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The magazine for customers, staff and friends of the Forster Group



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UP-FRONT NEWS

Dear Friends,
Dear Staff Members,

This issue of *Forster Aktuell* presents to you not just a plethora of solutions for advertising systems as well as building and road traffic signage, but also an interesting novelty from our shelving division: FOREG®TwinSpace provides even more space for your archival and small-parts storage needs. Also included is an interim report from the gigantic building site of the Luise Kiesselbach tunnel in Munich. For the past year we have been busy on the site fulfilling one of the biggest noise screen contracts in the history of our company. Further reading concerns Austria's first CO₂-neutral traffic control system, which will comprise the near vicinity of Linz. The purchase of CO₂ certificates from a climate protection project made it possible to replace three fossil-fuel power stations by hydropower stations.

An exciting year has ended and the time has come to look back at events and achievements in 2014. It is a good occasion to thank all staff members for their dedication to Forster over the past year and to express our thanks to our customers for the trust they have accorded us and the many years of loyalty given to us. Let me assure you that we will continue to be at your service with maximum commitment.

Same as in the previous year we once again did without the usual Christmas gifts, donating the requisite budget to *Rettet das Kind*, an Austrian organisation set up to help children in need.

Enjoy reading about our latest news!

Yours,



Christian Forster
Managing Director of Forster Holding GmbH

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AMENDMENT OF AUSTRIAN STANDARD B1600 BARRIER-FREE CONSTRUCTION

Transparent safety

Glass doors and large glass windows are attractive optical features of every office and public building but they are easy to overlook. With a view to preventing injuries Austrian Standard B1600 was updated to include the design and attachment of aids to visibility. The novelty improves user safety and, as an added value, can be used as a design element to give more distinction to the overall building concept. This is what happened at tede-Z, the new Centre for Technology and Design in St. Pölten.



Nice and safe: visibility stripes used as a design element at tede-Z in St. Pölten.



EDUCATION DRIVE 2014

Careers at Forster

An Education Drive event held on 27 and 28 November offered young people a chance to hear about the training and career opportunities open to them with Forster. The emphasis was on production apprenticeships, ranging from toolmaking (metal engineering) to screenprinting (print engineering) and engraving (metal design). The event naturally included a tour of the workshops, followed by a question-and-answer session.

Trade show preview

ASTRAD & austroKOMMUNAL 2015 Austria's biggest trade show for community services opens its doors for the tenth time on 22-23 April 2015. Forster's experts for municipal service requirements will once again present their products and innovations to visitors.

Save the date: 22-23 April 2015

Place: Messe Wels, Messeplatz 1, A-4600 Wels

Hall/booth: 20/30

Trade show review

Fans of electric automation again assembled at this year's **SPS IPC Drives** – Europe's number one trade show for automation engineering, held in Nuremberg on 25-27 November. Werner Weninger and his team presented solutions for industrial screenprinting to the many visitors, drawing attention to Forster with their future-proof printed electronics.

Schule & Beruf, a fair for schools and apprenticeship training held at Wieselburg on 2-4 October, provided insights into printing apprenticeships



Membrane keypads, front panels, supporting plates and novel printed electronics were displayed at SPS IPC Drives.

offered by Forster. Expertly instructed by Erika Muck and Manual Werner, both former Forster apprentices, interested visitors produced, edited and printed "selfies".

The **community services trade show** held at Oberwart on 12-13 June focused on services to improve residential life in communities. Visitors were greatly interested in innovations in traffic engineering, such as the BPT adapter or the use of lenticular technology in signage. For more information on the BPT adapter see p. 8 of this issue.

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Lenticular images made by Forster make the polar bears move with the visitor's movements.

SCHÖNBRUNN ZOO

SIGNS THAT MOVE

Last summer, lenticular images made by Forster added new sparkle to the polar bears, an attraction at Schönbrunn Zoo.

Climate change impacts on the habitat of polar bears. In order to give visitors of the new polar dome a succinct idea of what this change entails, the Zoo makes use of Forster's innovative lenticular technology.

