

August 2008 - EUROPEAN NEWS (Robert Brown)

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Late News!

The Erlebnisbahn special to Sigmundsherberg on 30 August is celebrating "50 years class 2050". It will be hauled by 2050.02 AND 2050.04, 2050.02 has been repaired recently and will be back in service. Also 2050.09 will be displayed at Sigmundsherberg shed during the whole weekend (it will get there light engine on Thursday).

Germany

Out again on the 16th was **103245** heading it's usual D1280 the 08:53 Zell am See to Munchen Hbf. Noted in action on the 18th were **218356** on RB27073 the 20:28 Munchen Hbf to Muhlendorf, **218404** with RB27075 the 21:29 Munchen Hbf to Muhlendorf and **110223** topping RE37042 the 21:51 Munchen Hbf to Augsburg Hbf. The 19th found **233281**, vice a pair of class 218 diesels, powering out of Munich at the head of EC196 the 07:12 to Zurich Hbf, it probably worked the train as far as Lindau. On the 20th **113267** headed EN429 the 20:56 Berlin Hbf to Wien Westbahnhof, it worked in replacement for a 'autozug' class 115 electric. Sunday 24th found **294118/183/616/843** all stabled at Weil am Rhein yard while Offenburg Depot contained **140327/807/815 185114/182/285/307 294095/100/588/776/885 333668 335118/164 & 364779**.

France

Observations from the 18th included **72176** on the 12:32 Paris Est to St Dizier (which was diverted via La ferte milon), **72168** heading the 16:40 Reims to Culmont, **67511** powering the 17:15 Paris Est to Provins, **67450** topping the 17:19 Paris Nord to Beauvais, **67497+67602** leading the 17:45 Paris Nord to Laon, **16054** hauling the 17:37 Paris Nord to Cambrai and **16108** in charge of the 18:10 Paris Nord to St Just. The following day **67602** turned out on the 16:18 Paris Nord to Beauvais and **67497+67614** powering the 17:45 Paris Nord to Laon.

Austria

On the 16th SLB's **Vs72** (ex OBB **2095004**) powered R3311 the 10:14 Mittersill to Zell am See, SLB's **Vs73** (ex OBB **2095006**) did R3312 the 10:49 Zell am See to Mittersill and **1044025** headed IC748 the 20:40 Wien Westbf to Salzburg Hbf. The following day **2143070** powered ER9946 the 15:37 Wiener Neustadt to Szombathely, **2143052** hauled EZ6560 the 16:53 Gunterstein to Wiener Neustadt Hbf and **1044011** powered EC633 the 18:27 Wien Sudbf to Villach Hbf.

Poland

Late news from the 8th found **ET22-406** heading R82502 the 20:15 Swinoujscie to Lublin, **ET22-309** hauling R13502 the 20:46 Suwalki to Krakow Plaszow, **ET22-794** on R45502/3 the 20:47 Bielsko Biala Glowna to Elk and **ET22-721** powering R31502/3 the 21:32 Krakow Plaszow to Suwalki.

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Belgium

Antwerp 'P' train sightings from the 12th were **2308** with P7282 the 06:55 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken, **2326** on P7283 the 07:55 Aarschot to Antwerp Berchem and **2214** powering P8215 the 16:31 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot. The following day P8280 the 15:59 Antwerp Haven to Aarschot employed **2326**, P8215 the 16:31 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot was worked by **2214** and P8281 the 17:12 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot used **2308**.

Germany

The latest 'Eisenbahn Courier' states that Köln 110's will have no diagrammed work from the December timetable change I assume, 111s to take over, get them while you can!

France

Confirmed stock changes for August are New **27350** to **27353** (Ile de France), **60066/69/70/73** (Fret), Transferred between activities **22353/355** TER Pays de Loire to TER Rhone Alpes, **67372** TER Centre to TER Rhone Alpes, **67549/561** CIC to TER PACA. Withdrawn **16714/769 22253 66044/058/157/167 66469 67311** renumbered **66288** to **69288 66488** to **69488 66495** to **69495**. Of interest is that on weekdays until 19th September 09 the 12:32 Paris Est to St Dizier and 17:31 return will be booked for a CC72100 diesel and diverted via La Ferte Millon, on the 11th August **72172** provided the traction. With their recent sale of the class 72000 diesels to Morocco have come re-numberings, they are as follows **DF115 (ex72009)**, **DF116 (ex72018)**, **DF117 (ex72085)**, **DF118 (ex72027)**, **DF119 (ex72020)** & **DF120 (ex72003)**.

