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# **57th MOROP Convention**

September 4th – 10 th 2010

in Stralsund

Organisator:

Sächsische Modellbahner Vereinigung e.V.



# **Trains by the Sea**

Itinerary for the 57th MOROP Convention 2010

During the long history of MOROP, numerous conventions took place in Germany.

Whether the BDEF, DMV or in recent history the Model Train Association of Saxony (SMV), they all went great lengths to ensure the highest level of hospitality for the European branch of the MOROP. The most beautiful areas of Germany with their railroad lines formed the perfect backdrop for interesting and eventful conventions. So far for no good reason, the convention has never taken place in the Northern part of Germany. This is about to change with the SMV holding the 57th MOROP Convention in Stralsund in 2010. Stralsund, a city situated at the coast of the Baltic Sea, is fraught with history and an UNESCO World Heritage site.

Moreover we are proud of the fact that the introduction of the first German train celebrates its 175th anniversary this year. The following itinerary pays tribute to that meaningful event.

The highlight of the planned program will be the visit to the two narrow-gauge railways that are still operating in the north of Germany. They are in use all around the year with steam engines as part of the public transportation system. One-of-a-kind are the picture motifs of the Mecklenburg-Western Pomeranian railway named "Molli" when approaching on the 900 mm gauge tracks in the city of Bad Doberan. You will have the opportunity to see one of the new steam engine constructions of the "Dampflok Schmiede" Meiningen. The engine No. 99 2324 started to operate in 2009. The visit of the "Rasende Roland" ("Rushing Roland") on the island of Rügen will also be a major attraction. Here you will have the chance to admire the steam engine Nr. 99 4011 of the narrow gauge railway (750 mm)

We will spend a day to experience the region's public transportation at Rostock, the biggest Hanseatic city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Trips with modern and historical trams are as much part of the program such as a tour of the harbor and a walk along the "Alte Strom" in Warnemünde.

The sea voyage to Trelleborg (Sweden) on board the 101 year-old train ferry "Sassnitz II" will set the perfect background for the closing ceremony of the 57th MOROP convention. Not only for friends of the big trains will there be many highlights also for model train enthusiast the convention will present manifold promising opportunities. On September 4th and 5th there will be a major model train exhibition to showcase the work of our partner associations of Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. Part of the exhibition will be the presentation of the winning models of the 2nd European Model Train Competition of the SMV (Saxon model train association).

On Thursday, September 9th 2010 as part of the trip with the "Rasende Roland" to Göhren, we will stop at the quarters of the local model train association, which is situated right at the train station. In addition you have the chance to visit the biggest garden railway construction at the island of Rügen. A special highlight will certainly be to visit to the Sassnitz model train association. Small trains with nominal widths ranging from N to G are making their rounds on eight railway constructions covering ca. 150 sqm.

The organizers of the Saxon Model Train Association

Stralsund, March 1st 2010

## Saturday, September 4th, 2010

Arrival and welcome of conventions attendees at the convention office at the IC Hotel at the train station in Stralsund

- Accommodation at the hotels
- individual visits of the model train exhibition
- individually organized visits to the Ozeaneum (aquarium)

*The biggest and most modern museum in the north of Germany (opening 2008). The big saltwater aquariums are a must-see.*

- (04.A) Trip to the Stoertebecker Festival (min. number of 20 participants)

*Experience the exuberant play about the legendary pirate Klaus Stoertebecker at the renowned outdoor stage in Ralswiek (over 120 actors, 30 horses, 4 ships and spectacular fireworks)*

## Sunday, September 5th, 2010

Arrival and welcome of conventions attendees at the convention office at the IC Hotel at the train station in Stralsund

- Accommodation at the hotels
- (05.A) work session VV
- (05.B) work session TK
- (05.C) communal lunch VV und TK
- individual visits of the model train exhibition
- individually organized visits to the Ozeaneum at the harbor of Stralsund

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- (05 D) 2h guided tour of Stralsund (German: min. number of 20 participants)
- (05 E) 2h guided tour of Stralsund (French: min. number of 20 participants)

*Get to know the Hanseatic city of Stralsund that part of the UNESCO world heritage sites during this 2-hour guided tour. Experience the many churches and buildings of the redbrick Gothic style that was widely spread in Northern Germany.*

- (05 F) evening FERPRESS – General assembly

## Monday, September 6th, 2010

Arrival and welcome of attendees at the convention office at the IC Hotel at the train station in Stralsund

- Accommodation at the hotels
- (06.A) work session VV
- (06.B) work session TK
- (06.C) communal lunch VV und TK
- (06 D) day trip to island of Hiddensee

*Situated at the West coast of Rügen the car-free island is one of the most beautiful vacation destinations at the Baltic Sea. After arriving at Witte you will go on a 3km walk along the sea to Klosters, which is home to the Gerhard-Hauptmann-Haus, the small heritage museum, the island's church and cemetery with the graves of Gerhard Hauptmann, Käthe Kruse, Walter Felsenstein und Gret Palucca. The highlands of Hiddensee also called the Dornbusch; with its famous lighthouse are right north of Klosters. In the afternoon the group returns to Stralsund by boat.*

- (06 E) sight-seeing in the morning in Stralsund (German: min. number of 20 participants)
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- (06 G) MOROP – delegation meeting
  - (06 H) Festive opening ceremony of the 57th MOROP – congress at the city hall at Stralsund; small snacks are served