Lenticular technology involves a highly transparent lenticular sheet which reflects different motifs depending on the viewer's angle, thus creating an impression of movement and depth and prolong-

ing the observers' attention span. Some viewers are transfixed by the images for quite a long time.

Forster has been using lenticular technology for several years in advertising systems that employ visual effects. Flip images and 3D effects for illuminated signs, decorative articles, displays and 3D posters are among the many products that can profit from the technology. 

SCHÖSSWENDER

ONE-STOP SERVICE

The Schösswender Group likes to get its digital prints from Forster, appreciating the large range of products available and the advantage of Forster's one-stop service.

The Group favours individual solutions – whether it is the routing signs for the parking lot or the banner signs fitted across the façades or the architectural signage of the newly built showroom at Franking. Inside the showroom, Forster plastered the walls with large-scale panels using PVC-free multicolour fleece wallpaper which can be easily and quickly removed when a new motif is installed. As specialist in vehicle signage, Forster also provided the films and full-sized container signage for lorries and trailers. Forster's years of experience in digital printing, the high print quality and the careful choice

of material have combined perfectly to implement the advertising concept developed by Schösswender. 



SAFETYCAR

Large-scale digital prints



Monument sign for conspicuous advertising.

An innovative newcomer to the car service industry, the Safetycar workshop is known for servicing all brands, and also takes care of its own brand image.

To this end it has turned to Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik as an equally creative partner. Forster provided all the façade and outdoor signage, producing an effective external appearance for Safetycar.

Attention is particularly drawn by the large-format banners which are digitally imprinted. The stretch frame system is excellently suited to attach mesh banners to façades.

It is easy and quick to install, impresses by its slim and beautiful design and facilitates rapid changes in motif.

With its many options for printing, labelling, metal engineering and plastic processing, Forster Werbetechnik is the ideal partner for small to medium-scale businesses. **FF**

BIPA DISPLAY BASKETS

Making full use of the POS space

Special products need to be displayed in a special manner in order to draw the customers' attention. For this reason, BIPA Parfümerien GmbH has opted for Forster display baskets. These are ideal for flexible use at the point of sale, match the outlet's design and impress by their particularly easy handling:

their wheels can be arrested, the poster frame can be removed and they are fitted with a poster pocket. Made of metal and powder-coated, they offer a high-quality presentation platform for the products and stand for stability and a long service life. **FF**



The display basket fits everywhere, is easy to relocate and can be quickly filled with new products.



TEDE-Z IN ST. PÖLTEN

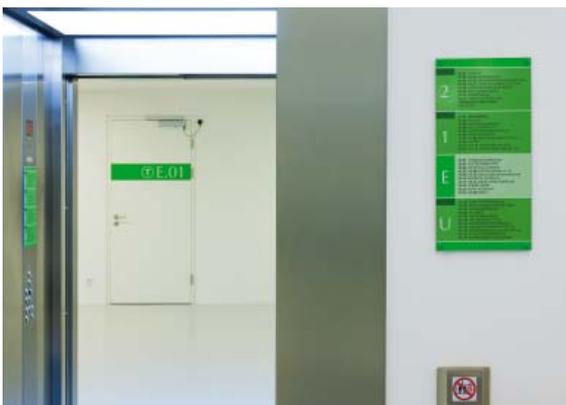
Focus for technology and design

In October 2014, the new Centre for Technology and Design tede-Z was opened in St. Pölten. The building symbolises a new training concept that combines artisanship with university education: the tede-Z accommodates numerous WIFI training facilities, including workshops for welding and plastic processing, but also serves as a home for the New Design University (NDU) operated by the Lower Austrian Economic Chamber.

Technology-cum-design also underpins the new building's routing system which was supplied by

Forster. Flat screens integrated in the signs show the latest news as well as the current use of auditoriums – to ensure that no knowledge and, especially, no knowledge seeker gets lost. Perfectly attuned to WIFI's unique corporate design, the signage matches the architecture in which it is placed.

To facilitate orientation in the building, signs were used to create an optical distinction between rooms. Different colour schemes for the door signs make it clear at a glance whether the room behind belongs to the NDU or to





The routing system perfectly matches WIFI's unique corporate design.



