



RETRO TRAM PARADE BREAKS RECORDS

More than 250,000 visitors attended the events marking the 120th anniversary of Moscow tram on April 20, 2019.

The Moscow tram was inaugurated on March 25, 1899 (Julian calendar) and March 26 marked the start of regular service. First «electric» depot was situated in Bashylovka district. Trams started running between Butyrskaya Zastava and Petrovsky Park. The fee was 6 kopecks per trip.

Tram is now second popular mode of urban transit in Moscow behind metro, but till mid-20th century it had occupied leading positions. More than 1,5 mln

Muscovites use weekly 45 routes and more than 900 coaches of this safe and ecologically friendly transport.

The tram parade is a unique event when one can see vintage and innovative trams, enter them, take a seat, push and open whatever they want.

Vintage tram coaches passed through Moscow downtown streets, and then arrived at Chistoprudny Boulevard where the tram exposition took place.

This year, 19 vintage and modern tram coaches participated in the parade, that is more than in previous years. Continuing the tradition, the coaches of 19th century



as well as the coaches manufactured in 1920–1930s were represented. All of them are part of the exhibits of Mosgortrans [Moscow city transport enterprise] museum.

A pre-war S-series trailer car, reconstructed at the Sokolnichesky car manufacturing and repair facility of Mosgortrans, and Tatra T3 passenger carriage and a street-washer could be seen for the first time at the parade. The guests also admired a legendary horse-drawn carriage of the 19th century, F cars built in 1908, and KM and KP cars of the 1930s. Besides, KTM-1 and KTP-1 vintage tram cars, rebuilt in conformity with models of late 1940s, were exhibited.

The guides wearing cloths and uniforms of the time when this or that

coach was in service, welcomed the visitors.

The tram parade has been held in Moscow since 2014.

«The Moscow tram turns 120. This year, the record-breaking number of citizens have viewed the vintage tram cars. I would like to thank all Moscow residents for the warm welcome. We also express our gratitude to the municipal services and local authorities for their assistance. I'm sure nobody remained indifferent», said Deputy Moscow Mayor, Head of the Moscow Department of Transport and Road Infrastructure Development Maxim Liksutov.

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