Switzerland

As compensation for late deliveries Siemens is building an extra 514 class EMU for SBB. It will be delivered in mid 2009 and numbered **514061**.

Austria

Wien Franz Joseph Bhf now has only has two non push pull fitted diagrams during the evening rush, on the 6th August these were worked by **1042018**, train REX7134 the 17:50 Wien FJB to Krems a d Donau and **1042020** train R2168 the 18:20 Wien FJB to Sigmundsherberg, all other trains are now 1142, 1144 or 1116 hauled, having said that it is still well worth doing.

Portugal

The 13th saw **1455** heading IC863 the 09:15 Porto Sao Bento to Requa which started 20mins late, with a full to standing load 6. Later in the day **1413** worked IC869 the 13:20 Porto Sao Bento to Requa and **1422** was noted spare at Regua. The following day **1422** worked the 07:25 Campanha to Pocinho, with load 3.

Holland

It finally happened on the 11th, as Traxx **E186119** was confirmed on train 9232 the 10:56 Amsterdam Centraal to Brussel Zuid handing over to **E186120** for the return working, train 9233 the 14:19 Brussels Central to Amsterdam Central (although this provided no relief for the traveling public as it was 58mins down by Delft). So it's welcome to the angels! I have no reports from the 12th but on the 13th 9232 produced **186119** and 9233 employed **186121** (its first passenger working) and the 14th saw 9232 headed by **186121** and 9233 powered by **186119**. Reports from the 15th suggest that private operator ACTS have taken delivery of **1609** and **1619** from Railion and are in the process of painting these into the house colours, the same report also suggests that **1841** has been withdrawn, this looks like being the first of three which are to become 'donor' locos.

Between August 18th and September 29th, infra works will be executed in and around Emmerich. Most freights, which are planned to run via Emmerich, will have to be diverted via Bentheim and especially the Venlo route. This work means that hardly any freight can run via the BetuweRoute! So Venlo will see a lot of additional freights during these six weeks. Delays are expected it will also give you the chance to see trains in daylight which you would normally only see at night.

11 August 2008

Belgium

Further to last weeks report 'eurostar' **373101/2** was noted on the 2nd August stabled in Lenham Loop, awaiting a tow (at some point) to Temple Mills. 'P' train action from the 4th August included (morning) **2326** with P7282 the 06:55 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken, **2360** on P7283 the 07:55 Aarschot to Antwerp Berchem, (evening) **2505** heading P8511 the 16:02 Schaarbeek to Tournai, **2006** hauling P8602 the 16:15 Brussels Zuid to Jemelle, **2214** topping P8067 the 16:23 Brussels Zuid to Aalst, **2311** leading P8215 the 16:31 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot, **2514** handled P8741 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Binche, **2204** did P8010 the 17:21 Schaarbeek to St Niklaas, **2004** headed EC295 the 17:27 Brussels Zuid to Luxembourg, **2007** topped IC2117 the 17:36 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg and **2510** powered P8007 the 17:54 Brussels Nord to Kortrijk. Moving on to the 7th **2003** did EC97 the

13:09 Bruxelles Midi to Luxembourg, **2005** worked EC296 the 10:24 Luxembourg to Bruxelles Midi, **1605** powered P8002 the 16:05 Schaarbeek to Oostende, **1602** headed P8402 the 17:15 Bruxelles Midi to Welkenraedt and the **2005** re-appeared on EC295 the 17:27 Bruxelles Midi to Luxembourg. Apparently it was the 'infra's' of Belgium and Netherlands were responsible for continued use of class 11 on 9232 and 9233. They had not authorized their use on passenger trains and for the moment it's in the hands of the bureaucrats as bits of paper need to get stamped. Train 9233 the 14:19 Brussels Central to Amsterdam Central was **1187** on the 9th August. Apparently both 9232 and 9233 are supposed to be hauled by a Traxx starting from 11th August (Monday), with more Angels being seen on this route as of 7th September.

