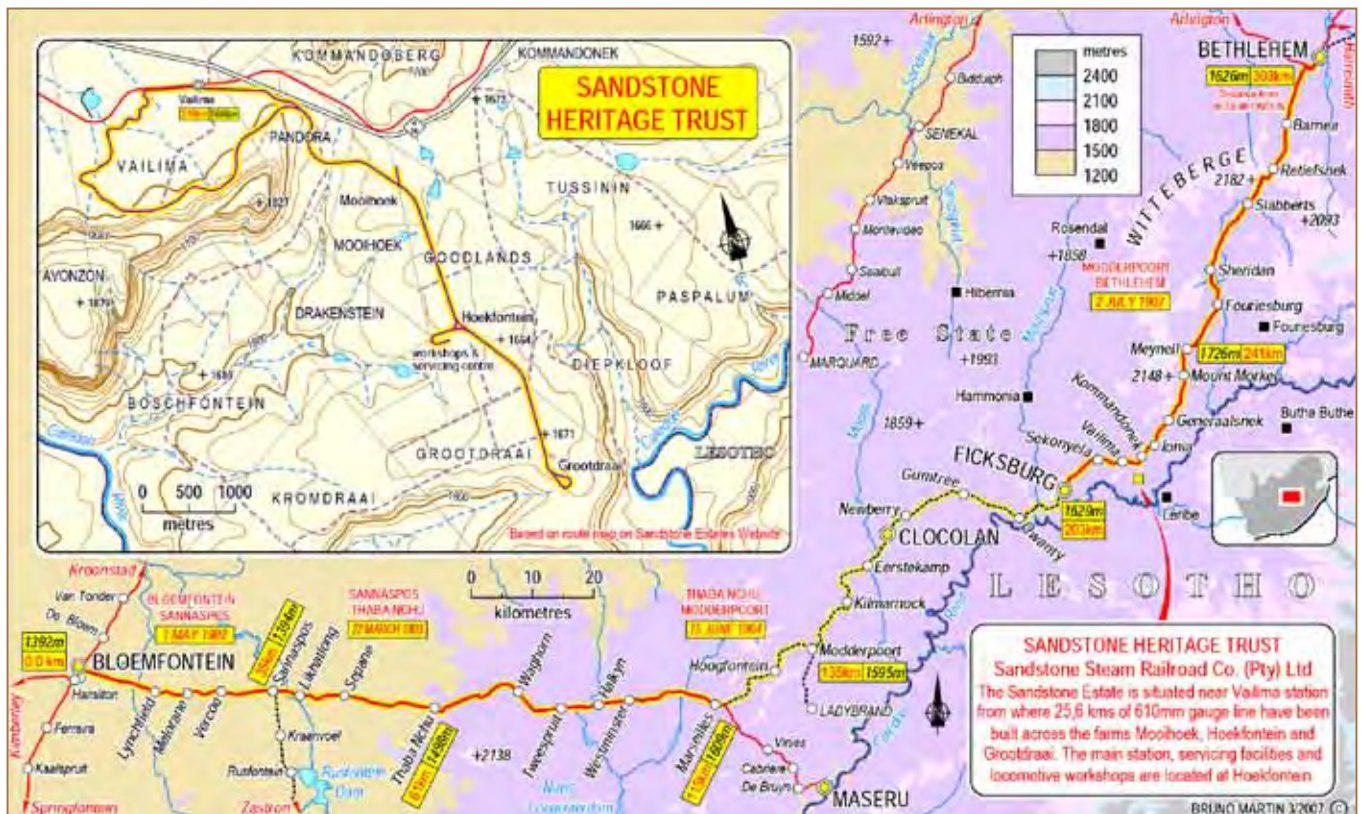


Stars of Sandstone



OFFICIAL OPERATING PROGRAMME FOR 12TH - 21ST APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx



Map - Sent from Bruno Martin

Stars of Sandstone - Gallery



Photo by George Dehlen



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Photo by David Benn



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Photo taken from the Vailima Summit
Photo by Aidan McCarthy

GENERAL INTRODUCTION TO PROGRAMME



This is essentially a train operating schedule but the 2-ft Narrow Gauge Railway at Sandstone Estates is the nerve centre of the entire farm.

One can expect to see old vehicles, tanks and armoured personnel carriers, oxen, traction engines, a Sentinel Steam lorry, and a wide range of agricultural machinery operating in close proximity to the line. There are a number of level crossings and enthusiasts with old vehicles waiting at them to watch the trains go by. This is but one example of the many photographic

opportunities that will exist throughout the event.

We will not be preparing a detailed schedule this early for items other than the Narrow Gauge Railway and the impressive Military collection.

However, once the event starts there will be a daily visitor board at the Waenhuis indicating approximately what additional attractions will be operating throughout the day. Rest assured there will be lots happening and we guarantee there will never be a dull moment.



Photo from SHT Archives



Photo by Hannes Paling

SPECIAL EXCURSIONS



We are currently organising a number of special excursions based on requests from visitors who have been to the farm before and who felt they would have liked to have participated in these programmes.



