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WATTRAIN September 2018 Newsletter.

Editorial:

Welcome to this September 2018 edition of the WATTRAIN Newsletter.

It's getting closer! Not many days to go before the WATTRAIN Conference in Frisco Texas,US. (31st October-4th November 2018.)

This newsletter is given over to outlining the full schedule of the event, and the two optional events following immediately afterwards.

Please pay close attention to essential dates and booking requirements!!

The WATTRAIN website.

Over the last few weeks, ongoing alterations and refinements to the WATTRAIN website (Courtesy Phil Upton @ Purple Creatives) will make for easier navigation of the site, and include regular update of news items relating to the preservation and heritage industry and tourist economies around the world.

The Links Page will include regional outlines of Tourist Trams and Railways. Paid up members will enjoy the benefit of a direct link to their Home Page.

Business Paid Up members will be entered on the Business Directory tab, with the same criteria.

LATEST NEWS

TWO MW's for the L&B

The 762 Club is to construct not one, but two Manning, Wardle locomotives to run on the L&B. These will be 'YEO' and 'EXE'. The company name 'Manning Wardle' is now owned by the L&BR Trust, consequently these two locomotives will be works numbers 2048 and 2049. They will not be 'replicas' but simply new locomotives. The design will be closely based on that of 'LYD', built in the 19th century. The plan is for 'YEO' is to be built in North Derbyshire and 'EXE' at Boston Lodge (Ffestiniog Railway). (More at: www.lynton-rail.co.uk)

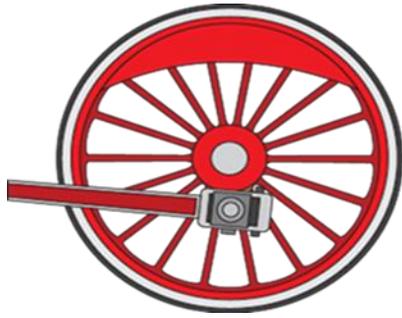
Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) is seeking a masterplanner for a new 8.3ha heritage railway attraction in Darlington (www.architectsjournal.co.uk)

The Railway Heritage Quarter project, backed by Darlington Borough Council (DBC), will focus on the innovative Stockton and Darlington Railway, the world's first public steam locomotive railway line, which opened to passengers and freight in 1825.

The Railway Heritage Quarter project, backed by Darlington Borough Council, will bring together a former carriage works, goods shed, engine shed, lime cells and the North Road Station and Head of Steam museum to create a regional destination expected to receive more than 250,000 visitors every year.

Latest News items can be found at www.wattrain.net home page

So, there now follows the FULL Details of the WATTRAIN Frisco 2018 Conference.....



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1.WATTRAIN Conference Frisco, Texas (31st October-4th November 2018.)

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: "Addressing tomorrow's challenges with today's resources"

Registration: WATTRAIN Frisco, TX registration is now live. Please find below the link to registration: [HERE](#) **Deadline for registration for Conference: September 30, 2018.**

To register for accommodation click [HERE](#) **Group Booking Number 2340496)**

Alternatively book by phone (800-378-7946) (Remember Texas 6 hours behind UK Time)

Delegates responsible for own transport arrangements/flights to Durango

The Programme:

Wednesday, October 31

Arrive at conference hotel – Drury Hotel, 2880 Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034

1730 – “5:30 Kickback” ® (Provided by Drury Hotel) – Complimentary snacks and drinks

1900 –Dinner on your own

The full WATTRAIN Conference programme is outlined in full below.

There are TWO additional Optional events that are available. Full details are included for your assistance....



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Theme: "Addressing tomorrow's challenges with today's resources"

Thursday November 1st

0600 to 0830 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0900 – Seminar –

- **Stephen Ryan – Museum Design, Relevancy, Attracting Visitors**
- **Bob LaPrelle – Moving an Old Museum, the Challenges and Tribulations**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

1000 – Break

1015 – Seminar –

- **G. Mark Ray, HeritageRail Alliance President – Partnerships**
- **Courtney Wilson – Reflecting on 30 Years of Experience**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

1115 – Break

1130 – Seminar –

- **David Morgan – Protecting Historical Items of Your Collection**
- **Tripp Salisbury, Account Executive, McRail - Insurance**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

12.30 Catered Lunch at Drury Hotel

1400-Seminar

- **Clive Moore – Environment, Keep the Fire Burning**
- **Shaun McMahon – Technical Developments Related to New Fuels (Presented by Clive Moore)**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

1500 – Break

1515 – Seminar –

- **Sergio Rodriguez Zubieta – "The Issue of Social Inclusion"**
- **Eduardo Rodriguez - Saving the Colombian Trains**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