Germany

The beginning of August saw a number of class 298 diesels placed into store due to becoming due for overhaul. The locomotives concerned are **298058** at Magdeburg, **298054/110/122** at Halle and **298055** at Seddin, it remains to be seen what the future holds for them. Long withdrawn V100's **211200** & **212009** have been moved into the main workshop at Arriva's Neustrelitz works and are currently being stripped down pending overhaul. Meanwhile the North Bavarian Railway Company Ltd (Nbe) have taken delivery of a further V100, this time it's **212132** that's joined their ranks. Class 120 electric's seen in action on the 3rd included **120113** hauling IC143 the 10:57 Amsterdam to Szczecin, into it's destination. **120118** leading IC2352 the 13:39 Stralsund to Eurfurt, **120104** working IC1997 the 17:01 Berlin Suedkz to Frankfurt and **120130** powering NX1942 the 17:45 Berlin Suedkz to Koln. 'Rabbits' noted stabled at Westerland on the 6th were **215908/910/912 218162/310/313/314/363/382**, active were **218321+218399** on IC2072 Dresden to Westerland, which they will have done from Hamburg and **218399+218321** with IC2073 Westerland to Dresden (to Hamburg). Further stabled locos on thid day were **218834** and **218835** 'Thunderbirds' at Berlin Südkreuz, **218158/184/330/499** at Itzehoe and **215913 218131/342/380** at Niebüll.

Luxembourg

Noted in action on the 7th were **3005** with IC2125 the 06:22 Luxembourg to Bruxelles Midi, **3010** at the head of RB6716 the 16:50 Luxembourg to Rodange, **3012** powering IR121 the 16:58 Liers to Luxembourg, **3011** hauling RB5899 the 18:43 Luxembourg to Arlon, **3017** on RB5718 the 18:47 Luxembourg to Kleibettingen, **3009** topping IR123 the 18:51 Liers to Luxembourg and **3008** in charge of IR120 the 19:15 Luxembourg to Liers.

France

A quick view in at Paris Noord during the morning of the 4th found **15058** & **16051** on the blocks, **67451** arrive on train 847436 the 10:31 from Beauvais and **16058** depart with train 12319 the 12:07 to St Quentin. Round at Est **72130** & **15012** were on the blocks 17066 departed on train 813713 the 12:28 to Meaux and **72140** left on train 839183 the 12:32 Paris Est to St Dizier, passing **15009/019/050** stabled just outside the station. Later in the day **15014** headed train 839184 the 15:39 St Dizier to Paris Est where **72157/177** were on the blocks, **17068** departed with train 813811 the 18:00 to Meaux and **67446** left on train 817211 the 18:03 to La Ferte-Milon. Round at Nord **67484** arrived with train 849948 the 16:21 from Laon, **15051** departed on train 1233 the 18:37 to Maubeuge, **67497** did train 849965 the 18:47 to Laon and 16043 left on train 2041 the 19:04 to Boulogne.

Italy

The Italian private operator Impresa Ferroviaria Italiana (formally Del Fungo Giera) lost it's operators licence on the 30th July. The three electric locos it used **E474101 – 103** are currently stopped at Latina, Chiasso and Domodossola respectively, what will happen to these is currently not known.

Austria

The delivery of the new class 4124 units continue, with **4124021** arriving in Salzburg for commissioning on the 5th August.

Czech Republic

At least ten people were killed after a high-speed train hit a collapsed bridge east of Prague on the morning of Friday the 8th August, about a hundred other passengers suffered injuries in the accident.

A spokesman for the Czech Railways said the crash occurred at about 10:30 a.m. (0830GMT) near the town of Studenka, about 210 miles from Prague.

Holland

Seen on the 4th August were **1823** in charge of IC1924 the 07:19 Venlo to Den Haag, **1733** topping IC1926 the 07:49 Venlo to Den Haag and **1756** leading IC3625 the 07:56 Arnhem to Roosendaal.

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Belgium

It is rumored that SNCB 'Eurostar' set **373101/102** will be moved to Temple Mills later this year after many years dumped out of service at Brussels. As it is un-refurbished I do not expect it to be put into service, but used for training. If it is to return to use it is most likely to return to service in another 3 or 4 years when the fleet receives their half life overhauls. Despite being advertised to start using Traxx haulage on the 1st August, train 9232 the 10:56 Amsterdam Centraal to Brussel Zuid was worked by **1185**, needless to say it was over 30mins late!

