



Highlights of the Month!



**Class 16CR
Cosmetic upgrade**



**Coach 29
restoration**



**Caboose
Cosmetic upgrading**



**RSG 4x4
Club**



**Little Bess
Coach restorations**



**3'6" Wagon
Restoration.**



**Seb's Railway
Line**



**Blast from the
Past**

Class 16 CR Cosmetic upgrade



Wouter and Thinus at last finished the restoration work needed on the Class 16 CR and Brian is now painting her in her former black livery



Class 16-CR Restoration



Below: Wouter busy fitting back the hand rails that were removed to fit the cladding.



Class 16-CR Restoration

New cylinder cladding was fitted and the dome cover was fitted back.



Our Class 16CR now will receive a fresh coat of black paint and will be cleaned as well.

Coach 29



The restoration of the next VIP coach is on the way and this week we have lifted the coach from the bogies and delivered it to the woodwork shop where Wouter will continue with this restoration.



3'6" Caboose



Brian tackled the cosmetic restoration of the 3'6" caboose in Hoekfontein Station.



He now only needs to paint the under frame in black livery to complete this cosmetic restoration.





This week we have steamed up our very special little locomotive for a short passenger train to Grootdraai. The RSG 4 x 4 club visits Sandstone Estates every year and this year was no different.



Last week we shunted the Peckett to the inspection pit for under frame inspection as well as for valve setting. the valves were set and we tested her last Friday.



We departed at 11H00 Monday morning on a short trip to Grootdraai where we spent some time viewing The majestic Maluti Mountains.

RSG 4 x 4 Club

Below: The Peckett at Grootdraai.



We were back in Hoekfontein at 12H00 and the Peckett was put to bed again after a dusty winter day out on the Sandstone Steam Railway.

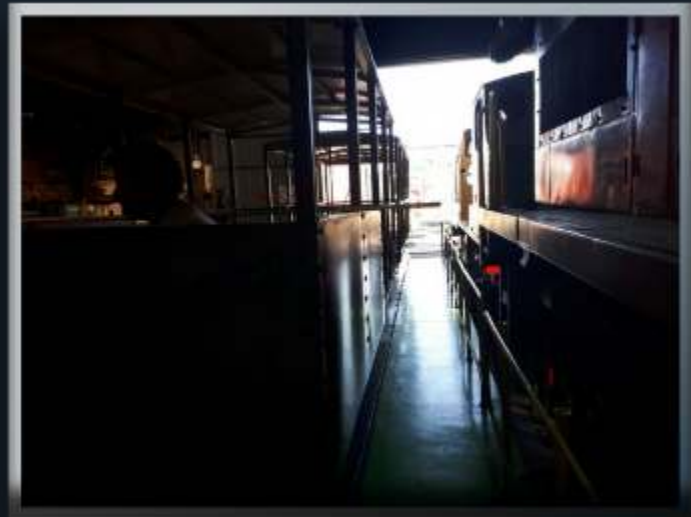
Below: Thus, our fireman for the day busy cleaning out some of the fire.



Little Bess Coaches



Thinus went on with the construction of the second Little Bess coach this past week.



Below: Thinus painted the steel frames with black oxide. We are now waiting for the rest of the steel plates to be delivered to finish this task.



3'6" Goods Wagon Restoration



Ernest and Johannes went on with the restoration of the first 3'6" goods wagon in Hoekfontein Station.



Below: More images of the restoration.



Seb's Railway line



The construction of Seb's Railway line is coming on very well and our team is now on the last gradient near the top dam.



Levelling and boxing the ballast is a very time consuming task especially if all is done by hand.



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Our team also moves excess ballast from and to places where more is needed, it takes up more time but saves Us buying ballast again. The Coco Pan is just the way to do it.



The Team also did the track alignment where needed.



Sebs's Railway Line

Below: Working the way up to the top balloon points.



Below: We tested all the small locomotives around the tightest curves and all went very well.



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Below left: One of the little Bess coaches being tested around the tightest curves.



Above right: Slight adjustment to the joint was needed here.



A better set of points were found for the top balloon and we soon will fit these points closer to the end of next week.

Outlook for the next 2 weeks!



Tasks

- 1.) Seb's Railway Line
- 2.) Class 16CR Paint
- 4.) Little Bess coach 1
- 4.) Little Bess coach 2
- 5.) Coach 29
- 6.) 3'6" new caboose cosmetic upgrading.
- 7.) 3'6" Goods wagon restoration.





NG 15 Number 17

Here is a picture of NG15 No 17 at Springs in March 2002 being uplifted to Bloemfontein. It entered service in July 2003.

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