Photo from SHT Archives



Photo from SHT Archives



Photo by Patrick Polo



Photo from SHT Archives

1. Modern Farm Tours

Our seasonal calendar indicates that we should be combining Sunflowers and possibly Soya Beans and Speckled Sugar Beans during the show. This is something that very few people are familiar with and as a result we will take groups, probably in a Military vehicle, on a farm tour to include any harvesting and other agricultural activities, such as land preparation etc. We also have an extensive Maize crop but harvesting will only begin in late May, early June. A knowledgeable person will accompany the tour to answer the questions. Explanations will be given regarding the rotational cropping programme, the types of threats that we face, and how we deal with them. The tour will allow people to see the back roads of the farm.

Sandstone doesn't just farm in a modern way; it also farms traditionally. Visitors will see methods and machines that are 60 or 80-years old doing a full day's work.



Photo from SHT Archives



Photo by Gary Barnes



Photo by David Benn



Photo by Keith Wetmore

2. Ox Wagon rides

Our oxen will be working every single day and we will make seating in the ox wagons this year for people to ride in them. It is very slow but it helps people remember how this country was opened up. No iPhones please!

3. Birding tours

There is a small group of enthusiasts who would like to be part of a birding programme. For those interested in birding they can contact Keith and Heide Wetmore at:

keith@somtim.co.za.

The Samil 20 has been allocated to take people to various sites which have already been reconnoitred by Heide.

This programme is still developing. Keith will organise it based on the levels of interest.

4. Evening programme

We are currently calling for papers from people who would like to talk about railway related issues which they feel will be of interest to fellow

enthusiasts. We have a lecture room which seats 50-people together with an overhead projector. If you feel that you have something to contribute please contact Joanne West at: joannewest@btinternet.com.

5. Ladies programme

In previous years we have booked a number of excursions but many of the ladies said that they were more interested in staying on the farm because there was so much happening. We are therefore working on the ladies programme which includes activities on the farm itself. Details will be sent to all ladies who ultimately have registered to attend.

6. Walking tour of all the exhibits

Many people do not get to see everything at the Sandstone Heritage Trust so this year there will be a walking tour at 09h00 every day. Impromptu walking tours can be arranged if we are approached by groups or if the demand is there. A vintage tractor and specially designed trailers can transport people on the tour who find it difficult to stay on their feet for a number of hours.

CALLING ALL PHOTOGRAPHERS



Photographers who wish to join our formal photographic group under the supervision of David Benn (E: david@shrinks.co.za) need to identify themselves. If they could contact David direct and advise that they would like to be part of groups which are transported to various sites and who take advantage of the photographic specials then he will make sure that you are invited to the briefings etc. that he will no doubt be giving. Sandstone has a lot of experience with these photographic

tours and we are constantly hoping to refine them and make them more interesting. We are delighted that David accepted the assignment to lead the group this year.



Photo from Chris Cairns

DON'T FORGET WHERE YOU ARE



You will be in the Eastern Free State which is renowned for its magnificent light which photographers enjoy so much.

You will be part of a 200 million year old landscape – where the huge sedimentary sandstone deposits have been worn away and etched over centuries to create the mountains around you

Combine the light, the landscape, and a charismatic steam engine and it is possible to capture the perfect picture.



OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 12TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

08h00

OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF AVONSIDE 1624



The day will be devoted to this locomotive which will be worked throughout the day hauling different consists. The first train will depart at 08h00 and will continue throughout the day.

At approximately 10h00 a small ceremony will be held to unveil 1624 at Hoekfontein Station. This locomotive is the 20th locomotive fully rebuilt from a derelict state by Lukas Nel and his team and we would like to recognise Lukas for his achievements.

Lukas has stressed that most of this work was carried out by his team of trained

fitters who have been with us since they left school and he is very keen that they should receive recognition.

Visitors will have an opportunity to meet the team so enjoy a leisurely breakfast and join us at 10h00 at the station.



Above left: As found at SANRASM. Photo by Geoff Pethick



Above: Photo from SHT Archives

<<Left: Works Photo. Photo courtesy of "The Hunslet Archive" - Statfold Barn Railway, UK

Official inauguration of newly rebuilt Ex Hulett's Sugar Avonside locomotive, No. 1624, of 1912 rescued from SANRASM.

10h00

NGG16, NO. 88 WITH A FULL B-BOGIE CONSIST AND GUARDS VAN TO GROOTDRAAI.



This train will operate at the same time as Avonside, No. 1624, but not as a double header, i.e. there will be two separate trains in order to provide transport for photographers. There will be a mandatory stop at the airport, again for photographs, and to provide passengers with an opportunity to view traction engines and other items operating in that area.



NGG16, No. 88



The line to Grootdraai taken on 8th February 2014. Photo from SHT Archives

10h30

ARMOUR MUSEUM DAILY CONVOY



Photo by John Lyas



Photo by Gerhard Schourie

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14h00

LAWLEY NG6, NO. 232, WITH MIXED CONSIST OPERATING TO GROOTDRAAI AND BACK



It will then proceed to Vailima to allow passengers to transfer to the Mountain special departing at 15h30 from the Main Station. Due to the gradient the Lawley might need help to get to Vailima so it will be banked, probably by our Bagnall Diesel, to help it over the hill.



Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Cosmos

15h30-17h30

THE SANDSTONE GRAND RAIL TOUR



NGG16, No. 153 and NGG16, No. 88 double header "Mountain Wanderer" around the entire circuit departing Hoekfontein Train Station at 15h30 returning approximately 17h30. This is a leisurely way to see the magnificent Eastern Free State countryside. It demonstrates the awesome power of the big Narrow Gauge Garratts working the heavy gradients, particularly on the Vailima section. Guests will have an opportunity to stock up on drinks before the departure of the train. The train will proceed from Hoekfontein to Grootdraai and back to Hoekfontein (10-minute refreshment stop) and then on to Pandora and Vailima with a likely water stop at Vailima.



NGG16, No. 153 - Photo taken at Ixopo on 11th May 1971 by Leith Paxton



NGG16, No. 153 as she is today
Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Photo by David Benn



Mountain Wanderer - Photo by David Benn

18h00-22h00

VISIT THE MEN WHO MAKE IT ALL HAPPEN



Visitors are very welcome to visit the Running Sheds, to talk to the engineers, and to watch the locomotives being serviced, decommissioned, and in some cases prepared for use the following morning. There is always a great atmosphere in the Steam Shed and unlike many preserved railways we consider this to be an integral part of the visitor experience.

Images: Garratts in shed >>



Photo by David Benn



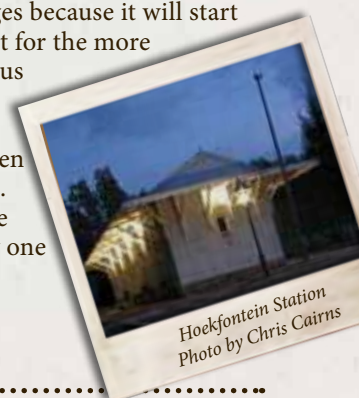
Photo by Thomas Kautzor

20h00

STARLIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN



Our after dinner Starlight Express train will run from the Waenhuis to Grootdraai and back at a leisurely pace so people can see the lights of Leribe and Lesotho. The train will stop en route if requested. We will be using enclosed carriages because it will start getting chilly but for the more robust amongst us who have warm jackets we have our standard open carriages as well. This train will be steam hauled by one of our Garratts.



Hoekfontein Station
Photo by Chris Cairns

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1910 BSA Rail Car
Photo from SHT Archives



Wickham Trolley
Photo by Chris Cairns

MEALS



Our 1928 Dining Car - Photo by John Lysas

We serve three meals a day. If there is an early photographic shoot we open at 05h00 for coffee and rusks.

Full breakfast starts at 07h00 for all visitors.

Lunch is served from 12h00-14h00 due to traffic loadings. Please be patient because you may have to wait for the Waenhuis and the Dining Car to be vacated.

Be sure to have a few meals in our Dining Car.

SHUNTING



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AIRCRAFT MOVEMENTS



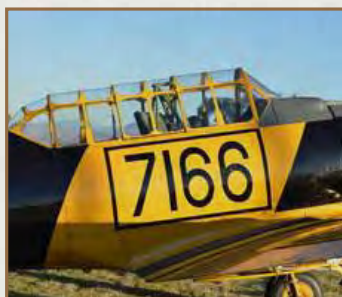
We are delighted that the Harvard Club will be in attendance once again. Visitors are free to make their own arrangements to fly with the Harvard Club. Payment is made directly to the team on the ground at the airstrip. We are expecting more aircraft and we will update our visitors in our regular event newsletter.



Photo by Hannes Paling



Photo from Rod Hering



Photos by Gary Barnes



CLASSIC AND VINTAGE CARS



We are encouraging car collectors and enthusiasts to bring their vehicles to Sandstone.

We will assist them in every way and they might want to enjoy driving around.

Bear in mind that all our roads are untarred. The Sandstone collection will also be there comprising a number of interesting vehicles.



1966 Austin Healey 100/6
Photo from SHT Archives



1947 MGTC
Photo from SHT Archives



1942 Harley Davidson 10/12
Photo from SHT Archives



1927 Chev Saloon
Photo from Urias von Meyenburg



1952 International Harvester truck in its original livery as an International Harvester farm machinery support vehicle
Photo from SHT Archives

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS YOU ARE LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER ADJACENT TO THE TRACK



Land Train
Photo by David Benn



Steam Lorry, Fowler, and Ox Wagons
Photo by David Benn



Model T Ford
Photo by Urias von Meyenburg



Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Photo by David Benn

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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

SUNDAY, 13TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

06h00

EARLY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIAL



Photographers should assemble in the Waenhuis at 05h30. Our trusty Bristol Bus will be on hand to transport photographers. Most of the photographic activity will take place on the line to Grootdraai. However, the same train will continue on to Vailima Siding at 08h00 to accommodate non-photographic visitors. This train will also provide a photographic opportunity for the early morning group. This train will be hauled by NG15 Kalahari, No. 17. Non-photographers are welcome to ride on the bus and there will be limited accommodation in the Guards Van of the train. However, they need to be circumspect because the photographers would if possible like them to be relatively invisible. Don't forget to liaise with David Benn ([E: david@shrinks.co.za](mailto:david@shrinks.co.za)) if you would like to join the group.



