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## **NEW STEAM LOCOMOTIVE TO MOVE FOR FIRST TIME ON SATURDAY**

***150 to attend Convention on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October to review progress***

The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust, the registered charity that is building the first new mainline steam locomotive in Britain for over 40 years at a cost of around £2 million, is expecting 150 covenantors at its Annual Convention on Saturday 5 October 2002. Having just fitted No. 60163 *Tornado* to its wheels, the Trust will be moving the incomplete locomotive on its own wheels for the first time at around 11.00hrs. The Trust will also be unveiling several significant new components for *Tornado* including fettled coupling and connecting rods ready for fitting to the locomotive.

The Convention starts at 10.30hrs at Darlington Locomotive Works, Hopetown Lane, Darlington, County Durham where covenantors will see *Tornado* move and be given an update on construction progress over the past year.

Attendees will then be taken by vintage bus to the Blackwell Grange Hotel, Darlington where lunch will be served. This will be followed at 14.00hrs by presentations on the project's financial status and an overview of the Trust's plans for 2003.

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