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HERITAGE & TOURIST RAILWAYS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
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DEVELOPMENT AND SUSTAINABLE POLICIES.
Unfortunately, Trevithick's locomotive was not preserved but both Locomotion No.1 and Stephenson's Rocket were. Replicas of both have been built and are operational illustrating for the public the real history of the birth of our railways.

Over 700 steam locomotives have been preserved in the UK, many completely overhauled and operational on the UKs heritage railways. ONE IMPORTANT CLASS WAS NOT PRESERVED, BUT.........
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Although the express passenger class A1 were all scrapped, the A1 Locomotive Trust decided to follow the production line of these locomotives and built the brand new 60163 “Tornado”. This locomotive is now fully operational and hauls passenger charter trains on the UK’s national system.

A triumphant return to London (Kings Cross) where thousands of well-wishers awaited her arrival.

At least three other steam locomotives of non-preserved classes are in various stages of construction.
The voice of the Heritage Railway sector throughout Europe.
HERITAGE & TOURIST RAILWAYS THROUGHOUT EUROPE

37 MEMBERS IN 25 COUNTRIES
Representing 530 Heritage & Tourist Railways

Annual Conferences:
1997 Stockholm, Sweden; 1998 Barcelona, Spain; 1999 Prague, Czech Republic; 2000 Bad Breisig, Germany
2001 Turin, Italy; 2002 Riga, Latvia; 2003 Llandudno, UK; 2004 Leiden, Netherlands; 2005 Lyon, France;
2006 Volos, Greece; 2007 Odense, Denmark; 2008 Salzburg, Austria, 2009, Luxembourg; 2010 Budapest,
2011 Dresden, Germany
FEDECRAIL – ACHIEVEMENTS SO FAR

- Government support for the re-opening of a metre gauge line after flood damage in southern France.

- Recognition of the role played by heritage railways in European directives on railway access and franchising.

- Amendments to a new EU directive on mail and telephone order business (‘Distance Selling’).

- Withdrawal of a proposed EU directive on Safety in the Workplace (So-called ‘Hot Surfaces’) which would have required heavy lagging of locomotive fire boxes and pipes.

- Research on smoke and exhaust gas emissions and on treatment of water in steam boilers.

- Launch of the ‘RIGA CHARTER’
This charter has been created to guide decisions which will result in heritage railways being enjoyed by future generations. Heritage railways have been very successful in rescuing, restoring, preserving and operating historic equipment. We hope that this charter will help everyone involved to see opportunities for making wise decisions. It has been created to accompany the several other charters relating to heritage conservation.

**Purpose**
The Riga Charter is a statement of principles which guide the conservation, restoration, maintenance, repair and use of historic railway equipment. It is hoped that this will help our members make wise decisions.
Tallylyn Railway, The first volunteer-led railway to be opened in 1951. The railway recently celebrated its sixtieth anniversary.

Today, Great Britain and Ireland continue to lead the world with over 150 heritage railways, tramways and museums, attracting 10 million visitors per annum.
The Heritage Railway industry is proud of its contribution to tourism in the UK and Ireland.
In the early days of the North Norfolk Railway, the only repair facility was a bench on an open platform!

Today many heritage railways have superb facilities for all types of maintenance and restoration including new builds.
Preserving the giants of British Railway’s Steam Locomotives.
In the UK, as part of our process of lobbying ministers and Members of Parliament, following the election of the new coalition government HRA hosted a Parliamentary Reception at the Houses of Parliament on June 21st 2011.

We invited all Ministers and Members with a heritage railway in their constituency to meet representatives of our railways and museums.

This was a very successful meeting showing the development of heritage railways and the benefits to tourism and the local economy.
HRA – ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year HRA presents its Annual Awards demonstrating the diversity of ideas and thinking within the heritage railway movement and encouraging excellence in restoration projects.

Occasionally we make a very special award known as the “Peter Manisty Award”
VISITORS AND PASSENGERS IN UK

No. of visitors: 9.1 million
Passengers carried: 6.8 million
Passenger journeys: 15.0 million
Passenger miles: 119.0 million
Passenger train miles: 1.3 million
Turnover: £84 million
Fares: 55%
Retail shops: 11%
Catering: 17%
Other: 17%

Estimated contributions to the local and national economy: £579,000,000
EMPLOYEES & VOLUNTEERS
The lifeblood of heritage railways

Employed staff: 1,993

Volunteer staff: 17,632
(Full time equivalent: 3627)
Switzerland - October 2003.
Argentina - October 2006
Australia in 2009
United Kingdom, Sept/October 2012

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW
The Congress was based in Leeds. The business sessions took place at the National Railway Museum in York. The theme of the Congress was “Sustainability” with speakers basing their sessions on the subheadings of technical challenges, environmental matters, financial and commercial impacts and people issues, such as skills and training. Speakers were drawn from the field of international heritage railways and museums.

Study visits were arranged to the Middleton Railway, Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, Crich Tramway Village, Great Central Railway, plus a Grand Finale of visits including a Steam hauled trip with “Tornado” to Canterbury. During the business sessions guided tours were available for a ‘behind the scenes’ look at the National Railway Museum at York.
At the Railway Heritage Conference “Opportunities and Challenges” held in Brisbane in October 2009, the formation of WATTRAIN was unanimously agreed.

1. Objectives:
   - to facilitate the exchange of information amongst member organisations for their betterment;
   - to promote, represent and act as an advocate for the Heritage and Tourist sector to ensure optimal outcomes in the international arena;
   - to develop an internet-based information source to provide members with a full range of information relevant to their needs (Alexandria library);
   - to assist development of the sector to facilitate exchange of individuals between members so they improve their understanding of the Heritage and Tourist operations especially;
   - at the request of members, to provide specific advice and information as a respected consultancy;
Objectives; continued.

- to facilitate twinning arrangements between Heritage and Tourist operations to improve understanding;

- to create and develop a database of specialist suppliers of goods and services utilised by the Heritage and Tourist sector with a facility to access feedback; to gather and, where necessary, commission research into financial / economic benefits of operations, environmental and other important issues relevant to the sector;

- to negotiate on behalf of the sector arrangements for insurance and other key services or products to secure favourable terms as a result of bulk purchasing; at the request of members, to assist in formulation of policy positions and to assist where requested in the presentation of those positions to government and others; And;

- to promote conservation on the basis of Riga Charter.
1.1 What We Will Achieve - Vision
To be recognised globally as an organisation that ensures heritage rail is valued and sustained.

1.2 How We Will Achieve It - Mission
WATTRAIN will:
Effectively represent heritage rail on global issues achieving outcomes optimal to the sector; and
Engage and support the sector across borders to facilitate the ongoing sustainability of the sector through the development of people, the sharing of knowledge and the exchange of information.

1.3 Values
Persistent – we are committed to ensuring the sector is sustainable.
Transparent – our activities are totally transparent and open for review at all times.
Non-partisan – our organisation operates independently and is free from any political, religious or other affiliations.

Culturally Considerate - we uphold and advocate the intrinsic importance of culture.

Dynamic – we continuously innovate to meet the changing needs of our members.

Respectful – we recognise that all members are unique and we value their differences.

Passionate – we pursue our goals with passion, drive and an open heart.

2. Membership and Voting
Membership will be open to all Tourist and Heritage operators in the sector, their state, regional, national and international regional representative bodies, individuals and the corporate sector.
WATTRAIN subscriptions are to be fixed at an affordable rate. Subscriptions will be weighted to reflect the size of the organisation and the nature of the operation.
Thank you for listening.

Full details of WATTRAIN can be found at:
www.wattrain.wordpress.com