

52 8055 remains in Switzerland

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52 8055 is not (yet) going to Holland. Following recent railway accidents in Holland (September 2009 at Barendrecht) and Belgium (February 2010 near Brussels) the safety requirements have been tightened, subsequently requiring an upgrade of the track from Sneek to Stavoren, where the regular steam trains were planned for 2010. The start is now set for April 2011.

In view of the hire of 52 8055 to Holland, DLM has not planned any trips for 2010 so far. However, following the overwhelming success of the Hauenstein trips with 52 8055, a plan was made to modify another 52.80, so that 52 8055 could continue on the Hauenstein. Because we had promised the Dutch company to have a clean steam locomotive ready for their use, we had to keep 52 8055 ready in case the rebuilding of the other 52.80 would have been delayed.

We are currently planning further public daily trips on the Hauenstein line from July 31st to August 8th 2010.