

Romanian Narrow Gauge Exploratory Tour August 2019

Blog 9 - Sibiu

The initial blogs are now online here: <http://rabylee.uk/romania19.html> and have been logically renumbered 1-8 which makes this one Blog 9.

Today we had a visit to the Railway Museum (in and around the roundhouse at Sibiu station) and rode the Rasinari tram. We finished with cheese, wine and brandy at Pensiunea Nabarog in Rasanari.



One of the former Sibiu - Agnita railway narrow gauge 0-6-0s of Austrian origin.



Modern diesels and diesel units still use the depot.



Another narrow gauge loco with a modern diesel behind.



Another view of 763-148.



German 2-10-0 kriegslok (war loco). I have seen these working in Turkey and Poland.



Big Romanian 2-6-2



Standard gauge tank locos



Lost in translation! I think they mean 'no access to non-railway staff, please keep quiet, crew sleeping car.'



At Sibiu station, the former Sibiu - Agnita - Sighisoara narrow gauge railway terminated on the left. At least one of our group rode this line while still active and with steam.



Spare vehicles on the Rasinari tram system.



The active tram used for our tram ride.



View from the tram.



We couldn't ride the whole line as Sunday drivers had blocked the tracks.



Our tram waiting to return having abandoned the last part of the run due to inconsiderate motorists.



The vegetation also had to be contended with. This was a view of the return run.

We relaxed with local cheese, wine and brandy at Pensiunea Nabarog in Rasinari.



Right to left - Adrian our driver/guide pours the brandy for CJ, Rod, Norman and Chris.



Left to right: while John A, Ron and Chris watch on.

This tour is almost over. Just a trolley ride on the disused but protected Sibiu - Agnita narrow gauge line at Cornatel where a group with British support hope to re-open the line for steam tourist train rides and then a ride on the Cluj tram system before the group go their separate ways. I bought some local cheese at the pension in Rasinari which I hope to get home OK!

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