

## **February 2010 - EUROPEAN NEWS (Robert Brown)**

### **News to 28th February 2010 (posted on 2nd March 2010)**

#### **Germany**

An act of sabotage has caused Eur100000 worth of damage to 5 of the new delivered Flirt sets at both Freilassing and Berchtesgaden which will delay their expected launch (militant class 185 fans?).

On the 20th February EGP's 212024 was called into action, it was noted assisting 'Taurus' electric ES64U2002 into Lippstadt (Soest) around 13:50 with a cement train from Geseke. (see picture below)



A couple of hours in Faurndau on the 21st was rewarded when at 14:42 152042+152060 passed with a mixed freight heading for Ulm, followed at 14:44 by 101032 running light engine towards Stuttgart, then at 15:31 came 218196+218456 powering IC2013 the 04:37 Leipzig to Oberstdorf followed at 15:36 by 185197 with another mixed freight heading for Ulm, next came 101045 topping EC114 the 08:43 Klagenfurt to Dortmund at 15:41, the at 16:12 HGK 185606+185631+DH701 headed an oil train towards Stuttgart and finally at 16:39, 146217 passed with RE19232 heading between Donauwörth and Mosbach-Neckarelz. Also on the 21st, and has it has a habit of doing, the Sundays only, IC1809 the 14:58 Rostock Hbf to Köln Hbf produced a class 110, on this day 110243 performed the duty. On to the 22nd, 232571 was pressed into passenger action, heading RB16237 the 05:45 Weimar to Altenburg through Göschwitz (Saale) at 06:10. Also on this day MEG112 (Ex DB 298052), wearing it's new yellow and red livery, departed Stendal about 14:30 to take up duties with it's new company. On to the 25th and 232255 was seen at Altenburg on RE3626 the 08:14 to Erfurt. A 'colourful' day was experienced at Hannover on the 26th, first came red, white & blue liveried 101070 with IC2279 the 05:27 Stralsund to Karlsruhe, then blue liveried 120151 on IC2860 the 08:40 Berlin Ostbahnhof to Cologne, followed by silver & blue 101144 with IC2246 the 08:40 Leipzig to Munich, then came blue liveried 101101 with IC2371 the 10:20 Hamburg Hbf to Konstanz and finally black liveried ES64U2061 topping IC1872 the 12:17 Frankfurt Main Hbf to Hamburg Altona.

## Belgium

A look at the Brussels to Amsterdam services on the 22nd February saw (in order of arrival / departure at Brussels) 2839 (186231) heading IC9205 the 07:15 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS, 2832 (186224) on IC9209 the 08:13 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS, 2802 (186124) with IC9213 the 09:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS, 2836 (186228) heading IC9217 the 10:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS, 2838 (186230) powering IC9220 the 07:54 Amsterdam CS to Brussels Midi, 2801 (186123) topping IC9221 the 11:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS, E186120 leading IC9228 the 09:54 Amsterdam CS to Brussels Midi, E186119 with IC9229 the 13:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam CS and 1190 on IC9232 the 10:54 Amsterdam CS to Brussels Midi. Morning peak services noted on the same day included 2353 on P7012 the 06:15 Gent St Pieters to Schaarbeek, 2329 with P7305 the 06:18 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, 2348 topping P7312 the 06:20 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, 1360 leading IC2129 the 06:20 Luxembourg to Brussels Midi, 1334 heading P7402 the 06:43 Welkenraedt to Brussels Midi, 2330 hauling P7092 the 06:45 Dendermonde to Brussels Midi, 2310 & 2343 top 'n' tail with P7724 the 07:00 Chatelet to Schaarbeek, 2312 leading P7307 the 07:17 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, 2354 on P7308 the 07:35 Zottegem to Brussels Midi and 1359 powering IC2108 the 08:33 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg.

