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WATTRAIN August 2018 Newsletter.

Editorial:

Welcome to this August 2018 edition of the WATTRAIN Newsletter.

And as each day passes, excitement is mounting as we approach the WATTRAIN Conference in Frisco, Texas (31st October-4th November 2018.) The details are contained at the end of this newsletter, along with registration details.

Eduardo Rodriguez(TURISTREN SAS President) sent this message regarding the Conference...

"In June's edition you announce the WATTRAIN Conference in Frisco, Texas (31st October – 4th November 2018) that we find very interesting and we have decided to participate. (my son (Andres Rodriguez, manager) and I (Eduardo Rodriguez, president)) of TURISTREN SAS.

We are also interested in adding the optional post conference programme traveling to Durango but leaving back home on Tuesday 6th November.

We would love to have a small space during the conference to let all train lovers know the hard work we have been doing in Colombia to save not only steam trains but to keep alive the passenger trains in our beautiful country."

No doubt, WATTRAIN Frisco attendees will introduce themselves to Eduardo & Andres Rodriguez!

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Darjeeling toy trains: Railways and its struggle with heritage

Indian Railways has 34 big and small museums, apart from a large number of buildings, bridges and other assets that are still in use.

Typically, the Railways spends around Rs 20-25 crore each year towards maintaining each hill railway. [Continue...](#)

Nilgiri mountain train gets a cool, new look

the latest in its efforts to add to the allure of the train service is the addition of a refurbished 25-year-old coach, which promises an uber cool ride for the passengers. [Continue..](#)

TOKYO/ FUKUOKA -- Alibaba Group Holding and Kyushu Railway announced Monday a partnership aimed at drawing more Chinese tourists to Kyushu island, the third largest in Japan.

Kyushu Railway is a company under Japan Railways Group and operates hotels and restaurants, and organizes package tours in the region. Under the agreement, Alibaba will sell Kyushu Railways' tour packages, rail tickets and hotel rooms on its travel site "Fliggy" which is visited by 10 million users each day. In return, Kyushu Railway will install Alibaba's mobile payment service Alipay in its group companies. [Continue..](#)

Pedestrian killed by Union Pacific's historic steam train on return trip from Cheyenne Frontier Days

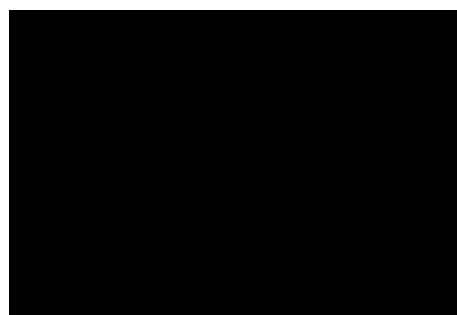
DENVER -- Investigators say the pedestrian that was struck and killed by one of Union Pacific's historic steam trains was taking pictures of the locomotive and apparently ventured too close to the tracks.

The 21-car train, being pulled by Locomotive 844, was returning Saturday evening from a day-long trip to Cheyenne Frontier Days.

[Details](#)

Stunning Snowdon and the Mountain Railway.(Cambrian News on YouTube)

Drone footage above the summit of Snowdon shows the views in every direction on a clear day and the path the 120-year-old Snowdon Mountain Railway takes



UK: Forgotten Sheffield railway line could be revived with steam trains and commuter services

A businessman has reignited plans to revive a little-used railway line in Sheffield, with proposals for heritage steam trains as well as commuter services [Read more HERE](#)

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Train gets onboard with non-coal engines.

Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad owner Al Harper said this week that the train is buying two new (new to them anyway) diesel locomotives.

For those who have spent the summer on Mars, the D&SNGRR may or may not have started the 416 Fire on June 1. Although eye-witnesses said the fire started from train cinders, its cause is still classified as “under

investigation” by the U.S. Forest Service. But in the meantime, Harper said he does not want to take any more chances with the local economy or environment. He said the train lost \$6 million in revenue when it was shut down for several weeks this summer, and 224 of his employees were out of work. This is in addition to the economic repercussions felt far and wide throughout the Durango and Silverton communities.

“We want to be good neighbors,” said Harper. “Next year, the train is going to be 137 years old, and there’s never been scheduled service without coal. It’s a big change, but we are adapting with the times.”

<https://www.durangotelegraph.com/news/top-stories/train-gets-onboard-with-non-coal-engines/>

US: Durango train to reopen Saturday(28th July 2018) with modified service..

Damage to tracks by mudslides could take four to six weeks to repair

The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad will resume service to Silverton on Saturday with a modified route.

Because of damage to tracks caused by Tuesday’s mudslide, passengers will depart from the Rockwood Station north of Durango. The railroad will bus passengers from the depot to Rockwood, where they will get on the train to Silverton. The railroad intends to follow this plan until at least Aug. 15.

