



RAISING FUNDS FOR REPAIRS

PLEASE HELP US GET OUR IRON LADY BACK ON THE RAILS

The Patient:

Our Class 15F No.2914 locomotive, called 'Spikkels', is undergoing repairs to be restored to service. Fraulein 'Spikkels' was 'born' in Germany in 1938, the 6th of 14 15Fs built by Henschel & Sohn. Bring the 14th of the 255 15Fs built between 1938 and 1946, she represents the most numerous type on the South African Railways, being a very successful heavy mixed-traffic design.

Class 15F No.2914 is unusual in currently being the last intact coal-burning HAND-FIRED Class 15F and still running with an original short tender.

The Repairs:

She critically needs plating repairs on her firebox – the job already being under way. In addition, the smokebox needs to have its seating repaired as well as bad leaks at the front door to be fixed. She also needs a repaint.

When the firebox is repaired, the boiler needs to undergo mandatory re-certification. The tender needs some plate work as well to stop water leaks.

As the boiler comprises a pressure vessel of up to 1450kPa, the repairs can only be done using good quality boiler plate, excellent workmanship and the repair patches to be installed by a certified welder. All of these co\$t money!

A Request!

Reefsteamers is looking for assistance to raise about R45 000 for repairs. She can then join the small fleet of Johannesburg's last working steam locomotives, bringing pleasure to all that ride behind her.

Please consider what you can donate to get this old lady running again. You can deposit funds into our bank account at :

Account Name	= Reefsteamers Association
Bank Name	= First National Bank
Branch Location	= East Rand Mall
Branch No.	= 253 442
Account No.	= 621 280 068 23
SWIFT	= FIRZAJJ
Reference	= 15F-2914 - <Initial and Surname>

When you make a deposit, please email 15F.2914@reefsteamers.com with your particulars so we can keep track and thank you.

We have a 2914 Facebook page to display progress on this machine and as a forum for asking questions. We will also credit donations there if desired.

The funds collected for 15F No. 2914 will be ring-fenced and they will not be used for any other purpose. If the funds exceed the required amount, we will invest them into new boiler flues for the Class 15CA No.2056.



Looking quite fit for a 74 year old lady!



Romping along to Magaliesburg in 2007.



And her name is 'Spikkels'...



With her boiler backhead crudley exposed after removal of the cab, 15F No.2914 is starting to undergo firebox repairs.

Help us preserve South Africa's Railway Heritage!

Reefsteamers Association NPC is a completely independent self-funded non-profit company and recieves no subsidy from government or the railways.



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