NG15 at dawn
Photo by Carl Gootzen



NG15, No. 17
Photo by Patrick Polo



NG15 No. 17 at Loerie Station
Photograph taken on 30th October 1971 by
Leith Paxton



Bristol Bus overtaking the Decauville in a
photographic support role
Photo by Urias von Meyenburg

09h00

DOUBLE HEADED LAWLEYS, NOS. NG6 NO. 232 AND 263



Double headed Lawleys, Nos. NG6 No. 232 and 263 (Falcon 232 (actually 233) and 263 (Beira Rly No. 7 and SAR NG 97)) will be departing for Grootdraai and then onto Vailima via Mooihoek. These locomotives will run together until 12h00 both for the enjoyment of passengers and photographers. Nowhere in the world will you see a Lawley operating yet alone a double header. These are without doubt the locos that receive the greatest accolades at the Sandstone Heritage Trust and while they have got fierce competition you only have to look at them to see why.



Double headed Lawleys filmed at Kalahari Sunrise
- 23rd March-1st April 2012
Photos by David Benn

10h30

ARMOUR MUSEUM DAILY CONVOY



Photo from SHT Archives



Photo by Aidan McCarthy

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14h00

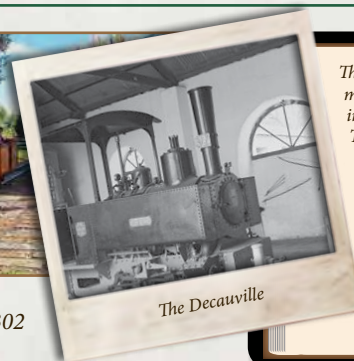
1899 DECAUVILLE, NO. 302



Our 1899 Decauville, No. 302, with four passenger coaches will be operating from Hoekfontein to Grootdraai and back. We have built two brand new coaches so we now have a four carriage consist which can easily accommodate 30-40 people in total. Our little Decauville is often affectionately referred to as our *Pretty French Lady*.



Our 1899 Decauville, No. 302
Photo by Aidan McCarthy



The Decauville

The Decauville was rescued from a derelict museum at Dombe Grande Sugar Mill in Angola by the Sandstone Heritage Trust some 8-years ago. Charlie Lewis, who has travelled extensively in Africa, written books, and taken huge numbers of historically important historical photographs has sent us this picture of what the loco looked like in September 1970 in the museum. This was before hostilities broke out. By the time we found it the building had collapsed but the loco had survived.

15h30

MOUNTAIN WANDERER



Our "Mountain Wanderer" two hour train journey covering the entire line departs daily from Hoekfontein Train Station at 15h30. If you have already been on the Saturday run come again but just sit on the other side of the carriage and you will see a completely different view.

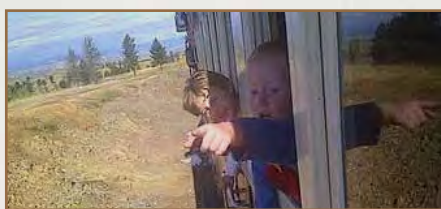


Photo by Gerhard Schourie



Photo by David Benn

15h30

MIXED FREIGHT TRAINS

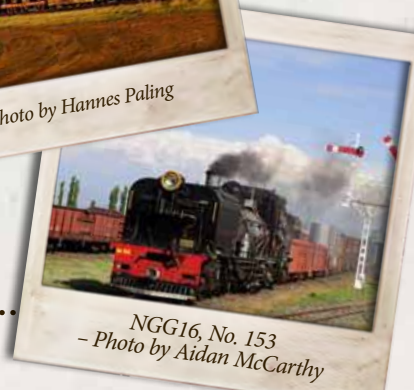


NGG 16, No. 88 and NGG16, No. 153 will be kept in steam for this purpose all day every day for the entire event. These will be deployed to haul mixed freight trains with some limited passenger accommodation as per the photograph below. We will not provide exact departure times for them because they have to be scheduled in accordance with other train movements and at the specific request of the photographic

leader who is dictating where the group of avid photographers will be based. Our programme therefore has more to offer than is offered in this formal programme. In addition, we would like to maintain an element of surprise on a daily basis. The consist for our mixed freight will change every day. Some days it will be very traditional like simply DZ's, B-Bogies, or Tankers, while other days it will be a configuration of loads.



Photo by Hannes Paling



NGG16, No. 153
- Photo by Aidan McCarthy

Our mighty Fowler B5 Crane engine from 1901 will be out most days depending on crew availability



Photo by Chris Cairns

SHUNTING



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Funkey Shunting underground Mine locomotive converted by Sandstone for above ground use.