## Switzerland

A dip into the RhB on Monday 22nd February found the following locomotives (in number order) at work, 601 train 1941 the 13:34 Scuol-Tarasp to Pontresina, 604 train 1944 the 13:02 Pontresina to Scuol-Tarasp, 605 train 814 the 09:32 Davos Platz to Klosters Dorf, 606 train 815 08:52 Landuart to Davos Platz, 613 RE1220 the 07:38 Scuol-Tarasp to Disentis/Muster, 615 RE1032 the 11:02 Davos Platz to Chur, 616 RE1225 the 06:45 Disentis/Muster to Scuol-Tarasp, 618 train 1936 the 12:34 Scuol-Tarasp to Pontresina, 619 RE1240 the 12:40 Scuol-Tarasp to Disentis/Muster, 621 RE1224 the 08:40 Scuol-Tarasp to Disentis/Muster, 622 RE1253 the 13:45 Disentis/Muster to Scuol-Tarasp, 626 train 1460 the 17:48 - Arosa to Chur, 627 train 1461 the 18:08 Chur to Arosa, 629 RE1236 the 11:40 Scuol-Tarasp to Disentis/Muster, 630 RE1037 the 11:47 Landquart to Davos Platz, 631 RE1237 the 09:45 Disentis/Muster to Scuol-Tarasp, 642 RE1161 the 17:58 Chur to St Moritz, 648 train 831 the 08:47 Landquart to Davos Platz, 649 RE1024 the 09:02 Davos Platz to Chur and 652 RE1241 the 11:45 Disentis/Muster to Scuol-Tarasp. On the 23rd 425181 worked RE3115 the 09:08 Interlaken Ost to Zweisimmen. Sighting from Tuesday 23rd included 11144 on RE3803 the 06:03 St Gallen to Chur, 11201 did RE3820 the 08:22 Chur to St Gallen, 11212 headed EC163 the 08:40 Zurich Hbf to Wien Westbf (To Buchs SG), 11109 leading RE3809 the 09:03 St Gallen to Chur, 11226 hauling RE3822 the 09:22 St Gallen to Chur, 11200 topping EC6 the 11:16 Chur to Hamburg Altona to Zurich Hbf, where it gave way to 11215, 11111 on IR2024 the 12:58 Zurich Hbf to Bern (Ertzzug), 11140 powering R4787 the 17:07 Brig to Domodossola and 11118 leading EN464 the 22:28 Graz Hbf to Zurich Hbf (From Buchs SG) with 11138 'dead in transit'. On the 24th 421390 worked EC191 the 07:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf, 11294 did IR2155 the 08:16 Bellinzona to Locarno and was seen again later with IR2178 the 11:45 Locarno to Basel SBB (from Luzern), 421374 did EC193 the 09:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf and 11212+11278 worked IR2192 the 17:45 Locarno to Basel SBB (from Luzern)

## Austria

Two of the recently 'switched off' class 1014 electrics have found employment recently, 1014003+1014014 have, from the 9th February, been touring the system with a gauging train, being noted in several places. Some of the rest are not so lucky however and have been moved to a non-electrified sidings close to Vienna South station. The locos, (in order) 1014005+1014013+1014016+1014007+1014011+1014004+1014002, are totally in the open and unprotected and already attracting the attention of the local graffiti artists!

## France

The second weekend of the ski season produced further additional services. Those seen are as follows 67408+67558 on train 5791 the 19:22 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon from Valence, 67482+67475 on train 5793 the 20:21 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon again from Valence, 67480+67358 on train 5799 the 22:05 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon, this should have been between Valence and Briançon but 67480 failed between L'Argentière and Briançon. 67358 propelled back to L'Argentière and was assisted to Briançon by 67320+67370, 67544+67506 heading train 5897 the 21:36 Paris

Austerlitz to Briançon, from Valence, 67402+67504 powering train 15893 the 22:30 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon Valence to Gap, where 67504 failed and was replaced by 67330 for the remainder of the run to Briançon and 67492+67361 did 5899 the 23:35 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon, again from Valence.

