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Saurer-Interessierte aus aller Welt

Keine Woche vergeht, ohne dass den OCS nicht aus irgendeiner Ecke der Welt eine Nachricht erreicht. Um Ihnen, lieber Leser, einen Einblick in die Korrespondenz zu geben, hier ein kleiner Ausschnitt aus der „präsidialen“ Mailbox (seit März 1999 haben sich 784 elektronische Dokumente hier gesammelt!):

Anmerkung für e-mail-ungewohnte Leser: Bei einem Briefwechsel steht die älteste Nachricht im e-mail immer zuunterst. Die zusammengehörenden mails sind in je in einem Rahmen zusammengefasst und von unten nach oben zu lesen!

Von: Histfire@aol.com
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 7. September 2000 21:40
An: r.baer@bsg.ch
Betreff: Re: the Saurer museum

Hello Ruedi:

I happened to be online when your mail came through, but as I tried to receive it my computer froze up and deleted incoming mail; fortunately it was sent to the deleted mail file from which I just retrieved and printed it. Thank you so much for your courteous reply, especially by including so much useful information and interesting websites which I will explore fully.

Sorry to hear that there is no club for owners/fans of fire trucks seeing there are so many parades, celebrations, etc. during summer months. I was privileged to attend a couple back in the late 1980s when I was photographing trucks for a book I've been working on--fortunately I had a letter of introduction (in German) from a chief officer of the Berne department. There was a large celebrative gathering at Wettingen then a historic anniversary in Tiengen, Germany; I was invited to go in the 1929 Rolls Royce from Lenzburg so got there and back in high style. (It was a real beer bust!) I now have quite a collection of Saurers of all ages, but I'm still hoping to add a few more. FBWs and Bernas are in short supply. The Saurer factory invited me for a visit and gave me xeroxed copies of articles of their machines that had been sold in the US when the company was actively building and selling for this market.

We have several organizations and local museums for old fire apparatus. One has chapters all over the country; it has a terrible name: SOCIETY FOR THE PRESERVATION AND APPRECIATION OF ANTIQUE MOTOR FIRE APPARATUS IN AMERICA.

Its abbreviation is almost as bad *spaamfaa*, which I for one can never remember. A local club website is: <http://www.geocities.com/ca-spaamfaa>.

Another site your members might be interested in is the American Truck Historical Society which has thousands of members throughout the world including one of your members, David Piras, who has posted a picture of his 8x8 military Saurer truck in the photo album. The website is <http://www.aths.org>.

Some of your members might be interested in knowing that the ATHS annual meeting and equipment display will be held a couple of hundred miles from us; the dates are June, 7,8,9, at the Reno Hilton, Reno, Nevada. Normally there are several hundred trucks on display.

Thanks for the offer to see your museum's archive (The ATHS is the depository for all old truck photos, etc., but as with your experience it is still something to be looked at and screamed over). How I wish I had known of your museum when I was in Arbon.

Thanks again for your information, and if anyone in the club has questions please have them contact me.

Cordially,
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PS Another interesting web site is the American La France fire truck manufacturer; Go to <http://www.Freightliner.com.hen> scroll down to the American La France pages and open the historical display.

Von: Baer Ruedi
Gesendet: Donnerstag, 7. September 2000 20:37
An: 'Histfire@aol.com'
Betreff: the Saurer museum

Dear Bob

thank you for your mail! I am president of the oldtimerclub Saurer, which runs the museum in Arbon. We have two old fire trucks in the museum, one officially (you can see the picture in our webpage) and one not officially (it belongs to the swiss museum of transportation..we hope that they have forgotten this truck .. ;-)

pictures: we have trillions of pictures in our archive...come and have a look. We got most of the old documentation of the Saurer Motor Company, and have now the problem of organization of the archive....How find one document if you have yard after yard of old fotos, plans, drawings, texts, bill of materials, bills, orders.....and nothing in good order! Our CAO (chief Archive Officer) works day and night and he is near to exhaustion. We all are non professionals, we do not have any financial support from public or private sector. Only our members pay their annual fee. And we work for "fun".

I did some research on your questions. Here are the results:

there is no fire truck association, but there are some fire brigades which run their own museums..I found in the internet:

general search with good results: www.google.com
search for: feuerwehr saurer; language deutsch (clickdown)
I got 230 links!!

Some selected for you:

Homepage of swiss firefighters association:
<http://www.firefighter.ch/>

Link to the homepage of Firefighters of the City of Zurich, with some pictures of new and old trucks:
<http://www.berufsfeuerwehr.ch/hauptseitebfz.htm>

and the remark of the oldest firetruck Saurer:
www.firefighter.ch/bfz/museum7.htm

Link to a builder of models of Saurer trucks:
http://mypage.bluewin.ch/higgi/saurer_d330/saurer_d290/

link to the picture of an old Saurer truck:
<http://www.zolli.ch/feuerwehr/fahrzeug/tlf-saur.htm>

an old truck:
<http://www.feuerwehr-waedenswil.ch/FW%20WebSite/Fahrzeuge/Saurer.html>

and a toy:
www.ho-modelle.de/feuerwehr/petermann_1.html.

pictures of a brigade in Germany with a Saurer:
www.feuerwehr-solln.de/seiten/fahrzeug.htm

a link to the library of the largest European technical museum:
www.deutsches-museum.de/bib/archiv/firmen_s.htm

Send me a line if you are in Europe. I'll organize a visit in our archive, then you can make your own research and make copies of all you want....

I'll discuss the subject with my CAO, maybe he'll find some interesting pictures which I can send you for free.

Best regards

Ruedi Baer
CEO of Saurer Oldtimer Club

Von: Histfire@aol.com [mailto:Histfire@aol.com]

Gesendet: Dienstag, 5. September 2000 06:58

An: info@arbon-online.ch

Betreff: For oldtimer Saurer truck museum

Does anyone know if there exists in Switzerland an oldtimer feuerwehr club

Or group that has preserved and run earlier Saurer and Berna fire trucks. I am a retired fire officer who is working on a book, and I have photographed quite a number of Saurers to add to it.

If I might be provided with the name or email address of a contact person I would be most grateful.

Thank you.

Bob Graham
Richmond, California

Und noch ein Beispiel:

Von: glenn [mailto:christian.devaud@balcab.ch]

Gesendet am: Sonntag, 11. Juni 2000 23:11

An: Baer Ruedi

Betreff: Re: Getriebe?

Wow..Danke vielmals für die rasche Antwort :-)

Vielleicht braucht es ja nicht mal das ganze Getriebe..bin ja auf diesem Gebiet auch nicht so ein Hirsch :)

Liebe Grüsse

Christian

Baer Ruedi wrote:

> Lieber Christian

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> soeben lese ich von Ihrem Wunsch. Da bei uns Wunder immer etwas länger

> dauern, muss ich Sie trösten. Ich bin Präsident des OCS, aber über die

> Ersatzteile gebietet unser Chef Ersatzteilwesen. Und ich weiss nicht, ob wir

> so etwas wie ein ganzes Getriebe a) haben und b) verkaufen und c) wenn ja,

> zu welchem Preis.

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> Max Meile wird sich bei Ihnen melden.

> mit freundlichen Grüssen Ruedi Baer, OCS-Präsidium