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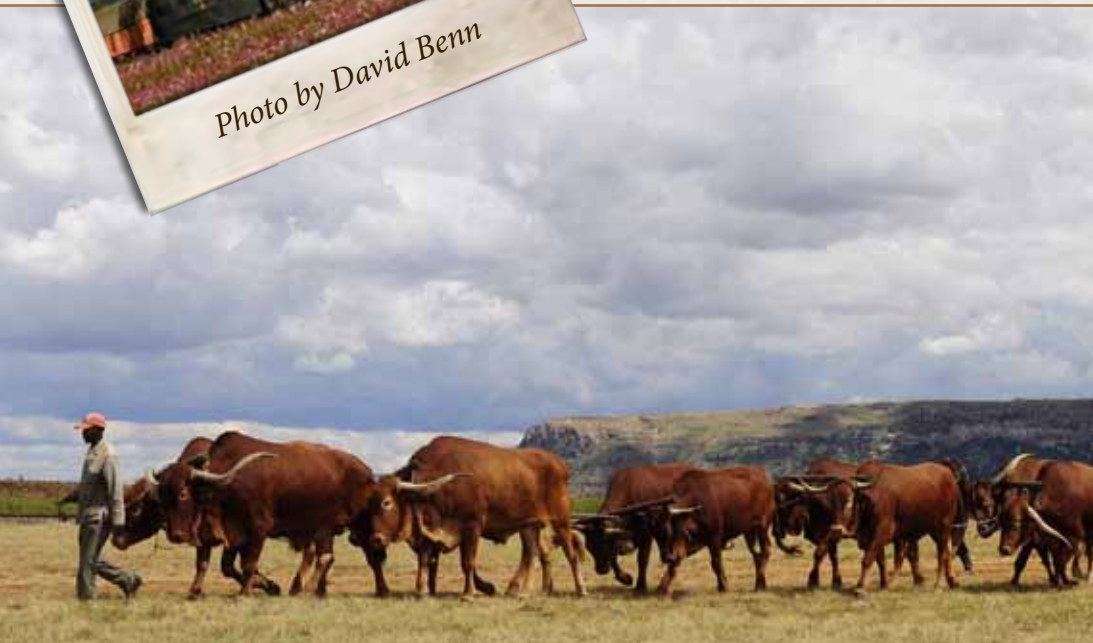


Lanz 60 - Photo by Hannes Paling



1910 BSA Rail Car
Photo from SHT Archives

**Military programme,
Oxen,
Agricultural
Machinery,
Traction Engines,
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throughout the day
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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 14TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

08h00-12h00

1915 HENSCHEL, NO. 13779, FELDBAHN WITH MILITARY CONSIST.



1915 Henschel, No. 13779, Feldbahn with Military consist. This is a locomotive that is packed with character and has a fascinating history. We also take this opportunity to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the commencement of World War One, a conflict which literally reshaped the map of Europe.

Our colleagues from the Armour Museum will be working with us to commemorate this centenary during the day.

In recognition of the German origin of the Feldbahn we will be hauling a small passenger consist using Orenstein and Koppel locomotive, No. 12149. The primary purpose of this train is to provide photographers with an opportunity to stop and photograph the Feldbahn as well as to enjoy the magnificent Eastern Free State scenery.

The train will stop upon request if visitors want to get out and photograph oxen or traction engines etc.



Feldbahn - Photo by Chris Cairns



Photo by Aidan McCarthy

08h00-12h00

KERR STUART LOCOMOTIVE, NO. 4031, "LITTLE BESS"



Kerr Stuart locomotive, No. 4031, "Little Bess", with a 4 coach passenger consist will run from Hoekfontein to Grootdraai and back as a fun passenger excursion and also to transport photographers who might want to ambush other trains.



Little Bess - Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Photo by John Browning

10h30

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Photos by Keith Wetmore



Photo from SHT Archives



Last year's Star of Sandstone was our 1905 Arn Jung, No. 847, which will do the honours by hauling a livestock train with real livestock on board. Photographers should enjoy this because there is a lot of noise and goings on relating to the loading and offloading of the cattle. This train will proceed to Grootdraai and be back to try and catch the 15h30 "Mountain Wanderer" special.



Photo by John Lyas



Photo by Peter Webb



Our "Mountain Wanderer", using NGG16, No. 153 and NGG13, No. 49, two hour train journey covering the entire line departs daily from Hoekfontein Train Station at 15h30.

All visitors to Sandstone are welcome on this train.



1901 Fowler Road locomotive with NGG 16 NG Garratt
Photo Gerald Hall



Photo from SHT Archives

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1910 BSA Rail Car
Photo from SHT Archives



OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

TUESDAY, 15TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

06h00

EARLY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIAL



An archive picture of NGG13, No. 49 working at Izingolweni, Natal. Photograph taken on 6th September 1966 by Leith Paxton



Photo by Hannes Paling

We will be using NGG16, No. 153 and NGG13, No. 49 as a double header with a specially made up consist as requested by David Benn on behalf of the photographic group. David will be telling us exactly how he wants this train to be configured.

09h00

1916 BARCLAY, NO. 1459



Our 1916 Barclay, No. 1459, will be operating with a mixed freight passenger consist to Grootdraai and then probably onto Vailima later in the morning. The double headed Garratt configuration will continue to be on standby for the entire day.

The Barclay was the first locomotive to be collected and restored by the Sandstone Heritage Trust. There was

a time when she was the only loco on the farm and here she is in her earlier livery. She is now maroon. We do occasionally change the colour of our locos for interest sake.



Photos from SHT Archives

10h00

O&K LOCOMOTIVE



O&K's - Photo by Aidan McCarthy

An O&K locomotive will join the fun with a small freight consist appropriate for the size of the locomotive.

