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Welcome

From The Editor

Welcome to the first issue of Railtalk Magazine Xtra, which aims to fit in all the bits that we can no longer fit in Railtalk Magazine. We aim to concentrate on Mainland Europe, with News, Pictures and a few Archive shots.

But this Magazine cannot survive without your help, as with the main magazine we need on your pictures, so if you are off the Europe this summer. don't forget to send us some shots when you return.

The other thing that I need your help on, is if you, the reader, want to see a news section in this magazine. For the news section, we are dependant on our own translation or that of others, electronic or otherwise and it isn't always possible to get perfect English. Are you willing to accept this or shall we not bother with the news section, your choice, please let us know.

Some excellent shots this month from Poland, Italy and Czech Republic, we also feature Austria in our archive section.

This issue wouldn't be possible without: Tomáš Kubovec, Josef Petrák, Ron Halestrap, Steve Madden, David Hollowood, Derek Elston.

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Front Cover: An OBB RoLa service is seen passing Oberfalkenstein on May 18th. [Tomáš Kubovec](#)

This page: A loaded Coal train crosses the river at Usti nad Labem, CZ. [Class47](#)



EC 105 Sobieski train Warsaw - Vienna nears Wien Handelskai station. There is UNO-City Vienna in the background. This train goes via the diverted route of the S-Bahn trains "Schnellbahn Stammstrecke" due to storm damage and a fire at a Vienna station, June 13th. [Josef Petrák](#)



Czech Diesel Class 749 170, on May 15th, just arrived with train R1246 the 0941 from Prague - a three-hour run behind a 749!! This two-hourly service takes the unelectrified secondary lines and uses Prague's allocation of 749s, most of which have silencers fitted. Sadly, exactly one week later, it hit a tree and caught fire!! [Ron Halestrap](#)



Polish loco EU07-466 is pictured stabled at Prague Main Station. It has worked in, on an overnight train from Katowice. It will sit here all day and work another overnighter, back to Katowice. [Ron Halestrap](#)



On June 14th, EU07-121 approaching Pruszkow Station with an express from Warsaw Wshodnia to Poznan. [Steve Madden](#)



Dublin is preparing to open a third tram route. There are 30xx series trams on one route and 40xx trams on the other. The third route's trams will be in the 50xx. Here 5001 and 5004 stand at the depot awaiting the opening of the new line. 5002, 5003 were also present. Earlier tram 4009 can be seen in the background on June 24th. [David Hollowood](#)



OBB 1144 246-4 and 1144 225-8 are seen working Steinach in Tirol - St. Jodok on May 23rd. [Tomáš Kubovec](#)



This shot is of EP07-1069 Stabled on Elk Depot. Its design is based on the former BR AC Electric Class 83. Poland ordered 20 Loco's from GEC in the 60's and then copied the design to build hundreds of there own loco's. Unfortunately none of the British built loco's are still running. [Steve Madden](#)

SM42-821 Passing
through Olsztyn Station
on a cold and very wet
June 16th with a
overhead wiring train.
Steve Madden



On June 15th,
SU42-527 shunts the
stock in Elk Yard to
form the overnight
train to Wroclaw.
Steve Madden





EB760-016 waits time at Como Nord with the 15.17 departure for Milano Cardorna on June 18th. [Derek Elston](#)



Rhätische Bahn 47 and 801 await departure from Bernina Diavolezza on June 15th. [Derek Elston](#)



On June 18th, EB760-016 waits time at Como Nord with the 15.17 departure for Milano Cardorna. [Derek Elston](#)



Above: This unit seen arriving at Chievenna will then form the 16.43 from Chievana to Colico. [Derek Elston](#)

Top Right: No 61 is a four wheel shunting loco, seen on shed at Poschiavo, Switzerland on June 15th. [Derek Elston](#)

Right: On May 27th, double headed ICE train with 402-025 leading, speeds into "Berlin Zoologischer Garten." [David Hollowood](#)



Currently wearing an all over advert livery, Swiss 644 is detached from it's train at St. Moritz station on June 15th.