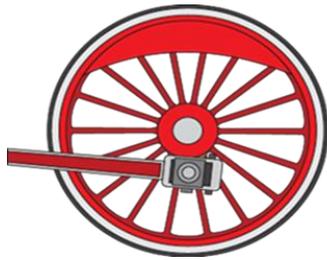
1615 – Coffee/Tea Break

1630 – Seminar –

- **Gabriel Asenjo – Volunteer Work Management and Passing on the Knowledge to Future Generations**
- **Chris Le Marshall - Volunteering - When Governance Fails - The Indicators**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

1730 – "5:30 Kickback" ® (Provided by Drury Hotel)

19:00 – Catered Conference Dinner at Drury Hotel



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Friday, November 2

0600 to 0830 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0900 – Seminar –

- **Andrew Moritz-Transport Heritage NSW-Protection of Historical Collections**
- **Peter Lewis - Ensuring Engineering Continuity for the Future (Film)**
- **Moderator/Host – (WATTRAIN Board Member)**

1000 – Break

1015 – Seminar –

- **William Brotherton – Limiting Legal Exposure**
- **Senator Eduardo Costa- "Tourist Trains in Patagonia, the Necessary Multiplier Effect for the Economy and Local Development"**
- **Moderator/Host – (Stefano Benazzo)**

1115 – Break

1130 – WATTRAIN AGM (A separate notice will be issued.)

1230 – Catered Lunch at Drury Hotel

1400 – Board shuttle to downtown Dallas

1445 – Tour Sixth Floor Museum (411 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202)

1700 – Board Shuttle

1730 – Tour McKinney Avenue Trolley Shops (3153 Oak Grove Avenue, Dallas, TX 75204)

1815 – Ride McKinney Avenue Trolley loop

1915 – Dinner on your own along McKinney Avenue

2045 – Board shuttle to Drury Hotel

Saturday, November 3

0600 to 0900 – Breakfast (Provided by Drury Hotel)

0930 – Board shuttle to Museum of the American Railroad

1000 – Tour Museum of the American Railroad Rolling Stock (6299 N. Cotton Gin Road, Frisco, TX 75034)

1100 – Tour Train Topia Model Train Exhibit at the Frisco Discovery Center (8004 Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034)

1200 – Board shuttle to Grapevine Vintage Railroad

1245 – Board Grapevine Vintage Railroad bound for Fort Worth Stockyards (707 S. Main Street, Grapevine, TX 76051)

1415 – Arrive at Fort Worth Stockyards

1430 – Lunch on your own at Fort Worth Stockyards, Tour Fort Worth Stockyards on your own

1600 – Board train to Grapevine
1745 – Arrive at Grapevine Vintage Railroad
1800 – Board shuttle to Babe’s Chicken Dinner House (6475 Page Street, Frisco, TX 75034)
1845 – Arrive at Drury Hotel
1915 – Depart Drury Hotel for Babe’s Chicken Dinner House
1930 – Dinner at Babe’s Chicken Dinner House
2100 – Board shuttle to Drury Hotel

Sunday, November 4

Travel Day

Note: Complimentary popcorn and sodas are available from 1500 to 2200 daily in the Drury Hotel lobby. Coffee is available throughout the day in the hotel lobby.

Note: Follow this link to view nearby dining options:

https://www.druryhotels.com/locations/Dallas-TX/Drury-Inn-and-Suites-Dallas-Frisco?utm_source=local&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=gmb#dining

Note: 5:30 Kickback[®] includes light snacks and beverages (Provided by Drury Hotel)

Note: Transportation to and from the airport will not be provided. A list of shuttle services will be provided.

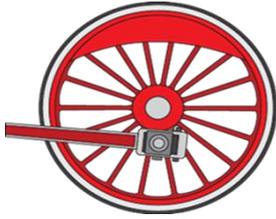
The following are Optional Extras.....

2. Durango & Silverton Railroad on Monday 5th November 2018

Regarding the Durango leg of the WATTRAIN Conference: With regard to notifying us of the number of you

- a) needing transport from Durango Airport to hotel on Sunday 4 November
- b) needing transport from Durango to Santa Fé on Tuesday 6 November and
- c) requiring a seat on the train excursion to Cascade Canyon on Monday 5 November

Together with names of each passenger and time of arrival at Durango Airport on Sunday 4. November, please let me have the relevant information as soon as possible at davidtmorgan@outlook.com... And davidtmorgan@hotmail.com



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WATTRAIN 2018 DURANGO, CO

TRAVELER INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR DURANGO, CO - 4, 5 NOV. 2018

Dear WATTRAIN members,

The following information is for all Conference attendees who will be continuing to Durango, Colorado from Texas on the 4th of Nov. Activities will include passage on the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad between Durango and Cascade Canyon on 5th Nov. 2018.