One should remember that there will be various ways of getting to the air strip which is an excellent place to photograph the action. That is where the Harvards are and of course everything else goes trundling out in that direction. You can hitch a ride with an Ox Wagon, a Traction Engine, probably a Rail Car, and one or other of many Vintage and Classic Cars roaring around. The whole event will be hitchhiker friendly. Of course only to those who are supposed to be there!



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Photos by Aidan McCarthy



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13h00

NGG16, NO. 113



NGG16, No. 113 with special tractor train for vintage tractor enthusiasts.



Photo by Kate Winter

15h30-17h30

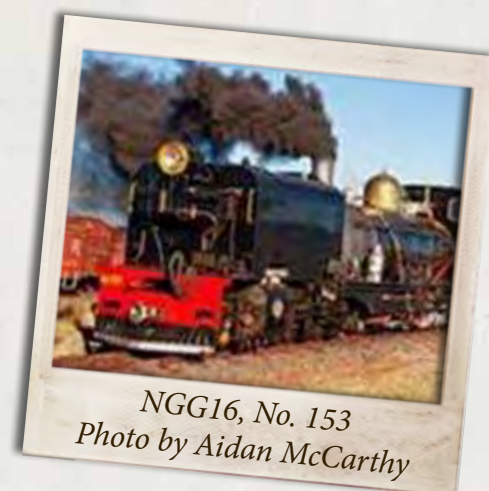
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Photo by David Benn



NGG16, No. 153
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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME WEDNESDAY, 16TH APRIL 2014

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BLOEMFONTEIN DAY



Wednesday is Bloemfontein day. There will be a special excursion to Bloemfontein departing at 08h00 from the main complex.

People with rental cars are encouraged to use their own vehicles if necessary, and we will also be deploying a minibus with seating capacity of about 12. There will be a nominal charge of R150 each for those who ride in the minibus. The distance is 200 kms and it takes about 2.15 hours. There will be a coffee breakfast stop en route,

lunch will be served in the Steam workshops, and everybody will return to be home approximately by 17h00. Lukas Nel will host the group for the day.

People interested in joining the Bloemfontein day trip should please indicate their interest so we can start preparing a list.

There are a number of people flying in to Bloemfontein and they are welcome to spend a few hours with Lukas because he is very close to the

airport. The same applies to those who are flying out. However, Lukas needs to know exactly who is coming because he will have to return to the workshop from Sandstone on those particular days.



Photo by Carl Gootzen

09h00

A LAZY START. OUR FOWLER LOCOMOTIVE, NO. 14316, SANDY, BUILT IN 1914



A real solid old Tank engine from the Natal Sugar industry. Quite photogenic and quite rare because Fowler weren't renowned for their manufacture of steam locomotives particularly. This is quite a powerful loco so it will probably pull some freight with some passengers. It will operate to Grootdraai and possibly to Mooihoek or even Vailima.



Photo from David Benn



Photos by Aidan McCarthy

OUR THREE OPERATIONAL DIESELS



11h00

NG6 LAWLEY, NO. 263



Throughout the morning our three operational Diesels – the Bagnall as per the photo below, a Hunslet, and a Funkey will be operating. They will be carrying out shunting duties throughout the week but the big Bagnall will appear today with a purist's freight consist.



Funkey Shunting underground Mine locomotive converted by Sandstone for above ground use



Hunslet Taylor 6355/1964.
Photo from SHT Archives

NG6 Lawley, No. 263, will delight everyone by making regular trips to Gootdraai and to Mooihoek. The railway dam en route makes a good photographic opportunity.



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Photo from SHT Archives



Mark IV Sherman demonstration – Photo from SHT Archives

15h30

COMMUNITY TRAIN



Our double headed community train. We are offering rides to our local residents on the farm, to the school kids in the local schools, and to the elderly. There will still be room for our normal passengers but this train should be a riot of colour and excitement.



Photo from SHT Archives

20h00

GARRATTS



One of the Garratts will take a passenger train to Grootdraai and back for those who have been to Bloemfontein and who need a quick steam fix! Everyone else is welcome. Again, this will be on demand.



1915 Emerson Brantingham Big 4-30 – one of the most charismatic great big Prairie tractors ever built
Photo from SHT Archives

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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 17TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

06h00

PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIALS



We will be operating two photographic specials. The first will be double headed Garratts and the second will be our Peckett Saddle Tank, No. 2161 (built in 1957), with interesting industrial consist to Grootdraai and back. The Garratts will probably proceed onto Vailima as directed by the Photographic Supervisor.

There will be a breakfast break from 08h00 until 09h30 and then the Peckett Saddle Tank will continue until mid-morning.



Photo by Thomas Kautzor



Photo from SHT Archives

10h00

1936 SEZELA NO. 3, NO. 1924



1936 Sezela No. 3, No. 1924, with a light agricultural consist.



Photo from SHT Archives

11h00

O&K LOCOMOTIVES



Double headed O&K locomotives, No. 2510, built in 1907, and O&K No. 4102 built in 1910.