Derek Elston



Tram trains in Budapest are fast, clean and very smart. Number 2003 is seen here crossing the Danube on June 2nd.

David Hollowood



Czech electric loco 141 001 pauses at Kralupy nad Vltavou on May 14th, whilst working a service to Praha. [Ron Halestrap](#)

The 2009 winner of the most beautiful railway station gardens is “Zahrádky u České Lípy”

For the third organized by the civic association Asociace Hills CZ Entente Floral competition for the most beautiful station. The winner will become a railway station in the Ceska Lípa gardens, situated on the single track between Lovosice 087 - Ceska Lipa and is widely used by tourists. A special prize for care by staff of floral decoration and a cozy and pleasant environment were also high among the ten finalists polls.

“I admit that we expected, because the gardens of the Ceska Lípa have been renovated and the railway station building and not as grand and spectacular as the many other stations,” Director of the Association expressed surprise Drahomíra Kolmanová. Project Manager Pavel Bures says that the competition is nice to search for stations, to give as good examples of another form of competition, and thank those who are in their good condition involved. In this work station four women are employed, which, amongst other things, are also responsible for cleaning and servicing of mechanical barriers.



Czech Railways steam locomotive is rescued from Ceske Budejovice and transfered to Museum

Czech Railways moved on July 4th a rare steam engine from České Budějovice to the museum of historic vehicles in Lužná u Rakovníka. Lokomotiva 310.076 was located at the base next to the railway station in České Budějovice and has suffered due to weather and vandals.

“On the Saturday afternoon we began to move the locomotive chassis next to the station České Budějovice and translate it to a freight wagon, and during the Sunday we have taken historic stock to the Czech Railways Lužná u Rakovníka museum”, says Henry Rumble, head of the Supreme luženského depot.

“Lokomotiva exhibit is so unique that we decided to save it from adverse weather conditions and raids by vandals and transfer it to the museum. We shall then decide whether it is placed as a static exhibit in our viewing area, or whether it will be restored for use. The Locomotive was produced in workshops at Floridsdorf in 1899 and has been a locomotive monument in Ceske Budejovice since 1975.

“Our goal is to provide support for such locomotives that they no longer suffers the ravages of time” concluded Henry Rumble.

This summer discounts with Czech Railways includes private carriers

“Now I can go on a trip passenger train for less”

On Sunday the 21st June started “Summer 2009” - Czech Railways, to promote domestic tourism.

People will be able to travel until 22nd September on the regional train network tickets cheaper.

The same offer will apply to trains OKD Transport. The purpose of the “Summer 2009” is to offer passengers a convenient alternative to traditional holiday abroad or residential trips and to encourage domestic tourism.

The passenger, therefore, benefits the tickets to the network of regional trains:

Tourist SONE + ticket will apply not only on weekends, but also on weekdays. For 150 crowns to the carrier offers all-day personal journey and fast trains across our country in groups of up to five persons, where a maximum of two are more than 15 years.

With a regional network REGIONet ticket which is valid in the selected region for one day, will save customers 34% in summer. Normal is REGIONet 150 crowns but over the summer is only 99 crowns.

The new project of Czech Railways has also joint-stock company OKD Transport, which will issue tickets and recognition in all its services for the same preferential rules. “We are very welcoming and friendly OKD Transport, which is a traditional partner of Czech projects to promote tourist travel,” says Tomas Bohemia head of the department, “and we hope that there will be many customers through the summer travelling.”

ČD Center Prague Main Railway Station

Czech Railways and Czech Republic Grandi Stazioni have now opened further renovated premises of Prague's main railway station. From June 24th opens a brand new CD center, where travellers can find in one place all the services they need to check the train. It will be fully operational after the July holidays. In the terminal building is installed a new machine on the ticket, which allows payment by credit card. Along with ČD center officially opens the company Grandi Stazioni that performed the reconstruction of the station, new shops and passenger services.