Germany

On the 16th July **204605** (delivered 02/11/73 as **110605**) and **204641** (delivered 25/01/74 as **110641**) were withdrawn from Saalfeld, both with 'engine damage'. This move leaves the depot with only one working class 204 diesel, **204592** as it's other two, **204671** and **204805** are both currently out of use pending engine repairs, is the writing on the wall? on the 25th **110431** powered RE15421 the 12:32 Wiesbaden to Frankfurt, **110401** topped RE15425 the 14:32 Wiesbaden to Frankfurt, **218483** worked RB28973 the 17:01 Wiesbaden to Mannheim, **218343** headed RB28977 the 18:12 Mainz to Mannheim and **110434** lead RE4579 the 19:13 Frankfurt to Mannheim. The following day **110431** was seen on RE15415 the 07:55 Koblenz to Frankfurt, while the 27th produced **120149** with IC2028 the 07:19 Passau to Hamburg Altona, **120139** on IC2025 the 07:32 Hamburg Altona to Frankfurt, **110431** leading RE15419 the 09:55 Frankfurt to Koblenz and **120141** powering IC2024 the 15:42 Frankfurt to Hamburg Altona. Noted at Angermünd on the 28th was ex DB **202847**, this loco was only released from Stendal on the 21st, into the care of Spitzke Logistik GmbH. It is painted bright blue with white ends and body stripe and carries the number **V100-SP-010**. On to the 29th now and a spot of 'Rabbit' hunting found, **218435 & 218102** 'top 'n' tail' on RE21414 the 11:05 Hamburg to Lübeck, **218487** heading RE21417 the 12:07 Lübeck to Hamburg, **218407 & 218454** 'top 'n' tail' on RE21422 the 15:05 Hamburg to Lübeck and **218453 & 218432** 'top 'n' tail' RE21577 the 16:38 Lübeck to Hamburg and then Kiel. Over at Mannheim **218478** headed RE4837 the 12:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn, **218476** worked RE4839 the 14:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn, **218483** powered RB28973 the 17:01 Wiesbaden to Mannheim, **218343** topped RB28977 the 18:12 Mainz to Mannheim and **218392** turned up on RE4845 the 20:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn. The following day **218399** did RB21458 the 07:54 Hamburg to Ahrensburg, **218261 & 261307** 'top 'n' tail' with RE21408 the 08:05 Hamburg to Lübeck, **218487** had charge of RB21358 the 08:09 Hamburg to Bargteheide and **218454 & 218106** were noted 'top 'n' tail' with RB21310 the 08:39 Hamburg to Bad Oldesloe. While at Mannheim, **218392** headed RE4833 the 08:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn, **218478** powered RE4835 the 10:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn, **218477** powered RE4837 the 12:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn and **218476** hauled RE4841 the 16:34 Mannheim to Heilbronn.

France

Fret allocated electric **22228** worked train NZ4308 the 19:11 Nice Ville to Lille night train away from Marseille on the 26th July, it was diverted via St Quentin, Louches and Somain. The loco returned on the night of the 27th leading train NZ4208 the 20:59 Lille to Nice Ville. Noted in action on the 27th were **67619** on RE49920 the 11:19 Laon to Paris Nord, **67497** with RE49941 the 13:26 Paris Nord to Laon, **17074** heading R25789 the 13:36 Paris Nord to Persan Beaumont, **67618** leading RE47750 the 16:08 Beauvais to Creil, **67609** powering RE47752 the 16:48 Beauvais to Creil, **66468** in charge of RE47749 the 16:51 Creil to Beauvais, **66459** at the head of RE47758 the 17:25 Beauvais to Creil, **67620** powering RE47478 the 17:40 Beauvais to Paris Nord, **16006** leading train 3163 the 19:31 Paris St Lazare to Le Havre and **16039** on train 3158 the 19:49 Le Havre to Paris St Lazare.

Italy

Verona Porta Nuova station on the 26th July and **D2456019/6055** were the main station pilots although **D2456012/6013/6067** were also seen on various shunting duties throughout the day.

Austria

An 'open weekend, is to take place at Sigmundsherberg Depot from 29th to 31st of August 2008. On the 30th there is a special from Wien which is booked for diesel haulage with a class 2050. If you are interested the times advertised are 08:30 Wien Sud to Sigmundsherberg (arriving 12:10) and 17:25 Sigmundsherberg to Wien Sud (arriving 19:30)