## Portugal

CP have signed an agreement with RENFE for the 5 year hire of 17 class 592 regional 3-car DMUs, with 10 to be introduced this year and the remaining 7 next year. 6 will have a full overhaul before being sent to Porto for driver and fitter training, as well as Convel and radio solo fitting, presumably. No indication of what the overhaul work will include (repainting in CP livery for example) or where the units will be deployed

## Poland

Approximately 20Km from the German boarder city of Frankfurt (Oder) is Rzepin and an hour on the station between 13:00 and 14:00 on the 22nd February found, at 13:05, STK 112115 heading into Poland with containers, diesel SU45246 heading towards Germany light at 13:10, closely followed, at 13:16, by diesel SU45064 heading RB5832 the 10:45 Pozan GL to Frankfurt (Oder) and finally at 13:55 PKP cargo electric EU43005 passed, heading further into Poland with an empty car train.

## Luxembourg

Diesel 1604 returned home on Sunday the 21st February after completion of her overhaul in Hagen. Also on the 21st electric 4010 was seen passing Köln West at 13:50 with a steel train, you don't get these this far into Germany too often! (see below)



## News to 21st February 2010 (posted on 24th February 2010)

### Germany

As predicted **218214** was put into store on the 13<sup>th</sup> February, **218311** has replaced **218190** as snow lok at Bestwig and **218217** is presently to enter preservation and will be moved to the museum at

Koblenz Lutzel where she will be restored to her old TEE livery. Ex CityBahn lok **218137** is also to go to the same museum, though she is to remain in traffic at Trier until her ticket expires.

Sightings from the 14<sup>th</sup> included **110284** heading IC2046 the 08:40 Leipzig to Köln, **182517** topping IC2682 the 11:54 Hamm to Bonn with **182501** 'dead' on the rear and **182572** powering IC1808 the 15:39 Köln to Westerland. Moving on two days, the 16<sup>th</sup> produced **115278** working RE30008 the 06:23 Freilassing to München Hbf, **120105** heading IC2152 the 08:31 Berlin Gesundbrunnen to Erfurt, **101008** topping IC2870 the 08:54 Dresden Hbf to Frankfurt, **110410** leading RB15220 the 14:11 Aschaffenburg to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf and **110431** powering RB15792 the 19:01 Frankfurt(Main) Hbf to Geißen. BUT it looks like **140024** worked R32557 the 06:32 from Landshut in to München Hbf which, if confirmed, is a massive working! On the 17<sup>th</sup> fresh from it's recent overhaul diesel **233511** arrived at Sprewitz at the head of train 61647 the 09:37 (16/02) from Königs Wusterhausen.

On the 18<sup>th</sup>, during a session photographing freight around Leipzig West a 'lok train' headed by **V1002209 (Ex DB 212009)** passed hauling Wismut operated diesels (in order) **V300001 (Ex DB 232404) + V300003 (Ex DB 232684) + V300002 (Ex DB232405) + V300004 (Ex DB 232429)**, the whole lot being captured on camera (see below).



Also on the 18<sup>th</sup> IC2354 the 14:30 Berlin Gesundbrunnen to Dortmund departed behind **120111** (top) and **101034** (tail). On to the 19<sup>th</sup> and MRCE electrics noted in action were **182526** with IC60419 the 04:35 Stuttgart to München, **182536** on IC1884 the 11:02 Passau to Hamburg Altona, **182501+182517** heading IC2862 the 11:54 Hamm to Bonn, **182561** leading IC1872 the 12:17 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Hamburg Altona, **182572** topping IC1807 the 12:56 Flensburg to Köln and **182530** powering IC2246 the 18:58 Stuttgart to München. Also on this day **101034** was noted heading IC2355 the 06:42 Dortmund to Ostseebad Binz, losing the assistance of **120111** which it assisted with the previous days IC2354 and a session at Hohen-Neuendorf West (on the Berlin freight bypass line) produced an abundance of interesting traction, first, at 15:54, came **202484+202327** heading oil tanks towards Henningsdorf, this was followed, at 16:19, by **ES64U2002+212024** heading in the same direction with cement wagons and, at 16:36, came ITL operated **185548** with another oil train again heading towards Henningsdorf. Two class 110 electrics noted out on Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> were

**110431** on RE4513 the 10:08 Fulda to Frankfurt Hbf and **110441** with RB15456 the 12:21 Heidelberg Hbf to Frankfurt Hbf.

