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Germany

Workings in and out of München (Munich) from the 5th February included **223065+223062** heading ALX84141 the 04:46 Kempten to Munchen Hbf, **218457** topping RE57441 the 05:42 Kempten to Munchen Hbf, **218488** powering RE57402 the 05:51 Munchen Hbf to Memmingen, **218454** with RE57404 the 06:19 Munich Hbf to Memmingen, **218459** on RE57405 the 06:35 Memmingen to Munich Hbf, **223062** hauling ALX84142 the 06:51 Munich Hbf to Lindau and **111021** heading RE59507 the 07:32 Munich Hbf to Mittenwald. The following day **218490** did RE57439 the 05:34 Buchloe to Munchen Hbf, **218485** worked RE57441 the 05:42 Kempten to Munchen Hbf, **218464** powered RE57400 the 05:51 Munchen Hbf to Memmingen, **218360** topped RE57404 the 06:19 Munchen Hbf to Buchloe, **111022** headed RB5409 the 06:30 Munchen Hbf to Innsbruck, **218462** worked RE57405 the 06:35 Memmingen to Munchen Hbf, **223062** hauled ALX 84142 the 06:51 Munchen Hbf to Lindau and 111017 did RE59507 the 07:32 Munchen Hbf to Mittenwald. Moving on to the 11th Feb now and **103245** worked IC2094 the 16:48 Munchen to Ulm with just load 3! Moving on to the 15th now and **218432+218491** paired up on IC2013 the 06:01 Magdeburg to Obertsdorf, **218492** topped RE57419 the 16:36 Memmingen to Munchen Hbf, **218356** hauled RB27069 the 19:07 Munchen Hbf to Muhlendorf, **218404** and **218463** Top 'n' tailed RB27070 the 19:54 Munchen Hbf to Muhlendorf and **101128** & **101084** also appeared top 'n' tail with RE4046 the 20:04 Munchen Hbf to Ingolstadt Hbf.

Austria

Sightings from Wednesday the 2nd February included **1144104** with REX5372 the 05:46 Kufstein to Innsbruck, **1144100** topping REX5300 the 06:13 Kufstein to Innsbruck, **1144029** leading REX5363 the 06:13 Landeck to Innsbruck, **1144072** hauling REX5365 the 06:26 Landeck to Innsbruck, **1144095** powering REX5374 the 06:43 Kufstein to Innsbruck, **1044025** working IC693 the 06:46 Klagenfurt to Salzburg, **1144269** headed IC512 the 09:19 Selzthal to Bischofshofen, **1144256** did IC542 the 10:15 Salzburg to Innsbruck, **1044059** hauled IC512 the 10:57 Bischofshofen to Salzburg, **1144102** topped REX1508 the 13:10 Salzburg to Worgl and **1144205** powered IC963 the 21:06 Innsbruck to Salzburg. Diesel haulage around (Wien) Vienna from the 7th included **2016032** on REX2517 the 12:46 Bratislava to Wien Ost, **2016011** topping R2576 the 13:59 Wien Ost to Marchegg, **2016040+2016035** powering REX2791 the 15:59 Wien Meidling to Oberwart and **2016027** with REX2719 the 17:29 Wien Meidling to Fehring.

Belgium

Noted passing Montzen yard at 11:00 on the 6th February was **2820** while still stored in the yard are **5102/03/10/25/36/38/41/43/52/54/56/57/58/62/68/73/77/81 6271/98** further stored ;locomotives are at Stockem, namely **5301/05/11/18/20 5401/03/07 7336/76/77/81/84/86/88/89/90/92**. Same day a full visit to Ronet Depot found **1312/15/32 2303/04/72 6215/16/19 7837** and **CFL3004**. The following day **2343** did P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Lutchbal and **2314** headed P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Lutchbal.