WIFI. Room labels were made from high-quality plotter-cut 3M film as well as the Combiflex Mero label system.

The overall appearance is further enhanced by the outdoor signs. Laser-cut lettering at the entrance and information posts in the fore-court provide orientation to about 2000 users. The Combiflex CF60 monument signs are backlit to help students find their way around in the hours of darkness. 



CLIMBING GYM 6A AT GAFLENZ

Climbing high with a big logo

The tall silvery building of the new climbing centre 6a is visible from afar. Inside, visitors can climb up to a height of 16 metres. Even before it was officially opened by Governor Josef Pühringer on 22 November 2014, the centre already served as the venue for the Upper Austrian Championship for Sport Climbing held on 16 November 2014.

Forster produced the hall signage for the project jointly realised by

OÖ Ennstal Infrastruktur GmbH with partners such as the Weyer and Waidhofen/Ybbs divisions of Österreichischer Alpenverein. What strikes passers-by particularly is the large outdoor logo: at a width of 4.7 metres and a height of almost 3 metres, it is in proportion with the building and visible from far and wide. The form-cut aluminium signs were given a high-quality digital imprint on reflective 3M sheets. 

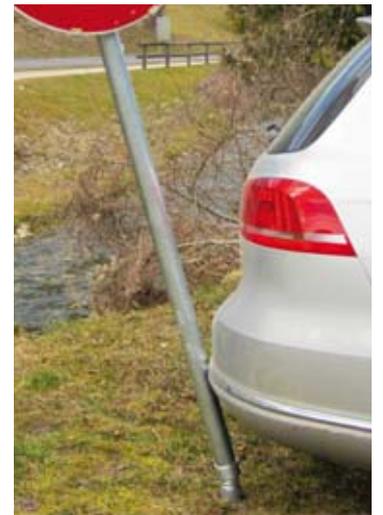


The sheer size of the logo required its sectional installation.

BPT ADAPTER

Road sign post with predetermined bend point

Persuaded by their many benefits: WIFI St. Pölten opted for the BPT adapters on its public parking lot.



Bent or knocked-over road signs can be quite annoying. The latest innovation made by Forster Verkehrstechnik is an adapter for road sign posts that bends at a predetermined point (bend point tube/BPT adapter) which reduces the damage from collisions with cars.

The predetermined bend point prevents damage to the post and the foundation when a car bumps against the tube. All that needs to be done is replace the adapter. As a result the investment pays its way already after the first collision. But the BPT adapter offers even more practical benefits: It allows quick dismantling of the post for events, special transports or emergencies. It can be integrated in existing or damaged posts, it is easy and quick to install and it complies with the requirements of RVS 08.23.01 and EN 12899-1. 



ROUTING SYSTEM AT MELK

Systematic shopping

Shopping at Melk is a divine experience. Whether in the pedestrian zone near to the abbey or at the Löwenpark shopping centre – everything colludes to get potential customers to stroll, linger and browse in the shops. A new routing system was set up to help visitors who come to Melk primarily for the shopping.

The routing system was planned by the municipal authorities of Melk in cooperation with Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik GmbH. Launched in August 2014, it routes potential customers to the shops. The signs are placed at 31 locations throughout the town, thus ensuring that people can find their way from all access points.



Map panels along the bypass roads facilitate orientation. Signposts at the edges of the core town help pedestrians and motorists alike to find their way to the next parking lot and shopping point.

The signs are fitted with sectional frames and reflective film to make for a high-quality appearance and long service life. Thanks to their presence, shopping at Melk has become even more celestial. 🏰





TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN METROPOLITAN LINZ

Combating congestion

A new traffic control system will improve the traffic flow and increase road safety on the motorways across metropolitan Linz.

Traffic control systems are deployed where they can be obviously useful. A clear case in point is the metropolitan area of Linz. With the traffic flow averaging 90,000 cars in 24 hours, traffic jams are inevitable in the morning and evening peak hours. The newly installed traffic control system is designed to relieve the situation. It comprises a total route of 92 kilometres along the A1, A7, A8, A9 and A25, 24 unrestricted junctions, two restricted junctions and four motorway interchanges. The new system, scheduled to become operational in December 2014, is controlled from the new traffic centre at Wels. Starting in February 2013, Forster set up 36 display units. The contract

covered the dimensioning in line with stress-analysis requirements, design, production, delivery and installation. The 36 display units include 11 trussed structures, some of them of widths of up to 44 metres, and five Flexgantry systems.