O&K's - Photo by Aidan McCarthy

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Photo by Hannes Paling

Our mighty Fowler B5 Crane engine from 1901 will be out most days depending on crew availability

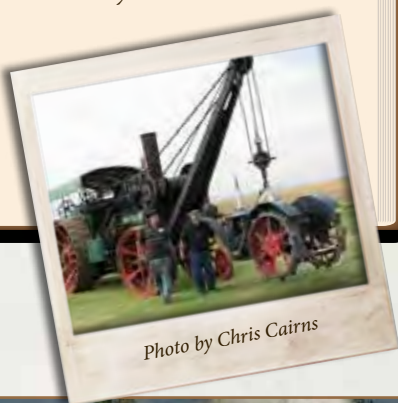


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Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Photo by Carl Gootzen



This is how we found them
Photo from SHT Archives



Image by Aron Frankental

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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME

GOOD FRIDAY - 18TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

08h00

**1924 KERR STUART
LOCOMOTIVE, NO. 4063
(TAMARA)**



1924 Kerr Stuart locomotive, No. 4063 (Tamara), restored in 2012, will operate throughout the morning from 08h00 until lunchtime with a number of different consists and a passenger coach.

Please note that the consist will be adjusted relative to demand. In other words, if there is too many passengers we will drop a freight car and add a coach.



Kerr Stuart, No. 4063, "Tamara"
Photo by Chris Cairns



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walk from the Waenhuis throughout the show.



Photo by Carl Gootzen



Oshkosh Tank Transporter restored
Photo from SHT Archives



Photo from SHT Archives

10h00

**1915 HENSCHEL
FELDBAHN, NO. 13779**



1915 Henschel Feldbahn, No. 13779, with its traditional Military consist will accompany Tamara. We might well double head them during the morning.



Feldbahn

Feldbahns were designed specifically by the German Military for use in the First World War and we are fortunate having a number of archive photographs of them actually going about their business.

The photo was supplied by Kim Winter from the Imperial War Museum. The caption reads: "GERMAN FIRST WORLD WAR OFFICIAL EXCHANGE COLLECTION" (photographs) Made by: German official photographer 1918-04. The work of the Railway Troops on the Western Front. A light, Field Railway ration train"

15h30-17h30

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1915 Rumely Oil Pull...A Giant of the Prairies!
Photo from SHT Archives



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Sandstone 153 HT 3898 1968
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Photo by John Browning



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OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME EASTER SATURDAY - 19TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

06h00

EARLY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIAL



*Sandstone Estates - A photographer's paradise
Photo by Carl Gootzen*



Photo by Aidan McCarthy

NG4, No. 16, from 1913, will pull an all freight photographic special as coordinated by David Benn, our Photographic Supervisor.

The NG4 will be accompanied by NG15, No. 17, with a mixed passenger freight configuration for photographers.

08h00

NG15, NO. 17



NG15, No. 17, will operate all day and will be double headed with a Garratt at 15h30 for the Vailima "Mountain Wanderer" complete round trip. This double header is dependent on engineering work currently being carried out to soften the curves on the Vailima section, which the Kalahari has difficulty with. If there is a problem then we will drop the Kalahari in favour of the NG4 or a second Garratt. We are in uncharted territory here so please excuse us if we do make changes to the programme.

09h00

KIDDIES EASTER SPECIAL



"Kiddies Easter Special" O&K locomotive, No. 10311 built in 1922, and Lawley, No. 233, with mixed consist will pull a small passenger consist to Grootdraai and back throughout the day for the convenience of families commencing at 09h00.



*Lawley No. 233
Photo from SHT Archives*



Photo by Aidan McCarthy

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Photos by Gerhard Schourie

15h30

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Photo by David Benn

16h00

MILITARY SALUTE



The General Officer Commanding the South African Army Armour Formation, Brigadier General Andre Retief, under which the SA Armour Museum falls and which forms an integral part of the event will be visiting Stars of Sandstone on Saturday 19 April 2014. A special parade of all the military vehicles will take place on the airfield in the afternoon at 16h00 and Brig. General Retief will take the salute.

Visitors are requested to gather at 15h00.

The SA Armour Museum will supplement the Sandstone Military collection with additional armour including the South African Olifant tank which will form part of the parade.

20h00

STARLIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN



Our after dinner Starlight Express train will run from the Waenhuis to Grootdraai and back at a leisurely pace so people can see the lights of Leribe and Lesotho.

The train will stop en route if requested. We will be using enclosed carriages because it will start getting chilly but for the more robust amongst us who have warm jackets we have our standard open carriages as well.

This train will be steam hauled by one of our Garratts.



Night shot - Photo by Chris Cairns

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Tractors along the way
Photo by Aidan McCarthy

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Photo from Rod Hering



OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME EASTER SUNDAY - 20TH APRIL 2014

Revolutions are the locomotives of history - Karl Marx

06h00

EARLY MORNING PHOTOGRAPHIC SPECIAL



Photographers should assemble in the Waenhuis at 05h30. Our trusty Bristol Bus will be on hand to transport photographers. Most of the photographic activity will take place on the line to Grootdraai. However, the same train will continue on to Vailima Siding at 08h00 to accommodate non-photographic visitors. This train will also provide a photographic opportunity for the early morning group. There will be two trains, one hauled by NG4, No. 16, and the second one by NGG16, No. 88. Non-photographers are welcome to ride on the bus and there will be limited accommodation in the

Guards Van of the train. However, they need to be circumspect because the photographers would if possible like them to be relatively invisible. Don't forget to liaise with David Benn (E: david@shrinks.co.za) if you would like to join the group.



