



IFRR SMOKESTACK – Fall 2012 – 9-5-12

Hi IFRR Members,

WELCOME ! The International Fellowship of Railroading Rotarians is steaming down the track.

We welcome all of our new members who recently joined our great fellowship. We look forward to everyone's ideas and input. We have approximately 100 members at this time and we are located around the world!

MEMBER INPUT

Rotarian Mike Dyke has submitted the following interesting information:

Dysie's Blog - The Rotary Great Train Race 2012

[The Rotary Great Train Race 2012 - Witbank](#)

From Diana Sanderson's Photography Website

<http://dianasandersonphotography.blogspot.com/2012/08/the-rotary-great-train-race-2012-witbank.html>

The Rotary Great Train Race 2012 took place over the weekend of 17 and 18 August.

Diana is one of our very keen members at Reef steamers who assist with coach logistics, as a coach controller and also assisting with the marketing and publicity team. She is also one of the depot's main photographers. When she is in a particularly good mood, she makes wicked short bread and cupcakes for the depot teams. She was rostered for this trip, as were the other young people, to assist the Race Marshalls in terms of safety and logistics around the coaches and the railway, seeing that we are more experienced in those areas.

The train ran – but the weekend was somewhat spoilt because of the poor performance by Transnet – and as stated in the blog, we had paid for the track time and for haulage. But as is typical for people who genuinely love steam and are involved with it, our gang took the challenge in their stride and have some interesting memories to treasure.

The links above are Diana's blog of the event. All photos are by Diana and all copyrights are reserved.

WHAT'S HAPPENING ?

- **2013 RI Convention** – We are considering several things for the RI Lisbon Convention. We look forward to YOUR input and ideas...and HELP! Under consideration are a Train Tour or Excursion, Convention Booth (either our or shared), Annual Meeting, Visits to local area Railroad clubs, exhibits and related locations. **If you are going to the convention and are interested in helping out with any of the above or any other ideas for the convention, let us know as soon as possible!**
 - **IFRR Website** - We are currently updating our website, www.ifrr.info . Keep looking and watch for the changes. We would like to receive short appropriate articles, photos and information from members to enhance the website. **What is happening in your railroading world?**
 - **Get Involved !** Let us know what you would like the IFRR to be doing! We are a website based Rotary Fellowship open to anyone with interests in anything Railroading!
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Best Wishes in Railroading to everyone from your Board of Directors.

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