## Belgium

The recent fatal collision, so adequately covered on all the news channels this week, involved IC1707 the 07:13 Quiévrain to Liège Guillemens, pushed along by **2111** and IC3678 the 07:23 Leuven to Braine-le-Comte consisting of EMU's **214+641+705+736**. As can be seen from the news pictures **214** is considerably damaged as is the DVT on **2111**s set.

## Switzerland

On the 15<sup>th</sup> February **421374** worked EC191 the 07:16 Zürich to München and **421372** did EC193 the 09:16 Zürich to München.

## Austria

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February **2068017** was noted heading 'pick up goods' train 75585 out of Zollfeld heading for nearby St.Veit a.d.Glan around midday. Same day one of OBB's 'old timers' stretched it's legs when **1042007** was noted heading an unidentified freight in St.Veit a.d.Glan West, then, the following day, it was seen headed freight train G55054 from Villach to Vienna, it is pictured below passing Kärnten on the 17<sup>th</sup> heading the afore mentioned freight.



Noted in action on the 19<sup>th</sup> February were **1016001+1116085** heading OEC564 the 11:20 Wien West to Bregenz, **1016029+1016010** powering OEC566 the 13:20 Wien West to Bregenz, **1144247** with IC518 the 13:38 Graz Hbf to Innsbruck Hbf and **1216007** topping IC749 the 21:07 Innsbruck Hbf to Salzburg Hbf.

## France

On the 15<sup>th</sup> Fret allocated **67598** worked the 17:18 Amiens to St Quentin, returning with the 18:41 St Quentin to Amiens. The annual ski trains to Briançon continue to produce work for the class 674XX diesels with the 19<sup>th</sup> producing **67405+67431** on train 5791 the 19:22 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon from Valence, unfortunately they failed at Livron and after a delay of over two hours were replaced by **67475+67427**, **67316+67365** with train 5893 the 19:37 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon, from Valence,

**67358+67360** heading train 5793 the 20:21 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon, from Valence, **67408+67435** hauling train 5799 the 22:05 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon, also from Valence, **67485+67492** (both Fret allocated) heading train 5897 the 21:36 Paris Austerlitz to Gap again from Valence, **67503+67527** (both Fret) topping train 15893 the 22:30 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon once again from Valence and finally **67465+67535** (again both Fret and again from Valence) on train 5899 the 23:35 Paris Austerlitz to Briançon.

## Luxembourg

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February **4016** worked IC337 the 14:24 Luxembourg to Emdenas far as Trier topping a dead **DB 181215**, however it must have been only a minor problem as **181215** worked forward to Koblenz, arriving at 16:35 and the back to Luxembourg on IC332 the 11:36 Norddeich Mole to Luxembourg, which departed Koblez at 17:23.

## Holland

Noted heading through Utrecht Central station on the 15<sup>th</sup> was **1615** hauling just one coach, forming train 60038 from Venlo to Amersfoort.

## Portugal

The recent return to traffic of **1450**, with an overhaul date of January 2010 prompted a survey of the remaining members of the class the findings suggest that there are 8 allocated to Carga at Contumil, namely **1404/12/22/31/35/37/44/66**, 8 allocated to Carga at Entroncamento namely **1408/29/47/55/61/62/63/65** and 5 at Poceirao **1411/15/28/50/56** additionally stored, or withdrawn are **1402** (Collision) **1406** (Collision) **1414** (stopped 03/06) **1416** (collision) **1419** (stopped 03/06) **1424** (stopped 10/09) **1426/32/36/38/54** (sold to Argentina) **1434** (stripped) **1446** (stopped 12/08) **1451** (stopped 02/03) **1452** (collision) **1453** (stopped 02/04) **1458** (collision) **1459/60** (stripped). A few notes on the above are: **1404/12/37/50/66** now have LED lights, **1404** retains vacuum pipes at each end after its recent overhaul (whether the vacuum is serviceable, who knows?) and **1434** (stripped at Barreiro) has a bent frame caused by the collision at Vilar Formoso that gave **1416** its droopy nose.