## Tuesday, September 7th 2010

- (07. A) day-trip to the narrow-gauge railway “Mollibahn” connecting Kühlungsborn and Bad Doberan

*Starting at Stralsund we will take local passenger train DB Regio/ Bus to Rostock continuing with a modern engine to Bad Doberan. Here we will change into the exclusive specially chartered train with compartments of the hundred year-old heritage train which will be pulled by one of the youngest steam engines of the world – BR 99 2324 (2009). After a spectacular crossing of Bad Doberan we have planned photo stops, crossings and taking over of regularly scheduled trains. At the final destination of the 15,4 km long trip we will visit the Mollie museum followed by a sight-seeing tour on board the Morada-Express. The trip end directly at the beach we were prepared to take lunch at the Morada Hotel Kühlungsborn-Ost. Bad Doberan offers plenty of photo opportunities during the sight-seeing trip. In the evening we will return to Stralsund with regularly scheduled trains.*

## Wednesday, September 8th 2010

- (08.A) Day-trip to Rostock and Warnemünde – local transportation day  
*Just like on the day before the trip to Rostock will be on board with a local passenger train DB Regio. Rostock, one of the Hanseatic cities since the Middle Ages, has always been associated with the building of ships and sea trade. Rostock is the biggest city in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania. After the arrival at the Rostock main train station we will board the historic trams (engines Nr. 26 [1926 Wismar], engine Nr. 46 [ET 54/EB 54 Gotha, 1955/56] and engine Nr. 1 [G 4 -61. Gotha, 1961). The tour of the city will be interrupted twice to see the tram depot. After that a harbor round trip on board a boat of the “Blaue Flotte” will be accompanied by a delicious buffet featuring smoked fish specialties. The day ends with a stroll along the “Alte Strom” and a trip back to Stralsund.*

## Thursday, September 9th 2010

- (09.A) Day-trip to the island of Rügen including a special trip with the steam-powered narrow gauged railway “Rasender Roland” starting at Putbus to Göhren (Rügen).

*The day starts with the transfer to Bergen with the DB Regio continuing to Putbus. The second leg of the trip, the train will be pulled by an engine made by the PRESS GmbH. Here we will have the opportunity to have a look behind the scenes of the depot in addition to a vehicle show. Again, we will board the heritage train of the RüKB, (750 mm gauge) to the final destination Göhren (Rügen). Here as well, photo stops and slip directions will delight our photographers. At the train station in Göhren we will visit the quarters of the Model Train Association Göhren as well the garden railway construction.*

- (09.B) Lunch is served at extra cost at the Hotel “Hanseatic” which is situated at the highest point in Göhren. The trip back to Putbus will be on boards a specially chartered train. In the evening we will return to Stralsund.

### Friday, September 10th 2010

- (10.A) Day-trip to the ferry harbor in Sassnitz – Mukran and trip on board the biggest German train ferry boat Sassnitz II to Trelleborg (Sweden)

*We will go with buses from Stralsund to Sassnitz (harbor) – Mukran. The train ferry harbor was moved from Sassnitz to Mukran in 2008. From here to Kleipeda (formerly USSR, now Lithuania) the world's biggest wide-gauge train ferry (1524 mm gauge) was in use since 1986. After a short visit we will board the "Sassnitz II" to takeover to Trelleborg, which will take approximately four hours. Once reaching the open sea we will have the chance to take a tour of the ferry. While staying in Trelleborg for an hour you have the chance to watch the loading and unloading process. On the way back, the restaurant on board will be the venue for the closing ceremony of the 57th MOROP convention. After arriving in Sassnitz – Mukran we will go back to Stralsund by bus with a short stop over at the Sassnitz Model Train Association.*

### Saturday, September 11th 2010

- (11.A) Additional programming: a trip on board the Usedom train at the island of Usedom (min. number of participants: 30)  
*The trip will be on a train powered by a modern rail car of the UBB from Stralsund to Wolgast with a short stop to visit the museum ship "Stralsund" which is the oldest train ferry of its kind. The "Stralsund" started operating in 1890 between Stralsund and Altefähr/Rügen. We will go on to the coastal town of Heringsdorf where the UBB has their head quarter. Followed by lunch and a tour of the UBB plant. By bus we will go on to the most Southern point of the island Usedom to see the remains of the Kamin train lifting bridge of the year 1930. Back then it was the most modern movable train bridge of the world. Return by UBB bus to Stralsund.*

### **Accommodation**

We booked rooms at two different hotels in Stralsund. The 3-star IC-Hotel is situated right behind the main train station in Stralsund. The convention office as well as all conferences are also located there. Right next to the hotel is a parking structure where you can park your car for a daily fee.

The second hotel is the 4-star hotel Steigenberger Hotel Baltik close to the old city center. It will take 15 min by foot to get to the IC-Hotel and can also be reached by bus. Please find further information in the hotel reservation form.

### **Notice**

Every attendee receives a ticket for all public transportation in Stralsund, which is part of the convention fee.

Please note, all transportation devices that are mentioned in our program might be subject to change due to a higher power. In that case we will provide an adequate substitute.

All itinerary points marked with an \* we must reach the minimal required number of participants.

### **Registration**

You have the possibility to register per mail, fax, e-mail, or the online registration form that you can find under:

<http://www.smv-aktuell.de/MOROP2010>

Please note: registration deadline is June 30th 2010.

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