NG4, No. 16
Photos by John Browning



NGG16, No. 88
Photo by John Browning

09h00

DOUBLE HEADED LAWLEYS, NOS. NG6 NO. 232 AND 263



Double Headed Lawleys built in 1895
Photo by David Benn

Double headed Lawleys, Nos. NG6 No. 232 and 263, will be departing for Grootdraai and then onto Vailima via Mooihoek. These locomotives will run together until 12h00 both for the enjoyment of passengers and photographers. Nowhere in the world

will you see a Lawley operating yet alone a double header. These are without doubt the locos that receive the greatest accolades at the Sandstone Heritage Trust and while they have got fierce competition you only have to look at them to see why.

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Photo by Aidan McCarthy



Our magnificent Samil 100 Gun Tractor
Photo from SHT Archives

14h00

1899 DECAUVILLE, NO. 302



Our 1899 Decauville, No. 302, with four passenger coaches will be operating from Hoekfontein to Grootdraai and back. We have built two brand new coaches so we now have a four carriage consist which can easily accommodate 30-40 people in total. Our little Decauville is often affectionately referred to as our *Pretty French Lady*.



Our 1899 Decauville, No. 302
Photo by Aidan McCarthy



The Decauville was rescued from a derelict museum at Dombe Grande Sugar Mill in Angola by the Sandstone Heritage Trust some 8-years ago. Charlie Lewis, who has travelled extensively in Africa, written books, and taken huge numbers of historically important historical photographs has sent us this picture of what the loco looked like in September 1970 in the museum. This was before hostilities broke out. By the time we found it the building had collapsed but the loco had survived.

15h30

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Photo by David Benn



Sandstone 153 HT 2898 1968 Vailima Siding
Photo by John Browning

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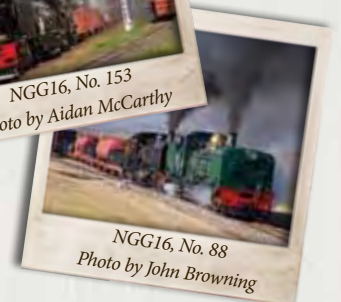
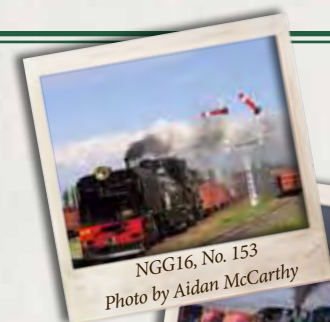
15h30

MIXED FREIGHT TRAINS



NGG 16, No. 88 and NGG16, No. 153 will be kept in steam for this purpose all day every day for the entire event. These will be deployed to haul mixed freight trains with some limited passenger accommodation as per the photograph below. We will not provide exact departure times for them because they have to be scheduled in accordance with other train movements and at the specific request of the photographic

leader who is dictating where the group of avid photographers will be based. Our programme therefore has more to offer than is offered in this formal programme. In addition, we would like to maintain an element of surprise on a daily basis. The consist for our mixed freight will change every day. Some days it will be very traditional like simply DZ's, B-Bogies, or Tankers, while other days it will be a configuration of loads.



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*Classic and Vintage vehicles
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Photo by Urias von Meyenburg



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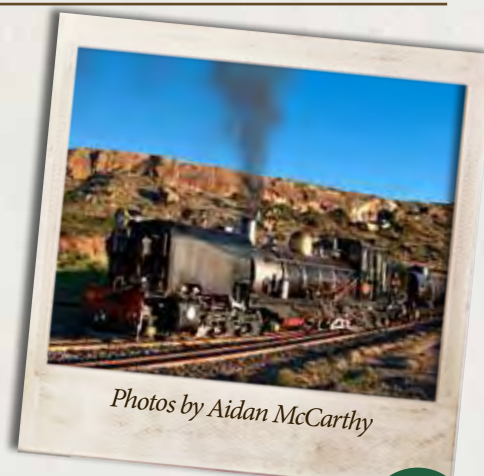


OFFICIAL TIMETABLE & PROGRAMME EASTER MONDAY - 21ST APRIL 2014

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This is our last day and is traditionally a wind down time. However, we do have stalwarts who like to spend the day enjoying the sights and sounds of Sandstone. We will carry over one Garratt for the entire day, as well as the NG4 working different consists. They will be operational from 09h00 but we will stop mid to late afternoon. There will not be a complete round the circle trip because from our experience by that stage most people have left.

Depending on our volunteer situation there will be the normal mix of traction engines, trek oxen etc. This is an excellent day to tour our facilities and to take one of our shed to shed walking tours. Often people are too busy on the railway etc. to actually see what is in any of the buildings. Only about 3-4% of the items in the greater Sandstone Heritage Trust collection are actually deployed during the Stars event.



Photos by Aidan McCarthy

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Stars of Sandstone



WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU AT THE EVENT!

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