The change in the concept to the passenger is the new CD in the center is visible at a glance. Among the passengers and staff ČD is not a traditional glass partition separating the interior and is similar as in the bank. Czech Railways hope will increase passenger convenience when purchasing tickets.

Passengers who go to buy a ticket to the center of a new CD, you select one of the four basic types of services - fast purchase domestic tickets and *místenek*, complex handling, priority check-in trains and 1 SC. Bulkhead ČD centers are equipped with monitors that allow, if necessary change the type of service provided and to respond flexibly to the differing needs of passengers, for example, at the time of peak, holiday traffic, etc. In the center of CD are also installed an electronic display panels, which first appeared on the station after complete reconstruction of the platforms 4 and 5 Showing departures and arrivals of trains and stationary paper posters are replaced with information about departure and arrival. Information about arrival and departure of trains are the new solution monitors in the central part of ČD center - in the middle of travelers will find information about the departure, the sides of the information on arrival.

The result of the first two years of reconstruction is completely refurbished the northern part of the new terminal building has a total area of 15 775 m². At the present time has been or will be opened 26 establishments. Total created 4 347 m² of new business areas to provide modern services and a pleasant atmosphere for passengers.

Italian company Autogrill opens to the public today, after opening the restaurant Beer Point under the concept *Potrefená husa*, fast food restaurant Burger King and Picnic café on the first floor. It has also opened two new travel agency point and Tourist Wasteels. From the beginning of June is open shop with gifts wisher, represented by mobile operator Vodafone, Fokus Optik glasses retailer, pharmacy Schlecker, mark UAX offering young sports mode, the flower shop Flowers' Gallery or Leonidas pralines.

As part of the 2nd stage of reconstruction was built a new glass facade, is an entirely new lighting and ceiling soffits, electrical wiring, floor coverings have been revitalized.

In the underground station a unique technical background, which controls the new system of heating and air conditioning. The safety of passengers has been enhanced by installing surveillance cameras. . New escalators facilitate connections between the ground floor and rooms on the first floor. New information kiosks were commissioned and tables with information on services.

During this summer the start of the third stage of reconstruction. The southern part of the new terminal building will be gradually closed, and from the inputs to the platform. This part should be ready in the second half of next year. The total amount of investment Grandi Stazioni Czech Republic for projects in the Czech Republic is approximately 1 billion CZK. The work is performed by Metrostav.



The center in Prague to open the Kingdom's railways, the largest model railways in the Czech Republic

On Wednesday the 1st July, at the Prague Smíchov opened the first 115 m² of the largest model railway in the Czech Republic. The project, entitled "Kingdom of the Railways" after four years of construction of a total of 1 008 m² net area of the rails, while the total area of exposure, including training and rest area will be almost three thousand square meters. The Kingdom's railways in its first stage becomes the largest model railway in our country, and after full completion of the largest exhibition of this kind in Central and Eastern Europe.

Customers of Czech Railways, which are partners of the project, will receive the Kingdom of the railways discount on admission.

In Prague in the commercial complex Andel City is one of the most recent projects. In the three floors on an area of 2,500 m², of which two will open in July, the first 115 m² is model rails. Every three months, the model will gradually expand the rails on other segments. After four years of the construction area reaches the rails more than 1 008 m² net area of the rails.

Preliminary surface 115 m² model will be a cross-section of the rails all technologies and building elements that will be used for other segments of the model tracks the Kingdom's railways. Visitors here will see a few dominant Czech Republic, moving the car park and many other technical "vychytávek." Miniature camera system in locomotives trains give viewers a direct experience of running smaller landscape. Part of the Kingdom's railways will be a permanent exhibition of the history of railways in our country and the educational program for schools, prepared in the spirit of the modern concept of the Ministry of Education.

