

# February 2009 - EUROPEAN NEWS (Robert Brown)

## 17th February 2009 (news up to 14th February 2009)

### Germany

Action from Sunday the 8<sup>th</sup> in the Munich (Munchen) area included **223061** on ALX37972 the 06:44 Munchen to Regensburg, **218390** heading RE32982 the 10:19 Munchen to Kaufbeuren, **218256** with RE32675 the 10:37 Memmingen to Munchen, **218214** hauling RE32608 the 10:51 Munchen to Fussen, **218471** leading RE32609 the 11:05 Fussen to Munchen, **218459** powering RE32676 the 11:51 Munchen to Memmingen, **218472** topping RE32677 the 12:40 Memmingen to Munchen, **120110** on IC1881 the 13:14 Hamburg Altona to Munchen, **218437** working RB27051 the 14:07 Munchen to Muhldorf, **101071** had charge of IC2096 the 14:41 Munchen to Stuttgart, **218402** with RB27060 the 15:40 Muhldorf to Munchen, **120135** heading IC1880 the 15:45 Munchen to Hamburg Altona, **218418** handled RB27055 the 16:07 Munchen to Muhldorf, surprisingly **111042** turned up on IC73947 the 16:18 Nurnberg to Munchen and not **103245** and **120154** worked IC2092 the 18:44 Munchen to Karlsruhe. On to the 9<sup>th</sup> **103245** returned to IC73940 the 07:43 Munchen to Nurnberg, **120111** & **120143** 'top 'n' tail' did IC73930 the 09:37 Nurnberg to Berlin, **120152** headed IC79669 the 12:22 Frankfurt Sud to Leipzig, **120147** & **120146** top 'n' tailed IC73926 the 13:37 Nurnberg to Warnemunde, which was 20min late at Leipzig, **120115** & **120126** top 'n' tailed IC73924 the 15:37 Nurnberg to Berlin and **120103** worked IC73916 the 20:00 Berlin Sudkreuz to Hamburg Altona. However pride of place belonged to **110284** which, despite being booked to only shunt the stock into the station, actually worked IC79664 the 16:11 Leipzig to Frankfurt instead! On the 11<sup>th</sup> the Hungarian freight operator Floyd's latest loco acquisition **91 55 0450 001-7** (formerly UK Class 86/2 number **86248**) arrived at Cuxhaven, on a low-loader, on the ferry from Immingham. The loco was then tripped to Hamburg for forwarding to Budapest in a Floyd freight working. A couple of 'oldies' noted at work on this day were **110437** which did RB18135 the 17:33 Frankfurt to Mannheim and **110410** on RB25048 the 19:01 Frankfurt to Giessen.

### Belgium

Antwerp 'P' from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> were **2309** which headed P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken, **2310** which hauled P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken and **2308** which worked P8215 the 16:36 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot. Moving on to the 12<sup>th</sup> and a look at the Brussels peak services found **1604** leading P7400 the 05:41 Welkenraedt to Brussels Zuid, **2316** on P7312 the 06:20 Hasselt to Brussels Zuid, **2507** heading P7905 the 06:38 Oudenaarde to Schaarbeek, **2318** powering P7741 the 06:41 Binche to Schaarbeek, **1602** in charge of P7402 the 06:43 Welkenraedt to Brussels Zuid, **2214** topping P7094 the 07:15 Dendermonde to Brussels Zuid, **2303** with P7307 the 07:17 Hasselt to Brussels Zuid and **2319** hauling P7010 the 07:19 St Niklass to Schaarbeek.

### France

Confirmed stock changes for 1<sup>st</sup> February are: New **27360\*** **60085/086/087/088/089/092** Renumbered **66204** to **69204** **66421** to **69421** **66427** to **69427** **66453** to **69453** Stored **16642/644** (repairs not authorised), Withdrawn **16027/047** **25190** **61011** **63864** **64720/721** **80005** (\* Note that **27362** is already in service at St. Lazare)

There is also a proposal to exchange the petite vitesse bogies on some of **7201-7235** sub series with grande vitesse bogies of stored locos of the main batch. However, the suggestion is that when this occurs, the loco number will be changed to match that of the bogies! The example quoted is that if the bogies of **7201** and **7337** are swapped with each other, then the original **7201** will be renumbered **7337** and the original **7337** will become **7201**. Whether this will actually occur remains to be seen, although it will be very hard to detect if it does. Although in the case above it will be a little more obvious if **7201** suddenly reverts to Beton livery!

On Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, diesel **67436** worked train 3330 the 05:06 Caen to Paris St Lazare and then train 3335 the 08:46 Paris St Lazare to Caen, replacing unavailable class 15000/16000 electric. On the 14<sup>th</sup> Fret allocated, but still blue liveried, **72081** worked train 3908 the 08:56 Montlucon to Bourges and train 3909 the 14:13 Bourges to Montlucon.