## News to 7th February 2010 (posted on 16th February 2010)

### Germany

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February saw silver liveried **101144** arrive at Bitterfeld on time heading IC2353 the 06:59 Kassel-Wilhelmshöhe to Stralsund, hauling just load 5, the same train on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> employed **101141**, this time with load 7. Also noted on the 6<sup>th</sup> were **218455** which did the 07:48 Hanover to Goslar, **218452** which worked the 08:59 Goslar to Hanover, **111158** headed the 16:25 Moenchengladbach to Venlo, **143611** did the 18:54 S8 Moenchengladbach to Düsseldorf and **120132** worked CNL40447 the 22:02 Düsseldorf to Flensburg 06:36 to Hanover where **120118** took over. While on Sunday, **143557** did the 07:10 Flensburg to Juebeck, **112180** headed the 13:10 Elmshorn to Neumuenster, **112149** worked the 13:42 Neumuenster to Wrist, **112153** hauled the 14:02 Wrist to Kiel and **112142** turned out for the 17:10 Luebeck to Hamburg. Same day Westerland held **218313/314/341/344/359/363/371/372/381/385/386/397** and car train DGS 93198 from Guben to Aachen West, was noted passing Lippstadt at 12:02 headed by RAN operated **185574**, not unusual in it's self, but for some reason diesel shunter **V60001** was attached to the rear! Aachen was the place to be on the 8<sup>th</sup> February for class 110 electrics with four arriving during the evening namely RE11592 the 15:30 ex Dusseldorf (arriving at 16:56) with **110373** at it's head, RE11596, the 17:30 ex Dusseldorf came next at 18:56 headed by **110497**, then RE11598 the 18:44 ex Dusseldorf arrived at 20:13 hauled by **110494** and finally RE10432 the 19:09 ex Dortmund arrived at 21:45 powered by **110457**. Moving on to the 9<sup>th</sup> now and passing Althegnenberg in quick succession were **101101** leading EC319 the 12:20 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Graz and **101047** hauling IC2206 the 15:29 München Hbf to Nürnberg Hbf. The following day **218333+218399** were moved from Magdeburg-Buckau to Lübeck to help out in the current DMU crisis. On the 12<sup>th</sup> February **203117(ex DB202486)+203119(ex DB 202716)** were noted passing Alberthafen, Dresden with a coal train just after midday.

## Belgium

A visit to the preservation site at Raeren on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February found the place locked but SNCB electric **1803**, diesel **5178 8051 9108/26** (+1 unidentified) and NS diesel **2424** (+1 unidentified) were all visible outside (see picture below).



The Brussels morning peak on the 8<sup>th</sup> February produced **2354** on P7351 the 06:14 Landen to Brussels Midi, **2303** with P7312 the 06:20 Hasselt to Brussels Zuid, **2359** heading P7741 the 06:41 Binche to Schaarbeek, **2320** hauling P7092 the 06:46 Dendermonde to Brussels Zuid, **2341+2319** topping P7724 the 07:00 Châtelet to Schaarbeek, **2321** leading P7514 the 07:04 Tournai to Schaarbeek, **2323** with P7094 the 07:15 Dendermonde to Brussels Zuid, **2313** powering P7010 the 07:19 St. Niklaas to Schaarbeek and **2312** on P7308 the 07:35 Tongeren to Brussels Midi with **2368** 'dead' on the rear.

## Switzerland

Electric **420510** (ex **11104**), only withdrawn at the end of last year, has been sent for scrap. I think this is the first member of the class to be sent for scrap other than for accident damage, it was towed to the site of the company Schnyder AG, Emmen on the 4<sup>th</sup> February.

