



CONVENTION 2019 SMOKESTACK



We hope the weather is a little better than this in Hamburg. A souvenir for all those of you from warmer parts of the Globe - a bit of Manchester UK rain and a fairly new Manchester Metrolink Tram (or Streetcar to those on the other side of the pond). Car 3072 was delivered on August 24 2013 and put into service on November 6 the same year. Manufacture by Bombardier, Bautzen (Germany) & Vienna (Austria). 52 seats.

May 2019

Immediately after the last issue we put out another Smokestack. The Board thought that the updates we have managed to negotiate (an especial thanks to Curtis for this) should be communicated to the membership as soon as possible.

PLEASE COME AND CONTACT US IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE IN HAMBURG. WE HAVE BEEN PROMISED PART OF THE GENERAL FELLOWSHIP BOOTH AND WE HOPE TO LEAVE ANY NOTICES OF MEETINGS AND VISITS THERE AS WELL AS AT THE IFRM MUSICIANS BOOTH. IF YOU ARE LIVING WITHIN THE HAMBURG AREA PLEASE BRING ANY RELEVANT FLYERS FOR ITEMS OF LOCAL RAILROAD INTEREST OR INDEED ANY OTHER ITEMS IN THIS AREA OF EUROPE.

AGM

12.30pm on Tuesday June 4th

We will meet up at the Musicians Fellowship Booth (IFRM) **Booth 3-141** in the HoF and then find a suitable meeting place from there for a spot of lunch and the AGM.

Please be at the Booth by 12.25pm.



Hamburg 2019's visit. Miniatur-Wunderland Railroad.

As we are not sure of numbers we are allowing members to make their own arrangements in advance, but we will discuss further possibilities at the Convention. One member has already booked a Sunday Morning visit. Others will prefer a later date. Advance tickets are available and recommended to avoid queuing. Go to the Wunderland website for details.

<https://www.miniatur-wunderland.com/visit/tickets/#/booking/2019-05-02/2>

Your President's arrangements are more firmed up now. He and his wife Enid will be travelling to Hamburg from Marburg the Wednesday before the Convention. They are staying in the Hamburg Altona Hotel in Stresemannstrasse 363-369 and will be there until late Wednesday evening following the Convention.

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

Bob



You could be in Colorado in the 1930s. Actually, an ON3 model of Climax no. 8 crossing one of the many bridges at Purgatory Peak - one of the major layouts of the Macclesfield Model Railway Group just 4 miles from the President. A touch of USA Railroading for the IFRR members across that pond.

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