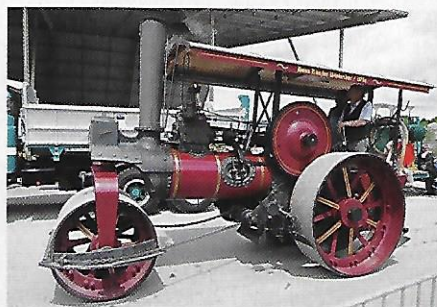


AN EXCELLENT WORKING EVENT IN SWITZERLAND

A welcome new event in Switzerland at the end of May was Weiach Historik, which looks to become a fixture in the country's calendar in years to come, reports *Michael Ward*. It featured not only steam and motor rollers - including one by Thomas Green's of Leeds and an example of a locally-built Amman type plus a German-built Hamm - but also many other types of plant and machinery in operation together with classic commercial vehicles, cranes and much much more. Working demonstrations were a major feature of the very well-attended show and included stone crushing by steam and tractor, vertical road 'thumpers', dumpers, loaders as well as a narrow gauge railway with 'Vee' skips using a small diesel loco for power.

It was a first time appearance in public of a newly restored Garrett roller belonging to Hans Künzler, No. 26036 of 1905, the necessary work on this having taken countless hours over a very long period of time. This was supported by German-built Zettelmeyer roller No. 572 of 1930 owned by Andreas Morgenthaler whilst 1921 Clayton & Shuttleworth portable No. 40349 belonging to Jörg Brühlmann was used from time to time to power a stone crusher.



The newly-restored 1905 Garrett roller which attended the show.

Other steam engines included Fowler showman's *Bertha* which was exported to Switzerland in 2021 and which has featured previously in these pages, as well as one of the unique design of Swiss-built 'undertype' SLM roller - No 4 of 1924 - owned by Walo Bertschinger AG.

Anyone with the ability of viewing the Youtube video - https://youtu.be/cM8u_R7613s - depicting much of the working show and many of its participants, will be in for a real treat.



A couple of rollers by Aveling & Porter were also on display. On the left is 1923 No. 10618 *Dan Hollings* whilst on the right is No. 7615 *Lucky Susy* constructed in 1912.



▲ Walo Bertschinger's most interesting and highly unusual Swiss-built roller No. 4 of 1924.

◀ The Clayton & Shuttleworth portable No. 40349 was used to drive a stone crusher. All: *Michael Ward*

SOUTH AMERICAN AVELING ROLLERS - AGAIN

Previous issues of *Old Glory* have provided details of various steam rollers in South America. In Uruguay another roller which started its days in Kent is to be found in the Zorilla de San Martin park in Melo, the capital of the Cerro Largo Department and some 250 miles north-east from Uruguay's capital of Montevideo. This is Aveling No. 7697 - a slide-valve compound dating from 1912. This one also retains its Royalty plate so further details have been able to be obtained via the helpful staff at the Lincolnshire Archives.

The Aveling records indicate that it was a 'Standard' 8-ton compound roller of the time - but interestingly designated 2TDA. The roller had a short box, the boiler had a Klinger gauge glass and the tender was not cut away. It was dispatched on 24 July 1912 and the customer was noted as being 'For Paris Sales - LD Forgues.' Later, a two-tine Morrison scarifier, No. 2214, was supplied on 24 March 1930 via agent W H Cullington of Buenos Aires, Argentina.



The roller in the park with, inset, its Royalty plate. Note the interesting and somewhat non-standard injector clack and the spike holes in the original [and somewhat thin - by now] rolls. The awning has been modified over time as well. Photos: J M Techera, courtesy of Miguel Montelongo