## Austria

Noted in Vienna over the weekend of 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> February were two ex DB electrification units, carrying the UIC numbers **99801701038-5** (Ex DB **701038**) and **99801701157-3** (Ex DB **701157**) these were on their way from Wiesbaden, in Germany, to Turkey. On the 9<sup>th</sup> February EC112 the 10:31 Klagenfurt to Siegen departed behind **1016021** with **1016038** bringing up the rear. Also on the 9<sup>th</sup> **1116250** was noted passing Kalsdorf at around 15:10 heading towards Graz hauling freight in the path of train TEC43932. Another of the special liveried OBB electrics, this time **1116007**, in 'SOS Kinderdorf' was noted passing through Regensburg heading Audi car train 47120 between Wels (Austria) and Nuremberg (Germany) on the 10<sup>th</sup> February (see picture below).



On the 11<sup>th</sup> February **1116003** departed St. Veit an der Glan on time at 18:10 heading EC103 the 06:33 Warszawa Wschodnia to Villach Hbf.

## France

In early February Thionville's **16762** at last succumbed to the inevitability of her fate, this leaves Lens as sole operating depot for 16500 with 22 still in service on TER services in Nord-Pas-de Calais and Picardie.

## Italy

The boarder (with Austria) station of Tarvisio Bescoverde sees an interesting overnight loco change, this was observed in the early hours of the 8<sup>th</sup> February when electric **E402022** arrived at 00:05 with EN236 the 21:05 Venezia St Lucia to Wein Westbahnhof, giving way to **OBB 1116029** then waiting until **OBB 1044059** arrived at 00:29 with EN235 the 19:30 Wein Meidling to Roma Termini and taking charge of that train.

## News to 7th February 2010 (posted on 9th February 2010)

### Germany

Confirmed electric stock changes for January are: withdrawn, **110322/380 115302/323/327/331/355 140809/854 143054/063/197/325/587/916 151121/162 155228** Reinstated, **140808/831/855 185042/045/046/048/049** note **143063/916** were reinstated early in January, they are now Z status again hence them only appearing in the withdrawn list.

On the last day of January DSO reported that IC1919 the 13:38 Leipzig to Köln was worked by **120118**, IC1818 the 13:39 Köln to Hamburg had **110325** at the helm, IC2880 the 13:54 Hamm to Köln was powered by **110210** and IC1808 the 15:39 Köln to Westerland employed MRCE **182572**. Good news for a change was the sighting of **233127** at Berlin Seddin on the 2<sup>nd</sup> February, freshly overhauled and carrying 02/02/10 as it's overhaul date! On the 3<sup>rd</sup> February **233264** was noted leaving Cruxhaven around noon, heading a cat train bound for Hamburg (Unterelbe). An interesting working from the 4<sup>th</sup> February found **218832** heading RE14322 the 05:40 Bad Harzburg to Hannover. Moving on to the 4<sup>th</sup> February, highlights were **110373** on RE11594 the 16:44 Düsseldorf to Aachen Hbf, **218832** powering RE14316 the 20:45 Bad Harzburg to Hannover Hbf and **218452** with RE14317 the 21:48 Hannover Hbf to Goslar. More 'run of the mill' were the sightings of **101128** heading IC2212 the 06:06 Koblenz to Ostseebad and **101129** with IC2377 the 12:29 Ostseebad Binz to Karlsruhe. On the 5<sup>th</sup> IC1807 the 12:56 Flensburg to Köln, departed Flensburg 'on time' headed by MRCE hired **ES64U2072**. On the 6<sup>th</sup> February, due to the un-availability of the booked traction (**199158 & 52 8079**), **MEG 302** (Ex DB **229173**) worked the Berlin Schöneweide to Cranzahl via Chemnitz railtour throughout.

