



Invitation to Pilots of Vintage Aircraft:

Heidelberg Great Train Race: Saturday 30 September 2023

Dear Vintage Aircraft Pilot:

It gives me great pleasure to invite you to the 2023 Heidelberg Great Train race. Many thanks in particular to **Reinhardt Transport** for their valuable sponsorship.

Herewith the itinerary, from the pilot's point of view:

1. The **ROVOS RAIL** vintage steam locomotive/s will **arrive at the Heidelberg Station at 09h00**. Biplanes in the skies at that time would be appreciated.
2. The extraordinary 1930 Gurney Nutting Bentley (see below) will "pair" with the locomotive (or locomotives) at very low speed along the station platform.
3. The Bentley and the loco/s will stop at the end of the platform alongside the for photographs with the ROVOS passengers (dressed in vintage regalia) and aircraft in the sky.
4. The "pic of the day" (Locos, Bentley, and Biplane, in a single image), will be used to create water colour painting, with limited number of prints to be made available at a black tie function some time in 2024.
5. The Bentley will then depart from the station platform and conduct a short tour through Heidelberg, then proceed to the Heidelberg Airfield.
6. The (numbered) vintage cars and motorcycle participants will follow the Bentley's route past the locomotives and on to the Airfield.
7. **At the Airfield the Bentley and the vintage cars and motorcycles will thread their way through the parked vintage aircraft for photographs.**
8. Pilots are encouraged to be attired in **period correct flying gear** and pose next to their aircraft for these pics.
9. After the event, a website *HeidelbergGreatTrainRace2023Images* will be constructed that will contain the images taken on the 30th of September 2023 for purchase from the photographer.
10. From 07h30, pilots will be provided with a **free Breakfast Roll**. World class coffee (supplied by The Grind) will be on sale (vs. a free cup of brutal coffee).

Amazing Vintage Bentley

This year, we are privileged to enjoy the participation of a recreation Gurney Nutting “Blue Train” Bentley. Never before displayed in public, the car is being brought up from the Cape especially for our event.



1930 Eight-Litre Bentley participating in the 2023 Heidelberg Great Train Race



Vintage Motorcycle Racing

For the first time in South Africa, pucker vintage flat-track motorcycle race will be held. Competing motorcycles will be solid-frame units built before the war. Headed by an original **1922 Brecia Bugatti** pace car, the race will take place in two heats at the Heidelberg Airfield. A sight not to be missed. For safety reasons the track will be fenced off from the public.



1938 Norton 500cc at a Sons of Speed practice session

Train Rides for Kids

For the young 'uns, a genuine (miniature) railway line and steam train will be set up at the airfield for kids to have their very great train race experience.

World War II Aircraft Engine

To be fired up at the airfield:

1941 ROLLS-ROYCE GRIFFON V12 engine.

Designed in 1938, the Rolls-Royce Griffon is a British 37-litre 60-degree V12 liquid cooled engine producing 1290kW at altitude 750ft and 1110kW at 14000 ft. It has a single-stage two-speed supercharger. A sight and sound to behold.

Lamb on the Spit Lunch

Pilots who wish to join the vintage car and motorcycle participants for lunch (menu attached) at the Clubhouse at 12h30, must kindly please purchase their tickets **by Monday 25th of September 2023**. Tickets are R195 per person. Payment to:

Standard Bank

Current Account number: 10185312843

Please send proof of payment to: chrisvan@rocketmail.com

Your lunch ticket will then be sent to you ahead of time.

I would appreciate it if you could help to market the event far and wide.

Event poster attached.

Looking forward to seeing you there for a great day!

All best,

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