

**Ghost Train
Express Into the Underworld**

**Manufacturer: self-built by the showmen brothers Adolf and Willi Steiger,
Herford**

façade painting by Fritz Laube, Berlin

Year of construction: 1949

Owner: Louis Schneider, Lippstadt

Ghost trains belong to the so-called themed rides whose design is based on a specific theme. The first travelling ghost train in Germany opened in 1931.

This "Geister-Express" was built in 1949 by the Steiger showmen brothers from materials available on site. For example, they used old field railway tracks for the rail track. At its premiere in 1950 at the Herford Easter Fair, the ghost train also impressed large manufacturing companies for fairground equipment such as Stork and Hennecke. The façade artist Fritz Laube was given numerous further jobs by them and thus became a well-known painter in the fairground industry.

The façade had to be extensively reworked in 2022. The restoration was carried out with special regard to the historical appearance of the ride.