### Belgium

On Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February **2626+2611** headed IR3937 the 15:41 Louvain-La-Neuve - Université to Binche, 2626 is the 24<sup>th</sup> member of the class to have been viewed on these trains, but IR3916 the 16:20, Binche to Louvain-La-Neuve – Université produced EMU **248+829+826**, so 2<sup>nd</sup> 26 diagram still not producing yet. Other 'oldies' & peak hour action from this day included **2835** on IC9237 the 15:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam, **2306** with P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Midi to Gent-Sint-Pieters, **2002** heading P8600 the 15:54 Brussels Midi to Jemelle, **2371** topping P8092 the 16:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde, **1190** powering P8969 the 16:12 Brussels Midi to Zottegem, **1359** leading IC2116 the 16:33 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg, **2365** hauling P8067 the 16:39 Brussels Midi to Denderleeuw, **2312** on P8306 the 17:06 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2349** with P8095 the 17:07 Brussel Midi to Dendermonde, **1344** powering P8402 the 17:15 Brussels Midi to Welkenraedt, **2353+2352** (amazingly) on IC2117 1733 Brussel Zuid-Luxembourg and **2368** with P8307 the 17:34 Brussels Midi to Hasselt. The following day **2329** did P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Noorderdokken and **2344** worked P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Noorderdokken. From the 4<sup>th</sup> came **2611+2626** on IR3906 the 06:20 Binche to Louvain-La-Neuve – Université, **2377** with P8280 the 16:12 Antwerp Haven to Aarschot, **2344** heading P8215 the 16:36 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot and **2363** powering P8281 the 17:07 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot.

### Switzerland

Freight locomotives working passenger on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February included **421371** heading EC191 the 07:16 Zürich to München Hbf as far as Lidau, 421389 powering EC193 the 07:16 Zürich to München Hbf, again to Lidau and **11241+11228** on EN221 the 20:33 Paris-Bercy to Venezia St Lucia, through Switzerland. Sightings from Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> included **11224** on the 06:11 Chiasso to Zurich, **11139** on the 08:16 Chur to Basel (ex Zurich), **11181** on the 08:47 Basel to Chur (ex Basel), **421371** with the 09:16 Zurich to Munich, **11202** heading the 10:06 Zurich to Feldkirch (ex Zurich), **11118** did the 10:09 Zurich to Locarno and **11157** worked the 10:47 Basel to Chur (ex Basel). On the 7<sup>th</sup> Cargo lok **11296** worked RE3807 the 08:03 St Gallen to Chur.

### Austria

Rail Cargo Austria is expanding towards the east, not only is it active in Hungary, recently the company also got safety certificates for running services in Slovenia, Rumania and Bulgaria. In Bulgaria, RCA will use Taurus electrics **1116021-1116025**. Below is **1116023** pictured shortly after it's arrival in Sofia, revenue earning services are expected to start soon.



On the 6<sup>th</sup> February DB's **113268** departed on time with IC1280 the 08:39 Zell am See to München Hbf and it was seen again the following day leaving the same place with IC1284 the 09:50 Schwarzach St Veit to Flensburg

## France

Some recent stock changes, courtesy of Trains du Sud-Ouest website, withdrawn **8607 9245 9335 16106 17007 25192/256/656 66099/130 67318/577 72061/064** transferred between Activities **67548** TER Auvergne to Infra, transferred between depots (no change in activity) Lens to Marseille **22203/212** Villeneuve to Avignon **26133** Lens to Thionville **27001/002/003/004/005** Chambéry to Tours St. Pierre **67301/357** Tours St. Pierre to Bordeaux **66284 67421/436** Nevers to Bordeaux **67502** Longueau to Bordeaux **66227** Sotteville to Bordeaux **66199/206/234/237/240 66241/244/245/266/302/310/312** Chalindrey to Dijon **69409/427/433/443/446/447/448/451/452/458/464/475/476, 69483/486/489/499** Chalindrey to Thionville **69410/413/414/415/418/422/424/428/430/431/436/437/438/439/440, 69441/444/454/461/472/477/478/482/484/485/487/490/491/492/493/494/495/505/506**

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February **9326** did train 872705 the 12:05 Toulouse-Matabiau to Tarbes and **67619** headed train 870059 the 12:05 Carmaux to Toulouse Matabiau. On to the 5<sup>th</sup> February and **67563+67594** worked train 2015 the 10:07 Paris Nord to Boulogne (from Amiens), returning with train 2036 the 15:36 Boulogne to Paris Nord (again to Amiens).

## Holland

Noted at Kijfhoek yard on the 4<sup>th</sup> February were ACTS operated **1621 & 6705** (pictured below) both awaiting 'reallocation', whatever that means!