



CORPORATE INSIGHT 2009

DBHS adopts Track Access Prohibition Etiquette

DBHS (Death by Health and Safety) has become the first signatory of the railway's new Track Access Prohibition Etiquette (TAPE) which is to be rolled out across the industry.

As part of their induction process, all new operational staff are being issued with a printed copy of TAPE, colour-coded red for danger. Red TAPE forbids any on-track worker from passing through an access gate without breathing apparatus, a printing press and inflatable detonators. Running rails must be removed before any work takes place 'on or near the line'.



This new initiative comes in response to two recently published inquiries by RAIB (Read About It Belatedly), both chaired by Captain Rotund Girth from the 17th Boil Lancers.

The first investigates an accident in 1876 when a platelayer's cap derailed a Drummond 4-4-0 locomotive on the North British Railway near Peebles. Then in 1879, Lady Hermione Fudge ripped her petticoat on the sharp wit of a porter who had ideas above his station. He was flogged until pink.

To eliminate any residual risk, RAIB recommends that all on-track work should be carried out by a workforce of holographic mechanoids. Prototype versions have already been appointed to some middle management posts. They will eventually replace 'virtual' managers which were adopted across the industry following privatisation.

Slight chill caused by open window

DBHS's Emergency Response Taskforce had to be convened after two Standards Committee members were woken by a small temperature drop in their hibernation podules. A heating contractor was called to insulate their cavities before coaxing them back to sleep with a Powerpoint presentation.

The incident was caused by a cleaner who opened a window to shake her duster without first arranging a Temporary Wind Speed Reduction (TWSR) with the Met Office. Her duster-shaking competence was immediately suspended.

Investigators have recommended that all Standards Committee members should be fitted with thermostats and lagged with Pygora goat fleece. The Standards Change Programme for 2009 has been cancelled whilst the affected committee members recuperate in the Bahamas.

Organisational difficulties result in party cancellation

DBHS's Christmas party, which was due to be held at the Krankies Distillery in Kilmagerbil, has been cancelled due to organisational difficulties.

The distillery's owners had offered a function room, overnight accommodation, transport to and from the venue and catering for our 3,120 permanent staff. DBHS's Home Comforts Directorate was asked to provide a party popper.

Unfortunately this request was transcribed incorrectly by members of our Communications Hub, appearing on the Requisition Form as 'party popper'. As a result, the Directorate arranged for the distillery's liquor licence to be cancelled. The establishment has since gone into receivership.

An inquiry is underway into a procedural irregularity which resulted in the Requisition Form being issued without carrying handles. The recipient lost consciousness and now chairs our Rule Book Development Group.



T2 rules now available as tantric chant

As part of our safety performance programme, DBHS has published a CD of operatic rule recitals, including 'tantric chant' versions of track safety instructions. It is only available on prescription but individual modules can be downloaded from The Masochistic Society's website.



All 1,736 tracks were performed at this year's Ornamental Standards Compliance Fiesta, held in a padded suite at Broadmoor Hospital. Sponsored by Bird's Custard, it has become a popular event in the safety management calendar. Attendances were up 50% on 2007 - both delegates giving a positive 'one-star' feedback rating for the free body frisk.

Doreen Skirtfurtle travelled to the fiesta all the way from Lowestoft. "I was expecting to see Michael Jackson" she said, "but apparently he's on next week."

Classical boy band Monkfish - runners-up on reality show 'The Why Factor' - were on hand to give a rendition of rule T2.3.5 ('Protecting a stabled train on a platform line') but this had to be curtailed as their Rimini pack needed feeding.

Unexpected cloud cover resulted in the Blue Sky Thinking Singalong being withdrawn from the schedule. Instead, DBHS's Bernie Fingers serenaded the audience with extracts from his autobiography '*Staunch pedantry inside the box*', which is being adapted as a Best Practice Handbook.

For more information, please contact **Bernie Fingers, Deputy Harmonisation Supremo (Strings Section)** on **0898 123210** or email bernie.fingers@slumberland.uk.org.

DBHS contracts team of pigeon fanciers

Targets set at the Rail Sustainability Masterclass require all stationery cupboards to be 'carbon neutral' by 2065. To drive progress towards this goal, the East Grimley Pigeon Fanciers Club has been awarded a contract to transport encrypted binary coding maps between DBHS's Risk Aversion Masseurs.



The team of 19 keepers will maintain a loft of 310 racing homers, each equipped with a high-speed USB port, 256GB of integrated flash memory and a firewall.

According to head fancier Arthur Feathers, delivery of data packets will begin soon after the birds have passed their safety critical communication assessments, devised by DBHS's Pigeon English Preparatory School.

If successful, the contract will be extended to include the transmission of Work Package Plans but this will involve wind turbines being attached to the birds' superstructure. The unit's inaugural message will alert the Evercreech Junction signalman to a goose on the line at Cocking Mill.

For further information, please contact **Arthur Feathers** on **0898 123678** or email arthur.feathers@slumberland.uk.org.

DBHS Staff Spotlight

Sash Wyndoze - Paper Thickness Auditor

Sash has been fascinated by paper products since choking on a Thesaurus at the age of 4. At junior school, he designed and built a fleet of paper aeroplanes which were operated by Tanzanian Airways until the company folded.



A 'Tomorrow's World' item on the paperless office caused Sash to spend much of the Eighties on life support. He woke in 1988 when a nurse mistakenly connected an inkjet printer to his drip feed.

Author of the Beijing Telephone Directory and inventor of the bullet point, Sash joined DBHS as a Bulldog Clip Tensioner before promotion to the post of Paper Thickness Auditor. On a voluntary basis, he also fertilises our library of 4.6 million policies and standards with his own bodily waste.

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