More safety, lower cost Flexgantry on Gantrybase is a mobile signbridge first used in the ASFINAG road system by this project. The articulated A-frame is fitted to a shifting concrete guide wall in the central reservation, while the outside upright is rigidly fixed to the ground. As a result, there is no need for a foundation in the central reservation, which not only improves traffic safety (no rigid obstacle in the central reserva-





The trusses with spans up to 44 metres were supplied by Forster.

tion) but also cuts costs for the road operator. Flexgantry can be integrated in all restraint systems. The work to install the system once again proved the competence that Forster has acquired over the years. All display units are set up at night to keep obstructions to an absolute minimum. The logistics of the construction is designed to reduce road closures to short spells restricted to a single lane, and the assembly teams are well coordinated and totally familiar with the challenges of the task.

AUSTRIA'S FIRST CO₂-NEUTRAL TRAFFIC CONTROL SYSTEM IN LINZ

Optimised for the environment

Fully aware that cars affect people and the environment, ASFINAG is taking large-scale measures to reduce their burden on the environment. As an Austrian first, a new traffic control system is being constructed which is CO₂ neutral.

The pilot project involves the traffic control system in Linz along the A1 Western Motorway and A7 Mühlkreis Motorway. For its contract awarding procedure, ASFINAG, the agency responsible for the motorways in Austria, included a new best-price criterion: assessing CO₂ neutrality, i.e. the bidders had to quantify the CO₂ emissions caused by the construction of overhead directional signs. The object of the exercise was to achieve CO₂ neutrality to which end contractors need to purchase certificates.

CO₂ neutrality:

what does it mean? ----- CO₂ neutrality means that either no CO₂ is generated or that the generated CO₂ is retained elsewhere. Some 800 tons of CO₂ were released in producing the steel for the overhead signs for the Linz system. At the same time, measures were taken to neutralise the greenhouse gas emissions, e.g. by purchasing CO₂ certificates. The money benefits a climate protection project in Brazil which involves replacing three fossil-fuel power stations by hydropower stations. This saves as much CO₂ as is generated from the production of the requisite steel. On balance, the environmental burden is therefore zero.



DI (FH) Thomas Greiner, MSc

The traffic control system for Linz involved not just new criteria for awarding the contract but also the use of a new product. Forster Aktuell talked with Thomas Greiner, a graduated engineer and MSc responsible for the project and coordinator at ASFINAG.

Evaluation of CO₂ neutrality was a new best-price criterion introduced for awarding the contract for the Linz traffic control system. What were the reasons behind it and how important will this be for ASFINAG? ----- On the one hand, ASFINAG wants to move away from lowest-bidder tendering and tries to find the best bidder by using best-bid criteria. On the other hand we also apply a sustainability strategy as we are conscious of our responsibility vis-à-vis our customers and the environment. In introducing CO₂ neutrality as a best-bid principle, we move a step in that direction. This is a totally novel approach for purchasing overhead signs. Telematic systems generally improve the CO₂ balance by ensuring a smoother flow of vehicles, and this criterion was a first to ensure that the system itself would be constructed with a neutral effect on CO₂ emission.

The Linz system was the first to use Flexgantry systems. What are the advantages of this system? ----- Restraint systems aim to protect traffic participants to the best possible extent from accidents, to absorb and bleed off the "energy" of the vehicle. It is better when the predetermined components and the vehicle itself are damaged and the motorist remains unharmed. So far, the foundations and steel supports of the overhead signs have always been rigid and thus contributed little towards that target. Flexible systems where the foundation actually moves are another contribution to preventing serious accidents.

Thank you for the interview. 📄

KORALM RAILWAY

Art vs noise

Scenic integration and a touch of the artistic – Forster-made noise barriers act as an element of design.



