

SUMMARY

This is the second issue of the Russian-language magazine for railway enthusiasts. The magazine is still published by a group of railway fans united in a mailing list 1520mm@egroups.com. The magazine is available for downloading (for free) as a PDF file, and can be freely printed and distributed unlimited number of times.

NIHON-NO TETSUDO, D. Zinoviev

Railways pierce Japan. They are omnipresent as crime, and inevitable as punishment. They are as indivisible parts of a Japanese landscape as Mount Fuji. It is incomprehensible, how did Mount Fuji exist before the first railway was built at its foot... D. Zinoviev presents his trip report about Japanese railways.

VYKSA: NARROW-GAUGE PROVINCE, D. Kabanov

Captivating story about the journey of two amateurs of railroads into the Russian province, where, until now one of the basic means of transportation is narrow-gauge railroad. Story is accompanied by interesting photographs.

HISTORY OF STATION TOROPETS, A. Kondakov

Toropets station is located in the small town of Tver region. The history of station, as a mirror, reflects entire history of Russia in the XX-th century. So asserts the author of article Aleksandr Kondakov.

THEY WOULD BE FIRST, O. Izmerov

Oleg Izmerov tells about the very first Russian diesel locomotives, which became the enormous achievement of engineering thought. Some solutions obtained at their design are used not only on the Russian, but also on the foreign diesel locomotives.

DEATH OF SENSATION, O. Izmerov

As much of other things in Russia, the history of Russian monorail is very mysterious. Oleg Izmerov for a long time gathered

materials on this theme. Some collected facts have been placed in the article.

WHEN TRANSSIB BECOMES 100 YEARS OLD ? S. Sigachyuyov

In 2001, official Russia celebrates 100 years of one of the majord railways of the country — the Transsib. Many amateurs of railroads, nevertheless, consider that Transsib is somewhat younger. Sergey Sigachev tries to prove it in his article.

INTERVIEW OF THE DIRECTOR OF ТsМЗhТ, «Semaphore»

Our magazine gradually conquers ever greater acknowledgement. The sign of this became the exclusive interview of the director of the main railroad museum of the country - the central museum of rail transport (TSMZHT) in St.-Petersburg. Interview is illustrated by the photographs of museum halls.

FROM THE ARCHIVES, from the collection of O. Izmerov

In this section we placed a copy of an article from an old calendar with the suggestions about how to feed locomotive crews. It is interesting to see what kind of approach to this problem existed in 1962.

OUR BACKCOVER, D. Zinoviev

American company «Plymouth» (Ohio) supplied gas and diesel gasoline locomotives to Russia and the USSR. Altogether, 211 locomotives have been shipped. Enjoy old and new pictures of the «Plymouths»!

RAILWAY CROSSWORD, HUMOUR, CARTOONS, CLASSIFIED...

You really need to know Russian to decipher the crossword and to appreciate the humor of the anecdotes... However, the cartoons use no words — they are for everyone!

SOME INTERESTING PLACES IN RUSSIAN RAILWAY WEB FOR ENGLISH-SPEAKERS (OUR ADVERTISEMENT)

«RSC HIGH-SPEED RAILWAYS» — the official site of the one of the disappointed project in modern Russia. Visit it online at: http://www.vsm.ru/e_index.html

«LUGANSKTEPLOVOZ» — the official site of diesel locomotive manufacturer from Ukraine. Wide range of rolling stock and world-wide list of clients! Visit it online at: <http://www.contact-teplovoz.lugansk.ua/english.htm>

«CIRCUM-BAIKAL RAILWAY» — this site is about «golden clasp on the steel gridle» of the Russian Empire. Much information, much pictures and photos. Visit us online at: <http://kbzd.irk.ru/Eng/index.htm>

«MYSTERIOUS TURKSIB» — more than 70 years this road was the mainlain of Central Asia. And what is now ? Visit us online at: <http://turksib.com/index-e.html>

«METASUBWAY» — this is a page about the subways in the former USSR. Welcome aboard to our subway at: <http://metametro.wallst.ru/>

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