Sunday 4th November 2018

Arrive Durango from Dallas, Texas. Please note that bus transportation will be available to correspond with arrival of American Eagle flight 5711 at 16.15 from the Durango/La Plata County Airport (DRO) to the General Palmer Hotel at 567 Main Ave, Durango, CO (Please see hotel booking information on the accompanying page). For arrival times other than 16.15, alternate arrangements will need to be secured in due course.

Evening meal will be arranged on your own. This link to convenient Durango restaurant reviews may be helpful, many of which are within a 5 minute or less walk from the hotel.

https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g33397-Durango_Colorado.html

Guests may wish to enjoy music, spirits and food at the Diamond Belle Saloon Sunday evening, just one block from the General Palmer Hotel:

<https://strater.com/dining/diamond-belle-saloon/>

Monday 5th November 2018

08.30 - Meet at the Durango depot (479 Main Ave.)

09.30 – Train departs Durango for Cascade Canyon

- A light lunch will be arranged for on-board the train on arrival at Cascade Canyon, with details to be coming in due course.

15.00 (approximate) arrival back in Durango

Evening – Dinner on own

6 Nov. 2018

09.00 - Departure by Van/Bus from Hotel to the La Fonda Hotel in Santa Fe, New Mexico (approx. 4 hr. trip)



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Hotel Information:

General Palmer Hotel – 567 Main Ave. Durango Colorado, 81301

PLEASE BOOK YOUR HOTEL ROOMS INDIVIDUALLY BY 15th September 2018

The following special room rates have been secured for WATTRAIN members and their guests to book their own accommodations, but rooms are limited by arrangement and available on a first come first serve basis. Note: Some rooms may be located in the annex to the hotel just steps away from the main building, please inquire on this at booking if desired:

- One King Bed room with a window - 6 available @ 122.00 USD per night each
 - One King Bed no window (interior room) - 3 available @ 115.00 USD per night each
 - One Queen Bed with window - 11 available @ 105.00 USD per night each

Following is the booking information and instructions:

Please call the General Palmer Hotel in Durango at (970) 247-4747 or email to the hotel front desk manager jake@generalpalmerhotel.com with the following information:

State that you wish to reserve a room from the block held for WATTRAIN members

Provide your name, address, telephone, and desired room type from the above list (NOTE: If you require two beds in your room, please inquire directly with the hotel to determine availability and price)

Confirm your stay dates (blocked for the nights of 4th and 5th Nov.)

Provide your Credit Card information to hold the room

A light continental breakfast is available with your stay, but a heartier breakfast may be had at local eateries within a short walk. Coffee and Tea are available in the lobby. Here is the link to the Hotel website:

<http://generalpalmerhotel.com/>

Transportation and Train Ride

In order for us to act as liaison for reserving your transportation, please provide the following information no later than **15th September**:

Name, date, time, and number in party arriving in Durango needing transport from the airport to the hotel on Sunday, 4 Nov.

Names and number in party needing transport from Durango to Santa Fe, NM on 6 Nov.

Names of each individual who will be occupying a seat on the train excursion to Cascade Canyon on 5 Nov.

Thank you, we look forward to your arrival in Durango!



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3. HRA Conference 2018 CUMBRES & TOLTEC Chama/Santa Fe, New Mexico 7-11 NOVEMBER 2018

For more detailed information about this year's events, meal descriptions, pre-conference and companion trips, please refer to the : [Fall 2018 Conference Registration Package](#). The tentative agenda and seminar sessions are listed in this announcement. Click [HERE](#) to go to the HeritageRail website and register online.

The conference registration price of \$325 (\$425 for non-members) includes all seminars, receptions, Thursday breakfast (LaFonda-style), Thursday buffet lunch, Friday breakfast (Santa Fe-style), Saturday excursion to Cumbres & Toltec (incl. boxed breakfast and lunch) and Saturday evening banquet. Conference prices increase to \$425 (\$525 for non-members) on October 8.

Overnight accommodations at conference rates are available at LaFonda on the Plaza, headquarters of the 2018 Fall Conference. LaFonda offers six different lodging options with room rates ranging from \$135/night for a traditional room, to \$385/night for an executive suite. For more information and to view lodging options, please download the Room Rate & Reservation Methods page or visit LaFonda's [the hotel reservation page using group code 859693](#); **Hotel registration cut-off date is October 15.** PLEASE NOTE that as a historical hotel, LaFonda has less than 200 rooms, so attendees are encouraged to make their reservations early!

If you have any questions or any problems with the online registration process, please e-mail Lynette Rickman, Executive Director. See you in Santa Fe!