Construction of the Koralm Railway route involved a new railway bridge across the Seeberg road in the Mittlern-Althofen section of the railway. The 120 metres of the bridge and the free sections on either side were provided with noise barriers on both sides that rise to a height of altogether 8 metres. Considering that a bridge carrying a noise screen of this size constitutes a massive optical barrier and

dominates its surrounding, ideas were invited to give the barrier an artistic design. Criteria were, i.a., the architectural and artistic quality in a contemporary interpretation and reconciling the barrier with its surrounding. Moreover, economic and ecological criteria were stipulated as was compliance with all engineering requirements.

Effective ersatz scenery The competition was won by Armin Guerino. His “Grass Swaying in the Wind” art project now takes up the northern entrance to Kühnsdorf at the intersection of the Seeberg road and the Koralm Railway track. He responded to the interference with nature by creating an imaginative ersatz scenery. Green leaves of grass bend over the noise barrier, apparently swaying in the wind. Armin Guerino created an artificial carpet of grass that interrupts the rigidity of the wall and defuses the sight barrier. Matching this idea, swaying leaves of grass made of special steel and six metres in height were placed at the centre of the roundabout of the Seeberg road.

Effective noise protection

Nevertheless, the noise barriers should do more than put in a nice appearance: they should also block the noise generated by the railway’s operation. Forster digitally printed Armin Guerino’s wind-swept grass directly on the noise protection elements. Direct printing preserves the highly absorbing effect of these elements. The unilaterally absorbing barriers have a height of 1.5 metres above the edge of the rails on the right-hand side and 6 metres on the left-hand side of the track. They are bent on the bridge and straight up- and downstream of the bridge, where they are standard noise barriers. Forster barriers were also used after a 495 metre tunnel to protect the villagers of Kühnsdorf. The project shows that noise protection and art can go together. Noise from the railway is effectively screened without negatively impacting on the scenery – quite on the contrary, the barrier is part of an aesthetic attraction. 🏠





The panels are custom-made to actively protect the structure of the tunnel.

NOISE PROTECTION AND STEEL CONSTRUCTION FOR TUNNELLING IN MUNICH

Whispering underground

Following the Petuel tunnel (completed in 2002) and the Richard Strauss tunnel (completed in 2009), Munich is once again drawing on the noise combating competence of Forster Metallbau GmbH.

Interim report — For five years construction workers have been busy with the third ring tunnel around Luise-Kiesselbach-Platz, but the gigantic project is nearing its end. In late 2015, cars are expected to zip through the innards of the square. Although city tunnels reduce the overall traffic noise for their neighbourhood, it is still necessary to add noise abatement measures at their entry and exit points. The Municipality of Munich therefore commissioned Forster Metallbau GmbH to supply and install noise barriers (highly absorbing noise panels) and the steel substructure for the entire tunnel, including all its entry and exit points. The steel substructures for this section of the project have already been completed, and workers are currently installing the noise panels.

At Heckenstallerstrasse, noise protection is obtained by lowering the ring road to the level of the tunnel and installing noise barriers on both sides. Once again, all noise abatement measures are carried out by Forster.

There is much to do — The installation works along the 2.8 kilometres taken up by the construction site are comprehensive and exhaustive. "Since the start in November 2013 until its planned completion in June 2015, nine to twelve workers need to be on site at any time. Some 50,000 square metres of aluminium panels are being fitted in the tunnel area," says Hannes Stangl, project manager, about the scope of the project. The panels are highly absorbent, are placed upright and fixed by a concealed method. If damaged in an accident, they can be easily replaced. Part of the panelling can be removed by case-ment fasteners to facilitate maintenance access to the installations behind. The steel substructure consists of vertical IPE140 uprights and horizontal U160 girders, triple

hot-dip galvanised. It consumed about 550 tons of steel (including small parts such as angles and baseboards).

The next project is just around the corner — Thanks to its experience and expertise in noise protection, Forster is just the partner for large-scale projects – as is evidenced by the fact that the company has already been awarded the noise screening works in another tunnel in Munich. When the Trappentreu tunnel undergoes a major overhaul, Forster will supply the noise panels and the complete steel substructure. Completion is planned for the autumn of 2015. 