France

Sunday 6th February found **67301** heading D13034 the 16:51 Tours (St Pierre de Corps) to Caen while the following day **67338** worked in the opposite direction on D13020 the 08:32 Caen to Tours. Further loco haulage around Orléans from the 7th February included **26032** on D14039 the 09:22 Paris Austerlitz to Tours, **7204** with D14041 the 10:48 Paris Austerlitz to Tours (from Orléans), **7269** heading D14045 the 12:37 Paris Austerlitz to Tours, **26014** leading D14060 the 12:31 Tours to Paris Austerlitz, **26032** D14066 the 14:59 Tours to Paris Austerlitz as far as Orléans where **26016** took charge, **7394** powered D14051 the 15:48 Paris Austerlitz to Tours, **26032** working RE60011 the 17:27 Orléans to Nantes, **26007** started D14055 the 16.32 Paris Austerlitz Tours which it did to Orléans giving way to **7203**, **7316** hauled RE60511 the 16:28 Paris Austerlitz to Orléans, **26018** D14057 the 17:05 Paris Austerlitz to Blois as far as Orléans, where it gave way to **7324**, **7242** topping D3913 the 17:16 Paris Austerlitz to Bourges, **7275** on RE60513 the 17:20 Paris Austerlitz to Orléans, **26014** with D14059 the 17:35 Paris Austerlitz to Tours and **7306** powering D14061 the 18:05 Paris Austerlitz to

Tours into Orléans where **26018** took over. On the 14th **16759** was withdrawn at Lens on following a unspecified problem, there are just 3 remaining in service now **16641/651/761**. Working from this day included **22334** with the 07:18 Toulouse to Paris Austerlitz **7391** leading the 11:15 Le Mans to Paris Montparnasse, **7219** with the 16:24 Paris Montparnasse to Le Mans and **7263** topping the 13:49 Limoges to Paris Austerlitz. Tuesday the 15th found **25690** on the 17:00 Rennes to St. Malo and the 18:20 return while the 16th saw **25689** power the 06:46 Laval to Rennes then the 07:45 Rennes to Redon.

Switzerland

Workings from the 1st day of February included **11193** on IR2282 the 12:45 Locarno to Zurich, **11210** with IR1783 the 15:47 Basel to Zurich, **11204** heading IR2279 the 16:09 Zurich to Locarno, **11139** powering S19068 the 16:40 Zurich to Muri, **11108** hauling RE3532 the 17:15 Zurich to Aarau and SOB **446015** leading S18051 the 17:20 Zurich Altstetten to Einsiedeln. Moving on to Tuesday 8th February, noted in action were **11132** on EN466 the 06:10 Buchs to Zurich, **11229** with IR3508 the 06:21 Luzern to Zurich, **11133** topping RE2623 the 10:21 Geneve to Lausanne, **11223** heading RE2614 the 10:48 Lausanne to Geneve and **11158** in charge of RE2625 the 11:21 Geneve to Lausanne. Noted on the 14th was cargo liveried **420186** on IC186 the 13:10 Zurich to Stuttgart, which it worked to Singen.

Holland

The class 1800 electrics were still around on the 13th February with **1844** on IC14556 the 16:50 Amsterdam to Enkhuizen, **1846** on IC14558 the 17:20 Amsterdam to Enkhuizen and **1851** on IC14560 the 17:50 Amsterdam to Enkhuizen all being noted.

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Germany

There was a head-on collision involving a HEX train and a privately operated freight train, run by Peine-Salzgitter, at Hordorf, south of Oschersleben late on the night of the 29th January. Sadly, at least 10 people are believed to have been killed.

The trains crashed in heavy fog late Saturday on a single-line track near the eastern German village of Hordorf, close to Saxony-Anhalt's state capital Magdeburg, vaulting the passenger train from the track and tipping it onto its side. The front rows of the first passenger compartment were crushed and several seats lay outside the train. Both trains caught fire, but most of the dead were killed on impact, police said. This crash is one of the worst in DB's history. The passenger train operated by Harze Elbe Express was on its way from Magdeburg to Halberstadt with about 50 passengers aboard, moving at a speed of 62 mph (100 kph), when it crashed with the cargo train, which was going 50 mph (80 kph). Working from the 30th January included **232498** with EC178 the 06:31 Praha hl.n. to Szczecin Główny, which it took over at Angermünde leaving at 12:51 where **232534** was parked up and **229147** ran through light engine. 218431 leading RB21915 the 09:03 Flensburg to Kiel returning on RB21910 the 10:42 Kiel to Flensburg and V12 engine 'monster' **232413** powered RE3625 the 1148 Erfurt to Altenburg.

