

# December 2007 & January 2008

## EUROPEAN NEWS

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### **General**

First details on ÖBB Nostalgie tours in 2008 are available - details available from these links:  
<http://www.erlebnis-bahn-schiff.at/content/angebote.php?Gruppe=ALLE> &  
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**20 December 2007**

### **Germany**

Having looked at various posts and magazine articles, the following appear to be the 5 class 120s renumbered for transfer to Rostock, some of these locos presumably have started on some diagrams between Rostock and Hamburg from the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

120201 (120116)  
120202 (120129)  
120203 (120107)  
120204 (120128)  
120205 (120121)

### **Belgium**

It's a big thanks to ICRS member Peter Eizens for the following 'P' train sightings from late October.

Brussels diagrams on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> produced:

2213 P8906 the 17:05 Schaarbeek to Oudenaarde  
2354 P8067 the 16:23 Brussels Midi to Aalst  
2507 P8741 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Binche  
2365 P8511 the 16:02 Schaarbeek to Tournai  
2332 P8010 the 17:21 Schaarbeek to St Niklaas  
2382 P8066 the 15:45 Brussels Midi to Gent St Pieters  
2360 P8757 the 16:09 Brussels Midi to Charleroi Sud

The Antwerp diagrams on the same day had:

2375 P8281 the 17:12 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot  
2330 P8280 the 15:59 Antwerp Haven to Aarschot  
2624 P8215 the 16:31 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot

### **Holland**

Class 1600 electric locomotives in are now running passenger trains again! Railion now operates the night trains for DB Autozug in Holland with **1619** appearing on the 10<sup>th</sup> December with the train from Moscow/Minsk/Warsaw/Prague/Copenhagen between Emmerich and Amsterdam. Probably from February the new class 189 4-voltage locomotives will be used for these trains, eliminating the locomotive change at the border at Emmerich. Of course many renumbered class 1600 locomotives (now class 1800 of NS Reizigers) can be seen every day in passenger service.

If everything goes as has been planned now, NMBS (SNCB) will replace its class 11 electrics on the Benelux services between Amsterdam and Brussel by February 2008. All trains should then be hauled by 186 (Traxx) top and tail. The high speed line route Schiphol, Rotterdam, Antwerp

was not opened as planned on the 10<sup>th</sup> and it's likely it won't also be open until December 2008 now.

## France

Further stock changes reported in the magazine are the following:

Lens to Villeneuve (Fret) **22201-20/211/212/234/261/273/275/282** Villeneuve to Lens (Fret) **22225/226/290/291/292/298/299 22300/302-305/365/367-369/371-377/381-384** In addition, TSO shows the following 22200 as having recently moved from Lens to Villeneuve **22229/233/246/250/254/262/268** Lens to Thionville **27013-015** Lens to La Chapelle **16601/620** (thus confirming that 16601 is for ECS duties only) TSO also shows five 25500 now allocated to Strasbourg, although recent 25500 transfers should be taken with a pinch of salt! These are **25594/596/606/612/616** There should also be 12 Fret 67400 to be transferred from Longueau to Nevers, but at present I don't know their identities.

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### Germany

From the start of the new timetable the Berlin to Warsaw EC are all booked for class 189 electrics, **189932 (ES64F 032)** being in Frankfurt/Oder recently for driver training. It is likely in the first weeks the trains won't be 189 because of problems with the crew training and other formalities.

From 17/10/08 to 1/12/2008 the route from Frankfurt/Oder to Rzepin via the "Oderbrücke" is closed. The Russian trains and EN348/9 are shown 232 via Kostrzyn on these dates! So six weeks of 232 diesel activity to look forward to, the day EC trains are just not shown as running on this 6 week period! Maybe DB have not yet decided what they will do with them at this time!

New track for class 120 electrics are shown on summer Saturdays with IC2336/2337 getting one (on paper) between Emden and Außenhafen. Also one is booked to Wiesbaden on 2316 and 2317. IC2012/0213 are confirmed as booked for 2x218 to and from Stuttgart this year.

Train 13215 (Utrecht to Zell am Zee), AutoZug 13321 (Dortmund to Verona) and 13325/13335 (Dortmund to Bolzano) are (again on paper at least) shown as getting a class 151 as a banker from Laufach. It has car carriers on the rear and maybe you will need car to get on the train, so good luck to you bashers. Anyway it runs in the middle of the night, so it may not be the best way to try for a 151. Train 13211 (Utrecht to Landeck), 13213, and 13217 (Utrecht to Zell am Zee) and 13265 (Padborg to St. Anton) are all shown as a 151 banker from Geislingen West.

There are also 2 class 218 on D/D stock to Salzburg, these are RB27006 the 08:42 Muldorf to Salzburg returning as RB27007 the 18:08 Salzburg to Muldorf, which are additional trains and RB27085 the 08:39 Landshut to Salzburg, RB 27086 the 11:10 Salzburg to Landshut, RB27091 the 14:49 Landshut to Salzburg and RB27094 the 17:10 Salzburg to Landshut which is booked vice a unit. Both these run 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> December.

### Belgium

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December NMBS are organising a trip offering a mega rare opportunity to do the 6 km of track inside the military base at Brasschaat. Its booked for a class 41 DMU and costs Eur75 for the one hour ride.

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### Belgium

On the 25<sup>th</sup> November **2327** was noted at Aarschot heading the stock of P7282, the 06:55 to Antwerpen Noorderdokken and **2320** was also at Aarschot on the stock of P7283, the 07:55 to Antwerpen Berchem. 'P' Trains action from the 26<sup>th</sup> included **2510** on P7996 the 07:13 De Panne to Gent, **2507** heading P8066 15:45 Brussel Zuid to Gent, **2514** leading P8511 the 16:02 Schaerbeek to Tournai, **2623** with P8757 the 16:09 Brussel Zuid to Charleroi, **2304** powering P8067 the 16:23 Brussel Zuid to Aalst, 2360 did P8721 the 16:28 Schaerbeek to Chatelet, **2318** topping P8723 the 17:01 Schaerbeek to Chatelet, **2505** hauling P8741 the 17:02 Schaerbeek to Binche, **2503** working P8906 the 17:05 Schaerbeek to Oudenaarde and **2221** heading P8010 the 17:21 Schaerbeek to St Niklaas.

### Portugal

On the 27<sup>th</sup> November **2626** worked the 13:20 Oriente to Faro, presumably it will return on 09:05 from Faro on the 28<sup>th</sup> as diagrammed. I have seen reports of this loco being overhauled in October for CP Carga. Although it has been fitted for MU working, it has not been speed limited to 100km/h, inside the cab it is clearly marked PV-160km/h and CV-100km/h.