FOREG®TWINSPACE: A NEW ADDITION

Much shelving for little space



You can never have enough storage space. Forster has created FOREG®TwinSpace, a novel shelving system that makes even more space for its users.

FOREG®TwinSpace is a two-storey mobile shelving system that moves electrically and that can be used in all places which have “room at the top”. Archives, museums and small-parts storage spaces will particularly profit from the new system. It can move quite heavy burdens, thereby further increasing its ease of use.

FOREG®TwinSpace is made from standardised modules taken from the FOREG 2000 system. The load is bled off through the shelf structure (panels and frame) to the floor rail, so that the system does not need a separate platform of its



The heavier the goods to be moved the greater must be the ease of use.

Advantages at a glance:

compact

- two-level structure to make better use of storage space
- optimal utilisation of higher rooms to gain additional storage space

economical

- tracks can be laid on a platform placed on ready-made flooring
- no need for an intermediate platform
- electronically controlled
- standardised components made as serial products
- range of floor elements (grating, wooden panels)
- simple installation with no need for lifting devices

quiet

- quiet running
- optimal control, movement adjusted to load

reliable

- automatic lights in the aisle
- electrically moving
- remote maintenance through web interface
- programmable through web interface
- successfully long-term tested
- standardised safety system (photoelectric barrier, motor current monitor)

own. Instead it has an integrated platform which is joined to FOREG® TwinSpace.

The design complies with current standards (RAL, EN), is optimised and has been thoroughly tested at our workshop. The tests yielded valuable experience not just for the current development but also ideas for other applications. The new system has already been set up in France and Denmark, and another project is currently implemented in Romania. 

News from Forster Group staff

❖ ANNIVERSARIES

Waidhofen/Ybbs:

35 YEARS

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Wolfgang Helm

30 YEARS

Walter Asanger
Wolfgang Renner
Renate Zehetner

25 YEARS

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Hermann Würher

10 YEARS

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Marion Schachinger
Leopold Schneckenleitner
Martin Stütz
Valbon Tafallari
Begzade Tutkur
Wolfgang Wirrer

35 years with Forster

Ernst Buchriegler joined our field staff already in 1980. In 1982 he moved to Innsbruck where he still works as regional sales manager for the Forster customers in Tyrol and Vorarlberg.



35 years with Forster

Franz Prüller similarly celebrates his 35th anniversary with Forster. He is busy with steel structures, drilling, punching, grinding and bending at the fitters' shop at St. Peter in der Au.



35 years with Forster

Wolfgang Helm came to Forster in 1979, starting by installing guide rails, later changing to inventory administration. Since 2004 he has been responsible for powder-coating at the Waidhofen plant.



The management wants to express its gratitude and appreciation for their long years of loyalty to the company and looks forward to continuing our excellent cooperation.

St. Peter/Au:**35 YEARS**

Franz Prüller

25 YEARSJosef Dorfmaier
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20 YEARS

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Gertraud Fehringer
Roswitha Schwandl
Franz Resch

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WEDDINGS**Waidhofen/Ybbs:**Johann Graf
Andreas Grader
Monika Köck and Harald Seyerlehner
Yasin Kizil**OCCUPATIONAL TRAINING**

Tobias Schraml (metal engineering, emphasis on mechanical engineering) and *Patrick Forstenlechner* (printing, emphasis on screenprinting) completed the first form with **excellent success**.

Lisa Geyerlechner (printing, emphasis on screenprinting) completed the third and fourth forms with **excellent success**.

Elisabeth Großmayr (trainee industrial manager) completed the second and third forms with **excellent success** and was **lauded for her excellent performance**.

Andrea Schagerl (trainee industrial manager) and *Michael Schatz* (trainee industrial manager) completed the third form with **excellent success** and passed their traineeship completion examinations.

Our congratulations on their excellent performance and our best wishes for their further career!

SPECIALIST TRAINING AND UPSKILLING

Thomas Prantner successfully completed his training as an international welding engineer under EN ISO 14 731 in May 2014. This diploma is awarded to people who have a technical training background, have obtained a welder's certificate under Austrian Standard ISO 9606 or EN 287 and have successfully passed a multi-week course on welding technologies.

