



SPRING SMOKESTACK



A souvenir of Toronto 2018. A skilled modeler friend of the President in England took the children's card kit we gave away on our booth thanks to the TTC and turned it into a real model of one of their buses. Railroad photo will follow!

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Greetings to IFRR members and all Rotarian Fans of Railways - sorry Railroading (I must remember that).

Apologies for the delay in putting out a Smokestack. Your President fell unconscious in late Fall 2018 through low heart rate and has since acquired a pacemaker to correct this. More importantly he suffered a basal skull fracture causing a much longer recuperation. He now has a brain surgeon! All is well now except for the loss of the sense of smell!

We are approaching RI in Hamburg in June. What we need to do is arrange an AGM at the very least and possibly a visit. Miniatur Wunderland is I think a given with its large model railroad. Other venues are possible within 50 miles or so of Hamburg. What I and the rest of the Board need to know is how many IFRR members are likely to be at the Convention.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN HAMBURG. WE WOULD ALSO FIND IT HELPFUL IF YOU INDICATED WHEN YOU WERE ABLE TO JOIN US ON A VISIT DURING THE CONVENTION.

In addition, it would be an enormous help if there were anyone locally based or at least in Germany who could assist with arrangements or even additional suggestions. Please help us out. The Board are spread all over the world and it is not easy to be aware of all possibilities in one country that may be very distant from us. We were

lucky in Toronto to have local help and without that our experience would have been nowhere near as good.



Toronto 2018. The venue for our AGM from a great height!
Let's make Hamburg as good if not better.

I am still awaiting a detailed program from RI (rather than just highlights) so we can arrange a suitable day for the AGM. If we are to do anything outside the Convention I would personally need it to be beforehand. I am in Germany the weekend before at a twinning meeting of my Rotary Club – in Marburg – some 4 hours by train from Hamburg and will be travelling to Hamburg probably the Tuesday before the Convention.

I hope to meet many of you in Hamburg. Until then, feel free to email or write with your ideas and comments. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

*PLEASE NOTE WE ARE **UNLIKELY** TO HAVE A BOOTH AT HoF THIS YEAR*

Bob



Hamburg 2019? Miniatur-Wunderland Railroad.

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