"In July this year, open to the public the first stage of our model rails. Three tracks with an area of 115 m² and gradually the traffic and the sight of visitors will complement the other parts, until the target state of 1 008 m². The Kingdom's railways will eventually be a sort of model of the Czech Republic. Visitors are confronted with the most dominant models of the Czech Republic. Model train is sveže for example Jested, Karlstejn, Prague Castle, "says Rudolf Pospíšil, project manager and the train dispatcher the Kingdom's railways." Our aim is to induce maximum less the reality, at regular intervals here will rotate night and day, trains will run according to the timetables." The model for the project are a large model rails abroad, the most famous is Miniatur Wunderland Hamburg, which annually visits more than one million people. "

Czech Railways, which is partner of the Kingdom's railways, prepare for its customers a special offer. "Anyone who purchases tickets for the Czech Railways ticket demonstrate in any value, which is valid on the day of the visit, ten per cent discount will be given on the entry. Holders of In-discount cards will be even greater, namely 15 percent, "states Rudolf Pospíšil.

For more information on the Kingdom's railways is available on www.kralovstvi-zeleznic.cz.

Address the Kingdom's railways: Stroupežnického 23, Prague 5th



New CityElefant units in the systems of Central and Ostrava

Modern sets CityElefant serve since the beginning of the most connections on flights S1 Prague - Cologne, Prague S2 - Nymburk - Cologne, Prague S4 - Kralupy nad Vltavou - Ústí nad Labem and the route Cologne - Pardubice.. On these routes are CityElefant sets deployed at 90 to 100% of trains. Absolute novelty is the introduction of CityElefantů on line S7 Prague - Beroun on working days at the Prague connection - Rvnice. Not yet a modern trains run only on weekends. Continue will also test the operation CityElefantů on selected routes on the route from Prague to S9 Benešov u Prahy. In the context of their deployment to this in the vicinity of Prague is the most electrified line to tune the train.

By the end of the year should be put into service for the Czech Railways has already deployed 54 units CityElefant with a total value of over 11 billion crowns. This will extend the number of sets of performance on most lines in the vicinity of Prague and in Ostrava. Since December 2010 on the line S7 Prague - Beroun from Monday to Friday in 45% of the planned sets deployed CityElefanty and weekends will, as now, 100% of trains. The total share CityElefantů during the week on this route increased from just 20 to 55% of new connections. On the line S9 Prague - Benešov u Prahy is calculated with a larger deployment CityElefantů on weekends. Their share could be up to 30% of

all connections. . More CityElefantů is planned also in Ostrava, where it will run on routes R1 Opava - Ostrava hl.n. – Český Těšín a S1 Opava – Ostrava-Vítkovice – Český Těšín. - Cesky Tesin and S1 Opava - Ostrava-Vitkovice - Cesky Tesin.

Modern CityElefanty have a capacity of 310 seats. "Our customers offer comfort comparable to international trains EuroCity. The interior is air-conditioned, the boarding area is low and allows easy onset of the passengers with disabilities, mothers with prams or vozíčkářům. For them, are governed by the barrier-free toilets. The train is reserved for carriages and bicycles. 140 km/h. Easy orientation of passengers on platforms and in their own way on the train provides audio-visual information system, "lists the advantages of combinations of the Regional Director of the center passenger for Prague and Central Bohemia region Alois Kaspar. CityElefant Modern trains have power 2 000 kW and maximum speed 140 km / h.

The Pars nova now solemnly submitted to Czech Fair Raildays other regiónov (814,063), which offer comfortable travel in the Moravia-Silesia region. "Unit put to route Frýdlant nad Ostravicí - Ostravice, which ensures approximately 80% of all connections. hour, "explains Miroslav Klich, Director of the Regional Center of passenger transport railway station in Ostrava. Regiónov offering passengers greater comfort - a modern interior, vacuum toilets and particularly low proportion, which is suitable for the carriage of disabled passengers and prams.