Austria

Seen on the 24th January were **1142624** heading IC257 the 12:02 Wien Meidling to Maribor, **1116142** topping IC751 the 18:02 Wien Meidling to Graz, MAV Cargo liveried **1116016** topping EN466 the 19:10 Budapest Keleti to Wien West and **1144005** hauling IC944 the 20:40 Wien West to Salzburg/Venezia. Over at St Pölten on the 26th January, narrow gauge diesels **2095007** and **2095009** were seen 'on shed' while **1099011** did R6804 the 11:50 Mariazell to St Pölten Hbf, **1099014** hauled R6813 the 13:34 St Pölten Hbf to Mariazell and **1099001** topped R6835 the 14:34 St Pölten Hbf to Laubenbachmühle.

Belgium

Sightings from the 25th January included **2142** on IC517 the 11.42 Oostende to Eupen, which was 25mins late at Verviers, **2004** topping IC8600 the 15.54 Bruxelles Midi to Luxembourg, **2003** powering IC8602 the 16.12 Bruxelles Midi to Jemelle and **2002** on IC295 the 17:15 Bruxelles Midi to Basel

SNCF (to Luxembourg). A major flap happened at Brussels on the 28th January when the 15:24 Bruxelles Midi to Maastricht rolled in to Midi 45mins late with diesel **7746** on top of **1353**. It looked like the 77 had been provided to put some air into 13s system and hence get pans up. A further 20mins lapsed before 'the man with the golden gloves' turned up and the 77 was removed. Noted on the 4th February were **2630**(top)+**2627**(tail) on IR3927 the 05:41 Louvain-La-Neuve Université to Binche and **2618**(top)+**2605**(tail) with IR3916 the 16:16 Binche to Louvain-La-Neuve Université.

France

Unusually on the 20th January **72074** headed train 1741 the 18:11 Paris Est to Culmont Chialindrey, normality being restored with **72160** on train 1049 the 18:41 Paris Est to Mulhouse. Diesel **67590** was seen on the Belgian cross border runs on the 25th January, it was noted on 16:22 Lille to Mouscron, which then formed the 16:55 Mouscron to Lille. Diesel **67465** was badly damaged in a incident at a level crossing on 26th January, a (wide load) lorry, which was allegedly taking a 'rat run' route to avoid Balbigny town centre, got stuck on a level crossing on the St Etienne to Roanne line.

Switzerland

A 'definitive statement' from RhB was made public on the 1st February and it read 'the Ge4/4I, **602-610** will be withdrawn at the end of MAY 2011,' you have been warned. A/e 6/6 electric **11405** is confirmed as being used for parts by SBB Historic. It will then go to Emmenbrucke. Tuesday the 25th found **11140** heading EN466 the 06:10 Buchs to Zurich, **11151** leading RE2623 the 10:21 Geneve to Lausanne, **11129** powering RE2614 the 10:48 Lausanne to Geneve and **11223** hauling RE2625 the 11:21 Geneve to Lausanne. On the 26th **11416** and **11468** became the latest arrivals at Emmenbrucke. R/e 4/4 workings from the 27th January included **11303** on IC181 the 05:56 Frankfurt to Zurich (ex Singen), **11135** with IR2170 the 07:11 Chiasso to Basel (ex Luzern), **11118** heading IC768 the 09:00 Zurich to Basel, **11216** hauling IC282 the 09:10 Zurich to Stuttgart (ex Zurich), **421391** leading EC193 the 09:16 Zurich to Munich, **11195** powering EC100 the 09:16 Chur to Hamburg Altona out of Zurich, **11128** on IR2416 10:34 Romanshorn to Luzern, **11134** with IC280 the 11:10 Zurich to Stuttgart (ex Zurich), **11125** heading IR2173 the 12:03 Basel to Locarno out of Basel, giving way to **11220** at Luzern, **11197** topping IR2177 14:03 Basel to Locarno (ex Luzern), **11193** powering IR2286 14:45 Locarno to Zurich, **11155** on IR1784 the 18:08 Zurich to Basel and **11131** with IR2283 the 18:09 Zurich to Chiasso. Seen out on the 28th January were **11220** IR2166 the 06:06 Bellinzona to Basel SBB which it took over at Luzern, **11156** with IC768 the 09:00 Zürich HB to Basel SBB and **11195** leading IR2169 the 10:03 Basel to Locarno out of Basel. The 1st February saw **11429** and **11450** arrive at Emmenbrucke with **11484** is expected to be next.

