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“The Icarus Factor”

on
Saturday 9th October 2010



**A one day tour from Köln Hbf to freight lines of the Ruhr
featuring haulage by ex-DB V200.135 and ex-DR E42.151
and a visit to Bochum Dahlhausen museum**

Our day will begin at Köln Hbf around 08.30, with our train made up of vehicles provided by Centralbahn AG hauled by an ex-Deutsche Reichsbahn E42 electric locomotive, E42.151.

Leaving Köln Hbf we head to Köln West where we join the freight lines around the City through Bonntor, Kalk and Kalk Nord, then forward to Opladen (location of Benders scrapyard where many DB locomotives are being broken up) and Duisburg Wedau. Continuing with the freight line through Oberhausen West we parallel KBS416 just after Oberhausen Hbf to Essen Dellwig then head to Bottrop Süd and onto Essen Karnap, Gelsenkirchen Schalke, and Wanne-Eickel.

Bypassing Wanne-Eickel Hbf on freight lines we head up to Recklinghausen Ost yard where V200.135 will be attached to rear of the train.



The V200 will take us the short distance to Recklinghausen Hbf before the E42 takes over again for the run to Gladbeck West via Herten and Gladbeck Buer Nord. The V200 will again lead the formation the 1.3km's to Gladbeck Zweckel, where it must run round the train to allow us to traverse the next section of line from here to Dortmund Hbf as the majority of the route has no overhead wires!

Leaving Gladbeck Zweckel we take KBS426 as far as Gelsenkirchen Bismarck where we join the freight line avoiding Wanne-Eickel to Herne. Rejoining KBS426 we travel through Dortmund Bövinghausen to Dortmund Hbf where the V200 must again run round the train.

Leaving Dortmund Hbf we head to Dorstfeld to join the freight lines which parallel KBS415 as far as Bochum Hbf. Here we take KBS450.1 to Essen Steele Ost where we reverse and head to Bochum Dahlhausen for our visit to the museum site.

On arrival our train will be shunted into the museum area and once the necessary formalities have taken place you will be allowed access to the large collection of steam, diesel, and electric locomotives housed here, with approximately 1 hour being allowed for this visit.



Once everyone is back on the train we will rejoin the mainline and begin our return journey to Köln Hbf travelling first to Essen Hbf and onto Mülheim and Oberhausen. Shortly after passing Oberhausen Hbf we join the freight only line through Oberhausen West to Duisburg Hochfeld Süd and forward to Rheinhausen. Here we take the line towards Moers as far as Trompet where we will reverse to give us access to the freight lines to Krefeld Hbf via Krefeld Linn.

From here we follow KBS416 through Viersen to Helensbrunn where we join the freight avoiding line around Mönchengladbach and Rheydt. Rejoining the passenger line just after Rheydt

we are on our final section of the day to Köln. Our route below shows us travelling via Grevenbroich and Bedburg but we understand the avoiding line returns to the mainline after the junction to this line. Therefore we expect the train may be rerouted from here possibly via Aachen or Neuss. We expect to arrive in Köln Hbf around 19.00 hours, thereby allowing you ample time to see some of the City sights or travel further afield.

We have already requested DB Netz provide a full detailed routing for this train as soon as any information is received regarding this we will post it on our website and send out a message to the yahoo group.

E42.151 is an ex-Deutsche Reichsbahn Class 242 locomotive currently privately owned but operated on a daily basis by Centralbahn AG on freight services.

V200.135 was built in 1965 and withdrawn from service in June 1988 and has been in use with private operators ever since. The locomotive is currently owned and operated by Bocholter Eisenbahn.

Requested route and motive power

Requested route: Köln Hbf – Köln West – Köln Bonntor – Köln Kalk Nord – Opladen – Düsseldorf Eller – Düsseldorf Rath – Duisburg Wedau – Oberhausen West – Essen Prosper-Levin – Gerschede – Gelsenkirchen Nordstern – Crange – Baukau – Recklinghausen Ost (rev) – Recklinghausen Hbf (rev) – Gladbeck West (rev) – Gladbeck Zweckel (rev) – Wanne Unser Fritz – Wanne-Eickel West – Herne Hot – Dortmund Bövinghausen – Dortmund Hbf (rev) – Dortmund Lütgendortmund – Bochum Langendreer – Bochum Hbf – Essen Steele Ost (rev) – Bochum Dahlhausen (rev) – DGEG museum (rev) – Bochum Dahlhausen (rev) – Essen Steele Ost – Essen Hbf – Mulheim – Oberhausen Hbf – Oberhausen West – Trompet (rev) – Duisburg Muhlenberg – Krefeld Linn – Krefeld Kriba – Krefeld Hbf – Viersen Helenabrunn – Rheydt Rs – Grevenbroich – Horrem – Köln Hbf

Requested motive power: ex-DR E42.151 (Centralbahn AG) and ex-DB V200.135 (Bocholter Eisenbahn)

The above route, motive power, and museum visit are not guaranteed and are subject to alteration and availability on the day. All times quoted are estimated and may be amended!