Reconstruction of cars on the 1st třídy Class V. This year, commenced the reconstruction of Czech Railways cars 1st třídy (řada A RIC) designed especially for use on Czech territory (cars but could also be used for international traffic). Cars for CSD was produced by VEB Wagonbau Bautzen, East Germany in the years 1972 to 1985. "In the first phase of reconstruction, repair a total of 11 first-class wagons. Corrections should be ready by the end of July, then renovated cars put into service. With the repairs, we would like to continue, but all depends on how these cars and how many will attest to the reconstruction of their allocated funds, "said Rostislav Novák, Director of the rolling stock ČD.

The reconstruction began in May 2009 have been corrected wall surfaces, including seats seats filling, sealing windows and toilets facilities. Conservation on the contrary, remained as the police details for luggage, klicka heating, table lamps or reading, but was made the restoration of their surface. For ease of maintenance and hygiene are covered with imitation leather head rests, to the conservation of interchangeable textile covers. The carpet in the various sections has been replaced by easier to clean the surface of the floor in the implementation of slippage, and the whole car. V The new interior color tuned predominant beige and brown color in combination with blue elements (handrails, handles). Toilet is equipped with new facilities. The interior of the car, as well as new corporate painting is unified on the basis of studies Actual reconstruction of the car company has carried out Janoza CZ.



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The reason for the development of mobile SCOTTY was including the huge success of SCOTTY, the online route planner ÖBB. With 100 million searches a year, more than SCOTTY asked. The first step for the mobile version was made in October 2008, since then, more and more mobile phone users of the route planner for on ÖBB for themselves. Effective immediately, SCOTTY Mobile for iPhone Free App Store. Of course, there are mobile SCOTTY continue for all popular mobile phones and BlackBerrys.

All info is available on [www.oebb.at / scottymobil](http://www.oebb.at/scottymobil).

Spain and Austria move closer together

Española and Rail Cargo Austria Contract Start Cooperation, a European provider of logistics solutions, and the Contract Area of Rail Cargo Austria (RCA), a company of the Austrian Federal Railways (ÖBB), have improved their logistics supply. . This new service with a unique approach provides rapid and cost-effective transportation solutions for groupage between Spain and Austria.

Three times per week to and from Spain.
Cooperation with Spanish Cretschmar provides the ability to broadcast in three different regions of Spain to transport - both Barcelona, Madrid, as well as Irún be directly operated. This gives our customers valuable time in transport and this s economic regions. Especially the direct service to Madrid is noteworthy, since the standard solutions of all competition via Irún and Barcelona are. In return, offers the new RCA contract partners to use the own network, which all destinations within Austria and access in 9 Eastern European countries.

Strategic Partnership

The new partnership for both parties is of great strategic importance. Rail Cargo Austria has in the context of European expansion to its European groupage network for a strong partner in Spain, won, while Cretschmar Española as a market leader, solid medium-sized enterprises on the Rail Cargo Austria independent access to Austria and the CEE countries surrounding interesting gets. "Thus, we can now also with Spain, all European countries with leading transportation concepts to our customers to provide," explains Oliver Rüter, Director of Europe Cretschmar and managing director of the Española. – "Therefore we are happy Cretschmar Spanish in our agency network to welcome," says Burkhard Knapp, the head of Business Development at RCA, added.

Austria is located in the heart of Central Europe. Rail Cargo Austria has taken this site to use, and transported goods quickly and efficiently in most Central and Eastern European countries. The Spanish company will open thanks to its partnership with Cretschmar a quick access to Austria, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Serbia. . The Austrian business in turn, receive a quick and easy access to all parts of Spain with direct routes to Irún, Barcelona and Madrid.

Quick and environmentally friendly

The combination of truck and rail transport is fast, inexpensive and environmentally friendly. The first section distribution in Austria is always on time periods and is not guaranteed. The distribution by train over night is guaranteed.





Until mid 2003, the Class 2143s and 2043s were the mainstay of diesel power in Austria, prior to the introduction of the “Hercules” fleet. [Class47](#)



A DB Class 111 electric loco works a passenger train bound for Munich through Rossenheim in June 2004. [Class47](#)



On June 22nd 2004, an elderly Class 4020/6020 unit works a service to Tullin from St. Pölten. *Class47*