



# Apple on Track

*The official Newsletter of the Apple Express*



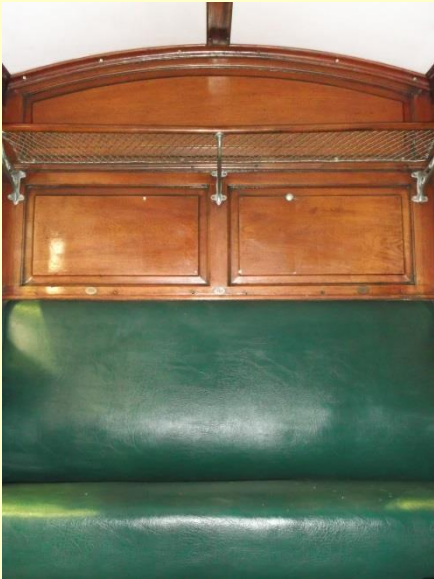
**Circular 9, October 2014**

## **COACH UPDATE**

The coach which has taken up much of our time over the past month is definitely NG99. This coach was stabled under a palm tree for the good part of 3 years at the Humewood Diesel Depot yard, and the moisture had definitely taken its toll. The coach required a complete strip down, with new wood being applied to hold the exterior metal panels. A section of the roof required replacing, as well as numerous window frames. Old tongue in groove wood was also replaced with new. Below is a selection of progress photos as well as the completed coach.



Focus has also shifted towards the refurbishment of the interior of the coaches. Many have been completely varnished, and leather seats and floors deep cleaned. Below is a selection of photos of our coaches interiors.



## NG15 no. 145



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↑ Standing at Humewood Steam Depot in years gone by.

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↑ This is how she looked in 2010! Unfortunately this locomotive required a new boiler for restoration after it was stabled in the 1990s, and this was probably never found to be feasible. It was finally cut up in 2011. A sad ending to such a magnificent machine, and with so few of these locomotives still around ( especially in the country where they belong ) we cannot allow any more to go.

## DOING THE LOCOMOTION



Hennie Van Rooyen in action on the footplate, to keep his driver certification up to date. Friends of the Rail, 19D 2650 in Pretoria.

## APPLE EXPRESS SUPPORTERS

Recent visitor to the depot, Roger Boughton, from the UK, came to see the progress on the Apple Express's restoration. He was extremely happy to see the train being restored, and even more so that it could be operating in the very near future. He shared with us some photos of his trip on the Welsh Highland Railway, behind

ex SAR NGG16 no. 138.



**Apple Express Members snapshots...**

*Just when they thought they could hide from the camera*



RIGHT. Vuyani Dakusa giving NG 57s yellow stripes a second coat. LEFT. Herman Schmidt cleaning the undercarriage of NG99



RIGHT. Geoff Hamp-Adams and Alan Michaelowsky tackle the underwood on NG99.  
LEFT . Flippie Engelbrecht offering to braai.

BELOW RIGHT. Justin Wood & Vuyani Dakuse replacing ceiling boards inside NG99.  
BELOW LEFT. Ryno Rossouw showing off NG58



### SCOUTING THE LINE



Herman Schmidt recently took a trip to the Vanstadens Narrow Gauge bridge. He commented that the bridge is not looking to bad.

If YOU want to become a part of the exciting *Apple Express* initiative, please contact the our Membership Secretary: Justin Wood by email to: [justinmarkwood@gmail.com](mailto:justinmarkwood@gmail.com)

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