Portugal

On the 29th January ex-Poçoirão **1428** was the Carga pilot at Sta Apolonia, so I assume it has moved to Entroncamento. It still carries the graffitti which it received in 2007, meanwhile **1408/11/57** were the passenger pilots. Same day ex-Contumil **1446** was stabled at Poçoirão, along with **1424/62**. Members of the 5600 class of electrics seen in action around Lisboa on the 1st February were **5617** on IC620 the 08:52 Lisboa Santa Apolonia to Porto Campanha, **5607** with IC522 the 10:52 Porto Campanha to Lisboa Santa Apolonia, **5612** heading IC525 the 11:30 Lisboa Santa Apolonia to Porto Campanha, **5618** topping IC524 the 12:52 Porto Campanha to Lisboa Santa Apolonia, **5614** leading IC512 13:22 Guarda to Lisboa Santa Apolonia, **5615** with IC513 the 13:30 Lisboa Santa Apolonia to Guarda, **5609** on IC542 the 15:00 Covilha to Lisboa Santa Apolonia and **5610** powering IC527 the 15:30 Lisboa Santa Apolonia to Porto Campanha.

Private Owner

The 24th January saw a colourful pairing working an engineers train between Leipzig Airport and the HBF, when MTEG's orange liveried **293023** (ex DB **298323**) was paired with WSET's Green & red liveried **202237**. GKB workings around Graz from the 21st January included **2015004** on train 8567 the 16:17 Graz to Wies Eibiswald and **2015002** powering train 8431 the 20:03 Graz to Köflach. The same two locomotives were noted working on Monday 24th January this time **2015002** headed train 8410 the 06:21 Köflach to Graz and **2015004** worked train 8554 the 06:03 Wies Eibiswald to Graz.



A bit of a 'warship' fest now, first **V270.09** (ex DB **221121**) was noted in Hamburg Harburg yard looking very smart in it's silver / gray livery, on 1st February where it was photographed by Phil Jones (above) and then on the 2nd February RTS operated **221105** put in an appearance at Hannover (below) with Phil in attendance once again, lucky chap!



Holland

Observations of hauled workings from the 30th January included **1763** heading IC3639 the 10:18 Zwolle to Roosendaal, **1767** leading IC3641 the 10:48 Zwolle to Roosendaal, **1727** topping NV4885 the 14:27 Amsterdam Central to Uitgeest, **1781** at the head of IC146 the 14:44 Bad Bentheim to Amsterdam Schipol, **1710** with IC5459 14:44 Amsterdam Central to Zandvoort aan Zee, **1722** on RE4651 14:48 Amsterdam Central to Almere Oostvaarders, **1741** working IC241 the 16:49 Amsterdam Schipol to Bad Bentheim and **1703** powering NV5663 the 17:50 Utrecht Central to Zwolle.

A line of stored class 1800 electrics has formed East of Amsterdam Central station, they appear to be in one line containing at least **1823/27/28/29/30/31/33/34/36/37/40/48/54**.