

Dear LEGO railroaders,

you haven't heard from us for a long time. As elsewhere, the limitations and peculiarities of the Corona crisis affected us both privately and professionally. Now there are just under three months until the 2. Bauspielbahn-Treffen (BSBT) and we are pleased that there are so many interested parties.

Some of you registered before the Corona crisis, others showed interest.

Of course, current events in the world are also changing our plans. We have therefore considered the following about the BSBT:

Generally we decided that the event should take place. We are sticking to the date (13.-16. August) as well as to the venue, the old tram depot in Schkeuditz near Leipzig.

We are in touch with the city of Schkeuditz as the landlord of the tram depot as to whether the BSBT (including overnight stays in the city or on the premises) may take place at all. We will inform you as soon as we have new information.

We decided to hold the gathering without an audience. So it won't be an exhibition, but rather a driving and network meeting by and for LEGO railroaders. As things stand at the moment, we can certainly not meet the requirements regarding regulations for exhibitions with visitors.

We have received interest from some LEGO train enthusiasts from abroad.

Unfortunately, nobody knows at the moment whether it will be possible to travel to Germany in August and stay overnight in Schkeuditz / find a pension. We would ask you to contact us anyway and fill out the registration form if necessary. We will take the uncertainty into account.

The old tram depot is not a clean seminar room, but an old car hall. There is a small restroom on site, unfortunately no shower. Please take this into account and be prepared for a camping atmosphere.

Guest drivers (with a train who would like to drive on the layout but are otherwise not part of the entire meeting) are welcome. However, only after prior registration and only on Saturday or Sunday!

Please use the attached registration form to register!

Details of the meeting:

Since we aren't planning the BSBT as an exhibition anymore, but as a driving and networking event for LEGO train enthusiasts, this will result in a few changes.

Schedule:

Wednesday afternoon: Arrival possible (joint layout) or by appointment

Thursday, August 13, 2020: Construction day for the joint layout

Friday, August 14, 2020: Setup of individual systems and individual models
/ experiencing the joint layout

Saturday and Sunday: free driving/ driving by tasks

Tour with module presentations

Driving days for guest drivers

Saturday: AFOL evening

Sunday: Dismantling day: probably from 4 p.m. with a cozy evening end

We are going to use the venue around the clock. So it makes sense to drive in the dark, too. So models with lighting are welcome.

Last year we had breakfast and dinner together. We would like to keep this mostly as a “bring and share”. More information about meals and the process will follow later.

With this email we send you the registration form BSBT 2020 and ask you to fill it out as detailed as possible. This sheet is the basis for planning the joint layout and the venue plan!

I. Joint Layout

a) Register a section for the joint layout

Use the registration form to register yourself and your sections!

Use the planning sheet to sketch each of your sections!

Deadline for both June 26th.

b) To plan the joint layout, we need to know exactly which modules and parts of the landscape you will contribute.

Important:

- Length and width
- Type of tracks (powered 9V or de-energized tracks for PF / PU or ...?)
- type of curves and radii
- Track position (directly on the edge or how far in the middle (please specify the distance to the edge in knobs!))
- Motif of your section (train station, factory, free route)
- If applicable, indicate available charging points on the module

Use the planning sheet to draw your sections - especially the course of the track - there. The blue boxes correspond to base plates of 32x32 studs. The dashed lines correspond to the larger base plates of 48x48 studs.

For us it is important

1) how big your table surface has to be and
2) where your tracks are (specify the distance from the edge of the base plates in studs!) So we can plan which module / which landscape fits well next to each other and where the neighboring table can connect.

Please fill out a separate planning sheet for each independent section / landscape piece / module! (e.g.: 1x for station XY, 1x for level crossing Yz, 1x for straight track 1m, or similar).

Only in this way can we sensibly distribute the landscape parts on the route.

Alternatively, you can also recreate your module with the "Bluebrick" program and send us the file as an attachment. It works pretty well. The size of the model and the position of the tracks should also be easily visible there.

You can find Bluebrick here: <https://bluebrick.lswproject.com>

Recently, Trixbrix tracks can also be planned with the help of an update: https://trixbrix.eu/en_US/i/Track-Planning/22

If you plan with Bluebrick, please send us a separate file for each section!

We would be happy about photos of your sections so that we can get a better picture.

In order to build a joint layout, we not only need great models, train stations, etc., but also the route in between, whether straight or winding. If you have time and pleasure, you are welcome to build something along these lines.

At this point we would like to recommend the videos of "Bananenbuurman", who filmed the community facility last year. There you can clearly see what effect a built landscape has on undeveloped loose tracks.

I: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPTzPEDQkmc>

II: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hCl2jOWpqS4>

c) In addition, we also need a lot of loose track material - regardless of whether it is 9V or PF / PU tracks or from third-party manufacturers (Trixbrix, Bricktracks, fxbricks, ...) - to use it to build shadow stations on the edges of the shared facility. Unused trains are parked there and new rolling stock installed / compiled.

In order to technically implement the big layout, additional transformers, speed controllers and distribution sockets are required.

To make a 9V station fit for block operation, two additional transformers are required.

Please think of sufficient distribution sockets and extension cables (sockets are only available in the venue sidewalls)!

Our exhibition experience has shown that trestles and tables are always needed. A rich basic range is available. However, anyone who can contribute something is very welcome.

Please state everything you want to bring in the registration form! The tracks you bring with you are not mixed up, but rather marked so that everyone can take home what they have brought with them. That worked well last year.

If you have any questions, send us an email to eisenbahner@lbrick.de

No circular routes are accepted for registration for the joint layout! Individual systems as a circular route are welcome with a special topic or special requirements (12V, narrow gauge, digitally controlled or similar).

II. Registration of independent systems and individual models

Individual systems and individual models must also be registered using the registration form. Deadline June 26th. Please indicate the size of the systems or the individual models in the registration form under "Information about the exhibit"!

Like last year, there will be a place for the presentation of your train models, even for those who are not fit to drive.

III. Registration for guest drivers

Guest drivers use the registration form to submit their participation on the respective days. Please describe your models in a sheet and send us a picture!

IV. Participation fee

Due to the loss of entrance fees, we bear a large part of the costs ourselves. Nevertheless, this time we unfortunately have to charge a participation fee to compensate for the rest.

Since the construction of the substructure (table surface, wood, electricity...) needs some material for such a large joint layout, we have to introduce a cost sharing of EUR 15 per person (excluding children).

We know that getting there and staying overnight will cost you money, at least for

those who don't stay on the premises with a tent or caravan. However, we have no other option to cover the costs this year.

V. All of this is based on the current situation.

Planning can change depending on the current easing or tightening of the Anti-Corona-regulations.

We reserve the right to cancel or change a registration.

We hope you are doing well and we look forward to your feedback. Suggestions, further ideas and criticism are welcome. Please send your answers to eisenbahner@lbrick.de

Greetings from Schkeuditz and Leipzig,

Your BSBT Team
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