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Sport and leisure

Business Dragonboat Challenge

In a slap-bang mood

The largest incentive event in the Mostviertel went into its third and so far last round at the Kematen lagoon on 30 August 2014. Twenty-two well-known companies sent their teams to the start. For Forster it was the first year, and its team captain Reinhard Wagner had assembled 20 advertising specialists all of whom performed with notable success. Driven by their battle cry they ended up in the middle ranks already at their first go. The boat also carried two business partners of Forster Verkehrs- und Werbetechnik.

The Business Dragonboat Challenge involves paddling in the Chinese tradition of the dragonboat races – 16 paddlers and one drummer make up a team, the race course runs over 250 metres, the boat is 12 metres long and weighs 100 kilograms.



A hilarious mood prevailed all day – in spite of fairly awful weather conditions.

Sport and leisure



The Wings for Life runners (left to right): Christian Rehak, David Heigl, Wolfgang Dürauer, Daniela Dürauer, Andreas Reitbauer, Martin Präuer, Mario Datzberger, Harald Freudenschuß, Walter Trawetzky, Thomas Zwettler, Friedrich Auer, Helmut Kloibhofer, Regina Grübler. Karl Haberfehlner participated but is not pictured.

FIRST WINGS FOR LIFE WORLD RUN

Forster runs for a good cause

Twelve runners from Forster entered the first Wings for Life World Run in St. Pölten on 4 May 2014, through their initiative supporting the Wings for Life foundation and research into cures for spinal cord injuries.

Waidhofen Town Race

Major sports event

Organised for the 30th time, the *Internationale Sparkassen* Town Race was held on 26 April 2014. It is one of the highlights of the sports scene at Waidhofen an der Ybbs. An enthusiastic audience in high spirits once again produced a unique backdrop to a great sports event.

The Waidhofen town race includes the fit@work company race, an industry event that had two teams from Forster entered.



Runners at the Waidhofen Town Race (left to right): David Heigl, Andreas Reitbauer, Dieter Wieser, Gerald Hochbichler, Christian Rehak and Harald Freudenschuß.



Football

Made it to third round in the Company Cup

The first round of the AKNÖ/ÖGB Cup ended with the Forster team defeating the Mondri team in a close 4:3 decision. A clear 6:2 victory over the Welser team got the Forster players into the third round, scheduled for spring. We are already thrilled to find out who will be the opponents to the Forster team.

The Forster football team is ready for the next round.

Cycle outing

Through idyllic Mostviertel

This year's 33 kilometre cycle outing toured the hilly and picturesque Mostviertel. Enjoying perfect weather, the 15 participants started out at St. Peter in der Au, passed through Meilersdorf and ended up at the Schwingenschlögl cider tavern to celebrate the golden day.



Bavarian curling company championship

A small group of members of Forster Metallbau at St. Peter in der Au has been meeting for some years now to practise the Bavarian style of curling. This year, 13 teams entered the AKNÖ/ÖGB Company Championship on 27 March 2014.

Indoor rifle championship

The annual indoor rifle championship took place at the new electronic range of the Seitenstetten riflemen's clubhouse on 25 October 2014. Afterwards, the riflemen celebrated their prowess at the Latzelsberger inn at St. Peter in der Au.

Fishing

An impressive catch

Club fishing of the Forster Leisure Club was once again a convivial affair. For the fifth time the contest took place at the Laziland of St. Peter an der Au. On 24 May 2014, 20 contestants of two categories (adults and youths) showed off their expertise. The winners and their particularly good catch were duly celebrated at the prize-giving ceremony and banquet.

Company skiing championship

Forster ski team eager to continue its winning streak

Our top skiers intend to compete at the Lower Austrian Company Skiing Championship as well as the State Championship. The annual company ski race at Forster's will naturally be used by the team to prepare for the challenges waiting for them.

Outlook: company ski race

Forsteralm, 31 January 2015

43rd Lower Austrian State Company Skiing Championship

Puchenstuben, 7 February 2015

41st Austrian Company Skiing Championship

Tyrol (venue not known at the close of this edition),
28 February 2015



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