More at: <https://durangoherald.com/articles/233728>

UK:Bodmin and Wenford Railway, Cornwall: ‘Feel the sense of childlike joy’ – review [HERE](#)

UK:Telford Steam Railway to extend its track in £400k move funded by Polar Express

More here

UK: RAIB Safety digest 06/2018: Clogwyn y Gwin South foot crossing

India:The world’s oldest working steam locomotive, EIR 21, had a trial journey (on Tuesday 7th August 2018)

RAIB has released its safety digest into a passenger train derailment at Clogwyn y Gwin South foot crossing, Welsh Highland Railway, 10 June 2018. **[HERE](#)**

[Read more HERE](#)

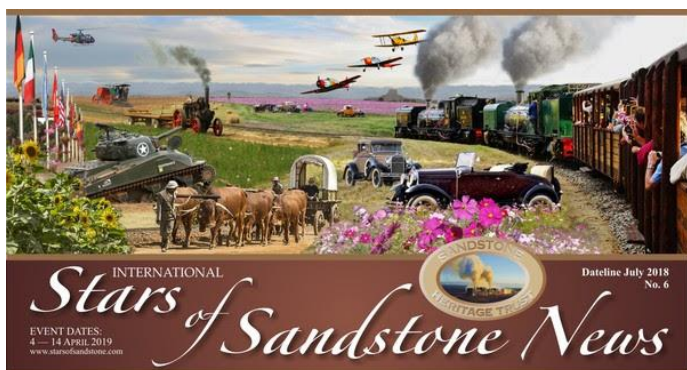
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“President Emeritus of FEDECRAIL” David Morgan President of WATTRAIN baptizes a newly restored locomotive on the Conifer Railway in the Jura mountains.

Photos courtesy: Jean Claude Lengacher, Administrateur Coni'fer. Communication jean.claude.lengacher@gmail.com. www.coni-fer.org



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Dear All,

Time hurries by and Stars 2019 draws ever closer. The bookings are steady and everything is on track.

Please register if you are planning to visit us so we can supply you with all the options.

Please click [here](#) to view the latest newsletter. There is lots to read in this newsletter so take your time. We hope you enjoy the read.

Australia: Special Announcement: The Yarra Valley Railway - Makes The Headlines

The Yarra Valley Railway is proud to announce our/your project has made the front page of the Lilydale & Yarra Valley Leader. To read the full article go to:

<http://leader.smedia.com.au/lilydale-yarra-valley/>

A key part of our railway history is back on track, following a saga spanning almost 60 years.

Railway buffs have given an old Y-Class train - built in the 1890s - a recent test run after languishing in a Port Lincoln playground for decades.

www.7plus.com.au/news

<https://www.facebook.com/7NewsAdelaide/videos/2078162798881031/>

Australia: Vision to restore Collie Roundhouse.

The Roundhouse will hopefully receive funding after Collie-Preston MLA Mick Murray approached the National Trust regarding future visions for the building.

<https://www.colliemail.com.au/story/5572388/vision-to-restore-roundhouse/>

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Stars of Eurovision join Seaton Tramway for Grand Opening Party!

After 9 months of construction, Seaton Tramway opened the doors on its brand-new £3 million station on 28th June. The project was 10 years in the making and marked a new era for the East Devon Attraction.

On the 11th August, to celebrate this amazing moment of history, the new station played host to a grand opening party to honour the new building.

Chief Executive, Jenny Nunn had this to say on the night “After several years on the drawing board, I am proud to be stood here tonight to celebrate with you the safe delivery of a new station and the birth of a new era in Seaton Tramway’s long history in Seaton.”

[More Here](#)

Heritage train service may revive interest in Gururgram’s forgotten towns

Rly ministry’s attempt to run an old steam locomotive from Farrukhnagar to Garhi Harsru may make local history more interesting for today’s children. (Hindustan Times)

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**WATTRAIN-World Alliance of Tourist Trams & Trains**

will hold its triannual Conference at the Drury Inn Frisco, Texas, from October 31 to November 4, 2018

Theme: "How to address the new challenges of tomorrow using the resources we have today"

We strongly hope to see you there!!!!

Registration: WATTRAIN Frisco, TX registration is now live. Please find below the link to registration: [HERE](#)

Deadline for registration for Conference: September 30, 2018.

Topics: Staffing (recruitment & Training), Environment (incl. safeguarding future use of traditional fuels), litigation, protection of historic collections, and insurance.

Speakers: in addition to Wattrain speakers, renowned experts in their fields, including: Steve Ryan, Sergio Rodriguez Zubieta, William Brotherton, Tripp Salisbury, Gabriel Asenjo, Courtney Wilson, G. Mark Ray (HRA President), Jeff Johnson.

Venue: Wattrain has blocked a number of rooms at special rates at the Drury Inn & Suites Frisco, TX. To reserve: www.druryhotels.com and enter Group Number 2340496. The deadline for hotel registration is October 9, 2018.

Further info, program of the Conference, Partners program: see www.wattrain.net

OPTIONAL POST-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

We have deliberately scheduled our conference to slot into the American Heritage Rail Alliance programme and annual congress. Those wishing to attend would fly with me to Durango on Sunday November 4th, where we would stay two nights, travelling on the iconic Durango & Silverton Railroad on Monday 5th November. (FREE to WATTRAIN members and guests, courtesy a kind sponsor) On Tuesday 6th November we would transfer by road to join the HRA conference in Santa Fe. This culminates in a ride on the famous Cumbres & Toltec Railroad followed by a gala dinner on Saturday 10th November; details to follow. Return home from Albuquerque International Airport on 11th November, or later.

DAVID MORGAN -PRESIDENT

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