Fares for travel on “The Icarus Factor”

If booked before September 24 th	If booked after September 24 th
£85.00/€97.00 per person*	£115.00 per person

* = Passengers from outside the UK may book at the lower rate at all times due to incurring Bank transfer costs

Hammer Eisenbahnfreunde: are running a charter train from Hamm to Altenahr on Sunday 10th of October with V200.033! See for full details: http://www.museumseisenbahn-hamm.de/cgi-bin/termin_anzeigen.cgi?id=38

Hotel accommodation in Köln: Accommodation in Köln over this weekend is quite expensive possibly due to an event at the Messe thereby you are advised to look at nearby towns and Cities for cheaper options.(www.hrs.de)

General information

Our train - will be formed of 4 or 5 non air conditioned vehicles owned by Centralbahn AG (subject to availability), a buffet service will be provided from a buffet car within the formation.

Photo stops - We have asked for numerous photo stops during the day.

Child fares - We offer discounted fares on this tour for children travelling with responsible adults. Please enquire for more details. **Please note that you may be required to provide proof of children’s age when tickets are checked during the tour. The child’s passport, or national identity card showing date of birth, is acceptable as proof of age.**

The exchange rate - used for calculating the sterling fares for this tour is £1 = €1.18

Your cheque - will be presented to our Bank on or just after Friday 24th of September

Please note - **Our fares (above) do not include your transport costs to or from the tour, your meals, or your overnight accommodation before or after the tour.**

Travel insurance - We strongly recommend you obtain travel insurance to cover for travel problems, cancellation, illness, loss or theft of belongings, and costs associated with unavoidable delays for the duration of the whole tour and your stay in Europe and any other potential problems.

- In the UK, travel insurance can be purchased online, and from the Post Office, supermarkets, and Travel Agents.
- You are also strongly recommended to obtain a European Health Insurance Card

Passport - you must be in possession of a passport with at least six months validity remaining to join this tour

The small print

Conditions of booking

1. Tickets are issued subject to our '**Standard Terms and Conditions for European Tours**' and the additional conditions in this section.
 - *When you apply for and use tickets for this tour, you accept our conditions.*
2. The fares shown on this leaflet are for the tour(s), as advertised, in Germany only
 - *Our fares do not include your transport costs to or from the tour, your meals or your overnight accommodation before, during, or after the tour date(s).*
3. We require a minimum of 160 (one hundred and sixty) bookings to ensure that this train will run.

We will examine the position on Friday 24th of September and if there are insufficient bookings the tour will be cancelled.

- *In the event of cancellation,*
 - *our only liability will be the return of any and all monies paid to us for this tour, and*
 - *passengers will be notified in writing within 5 working days of the decision being made to cancel the train, and*
 - *our website will be updated within 48 hours of the decision.*
4. Tickets and final details will be dispatched approximately 8 days prior to the date of travel.
 5. **Cancellations** will be dealt with in accordance with our '**Standard Terms and Conditions for European Tours**'. If you have made your booking through a third party, such as another tour company, you must contact that company to cancel your booking.
 6. The requested routes, traction, depot visit(s), and photo stops listed are not guaranteed and subject to final confirmation from Centralbahn AG, Bochotler Eisenbahn DB Netz, and Bochum Dahlhausen museum.
 - *We reserve the right to alter and amend the specification of the advertised train(s) at any time, should the need arise.*

Reminders (extracts from our '**Standard Terms and Conditions for European Tours**')

- We will make every effort to run the tour as advertised.
 - Neither we, nor any individual, will accept any liability for any loss, or for any additional expenses incurred by any passenger, by reason of ejection from the train or by reason of delay, cancellation or failure of arrangements for any part of the tour including, but not limited to, the substitution of any motive power or re-routing of the special train(s).
- You shall not have any claim against us, or against any individual, if you miss any onward transport connections as a result of our or your late arrival at any starting point or any point en route.
 - *This includes all or any part of the tour.*
- If you choose to collect your tickets from us on the day, it is your responsibility to confirm both the departure time and boarding points before joining the tour.
 - If you do not do so, we will not accept liability if you miss the tour
- A copy of our '**Standard Terms and Conditions for European Tours**', which gives full details of all the conditions applying to your booking, is available on request or may be downloaded from our website www.merciacharters.co.uk

Further details and enquires

If you have any questions or if there is anything you wish to discuss with us, please write to the address on the booking form below, call 01926 887499 (+441926887499 from outside the UK) 10.00–16.30 Tuesday - Saturday, or email: team@merciacharters.co.uk

Photo credits

Cover – 221.135 at Krefeld depot on 16th January 2008, by Richard Krol

Page 1, top – DR 242.249 at Merseberg, by Richard Campbell

Page 1, lower – V200.135 on arrival at Brilon Wald after working a special train on 13/05/2006, by Patrick Waters