## Spain

Infrastructure manager ADIF has awarded a joint venture of Alstom, Acciona and Comsa a €93.8m contract to upgrade the double-track, 41 km, Girona to Figueres route and convert one line to dual gauge. Alstom's €40.4m share of the 16 month contract includes supplying Atlas 1000 ETCS Level 1 equipment and Smartlock interlockings controlled from Barcelona. Acciona and Comsa will convert one of the two tracks to dual-gauge, enabling the line to be shared by Spanish 1 668 mm gauge and French 1 435 mm gauge trains between a freight terminal in Girona and the 44.4 km standard gauge line which is now under construction from Figueres to Perpignan in France

## 8th February 2009 (news up to 7th February 2009)

### Germany

The rumors of some 143s being loaned from DB Regio for freight work has recently come to fruition with the first four locos now identified as **143326/936** from Braunschweig, **143356** from store at Frankfurt and **143826** from Nurnberg. For now they have a 3-day plan working off Seddin. 'Rabbit' **218224** (MKP) has had a very short life extension applied (to 27/02/09), so if anyone still needs this one, be quick. On Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> **112132** did RB14877 the 13:24 Braunschweig to Wolfsburg, **120110** headed IC1923 the 16:01 Berlin Südkreuz to Köln Hbf and **182025** powered IC1812 the 16:26 Köln Hbf to Hamburg Altona. The following day **110236** was out on IC79657 the 06:46 Saarbrücken to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf vice a class 181 and only a couple of minutes down on arrival and **110325** was back out, and straight onto top link work with IC231 the 06:20 Luxembourg to Norddeich Mole, I presume from Koblenz to Norddeich Mole. She is running around in red with three blue vents on the side from her days in Ameropa livery (looks weird). Out on the 5<sup>th</sup> were **120152** and a very clean **101007** (Works date 27 Jan 09) with IC2218 the 06:30 Stuttgart to Wiesbaden, **218206** heading RE12083 the 13:15 Koln Deutz to Trier, **120103+120130** on IC2029 the 15:32 Hamburg Altona to Nurnberg, **110374** working RE11493 the 16:59 Koln Hbf to Siegen and **218411** powering RE12087 the 17:15 Koln Deutz to Trier. Noted on the 7<sup>th</sup> were **120122** powering IC1887 the 07:04 Hamburg Altona to Passau, **120115** on IC73929 the 09:38 Berlin to Nurnberg, where, upon arrival **120111** was added on the North end and the pair formed IC73924 the 15:37 Nurnberg to Berlin GS, **120125 & 120106** 'top 'n' tail' with IC73931 the 11:40 Berlin GS to Munchen, **120147 & 120146** 'top 'n' tail' with IC73926 the 13:37 Nurnberg to Berlin GS, **218422+218440** powered EC190 the 18:34 Munchen to Zurich (to Lindau) and **218256** handled RE32618 the 18:51 Munchen to Fussen.

The standing-down of 232s continues apace with several locos taken out of action over the last few weeks showing a stored date of 12<sup>th</sup> January. The latest batch are **232014/024/083/165/253/362/371/377/395/403/414/437/453/464**, **232494/505/514/544/600/612/682/685**, it also appears that **232198** and (possibly) **232445** are about to make their final journey from Saalfeld to Espenhain, if they haven't already gone. **232198** is in a hell of a state with her bodywork reduced to a dull pink!! On the other hand, it would seem that a couple of 234s are due to go for overhauls with **234242** and **234467** being quoted at present,. It is worthy of mention that exactly one-hundred 232s remain in service with DB in Germany.

### Belgium

'Oldies' noted out on morning of the 2<sup>nd</sup> were **2372** with P7215 the 06:43 Hasselt to Antwerp Berchem, **2309** on P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken, **2367** heading P7996 the 07:13 De Panne to Gent Sint Pieters, **2338** topping P7993 the 07:15 Kortrijk to Brugge and **2310** powering P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken. The evening peak produced **2213** on P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Zuid to Gent Sint Pieters, **2507** powering P8511 the 16:07 Schaarbeek to Tournai, **2221** topping P8723 the 16:16 Schaarbeek to Châtelet, **2312** leading P8312 the 16:18 Brussels Zuid to Hasselt, **2325** hauling P8092 the 16:25 Brussels Zuid to Dendermonde, **2323** with P8067 the 16:40 Brussels Zuid to Denderleeuw, **2318** on P8741 the 16:59 Schaarbeek to Binche **2303** powering P8306 the 17:05 Brussels Zuid to Hasselt, **2314** topping P8906 the 17:05 Schaarbeek to Oudenaarde, **2351** heading P8095 the 17:12 Brussels Zuid to Dendermonde, **2503** leading P8010 the 17:32 Schaarbeek to St Niklaas and **2328** at the head of P8307 the 17:34 Brussels Zuid to Hasselt.

### Austria

On Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> **1142628** was noted on IC555 the 08:56 Wien Sud to Graz. Moving on to the 5<sup>th</sup> **1142617** brought home IC745 the 21:00 (on the 4<sup>th</sup>) Maribor to Wien Sud (from Spielfeld), **1142683** headed IC 553 the 06:56 Wien Sud to Graz and **2143067** powered R4716 the 16:04 Graz to Fehring.