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Above: SBB A/e 6/6 Electric locomotive 11407, recently secured for preservation (see European News below) outside Olten Depot on 12th July 2009

News to 26th July 2009 (added on 1st August 2009)

Germany

In early July, DB Schenker took delivery of **203658 (202658)** the fifth V100 overhauled by Alstom, Stendal to the 203.1 concept. Although not remarkable in it's self it is worth noting that the 'donor' locomotive, **202658** was one of the batch sent to Kosovo in 2000, only returning to Germany in 2007.

Formally used in the Vopak Dupeg fuel depot, Hamburg GmbH, ex DB **333048** was transferred in May, after a complete overhaul (dated 22/06/09) and re-numbering to 26, to Hattingen. The locomotive is now employed by WLH (Westfäli Lokomotiv-Fabrik) within the Karl Reuschling GmbH, it joins **335106**, **332011** and **332057**.

Noted on the 19th July was **218343** heading RE4833 the 08:34 Mannheim Hbf to Heilbronn Hbf and RE4836 the 12:05 return working. All trains on this route are diverted via Eberbach on weekends until 2nd August with an additional stop at Neckargemund, **218343** is on loan as there are extra 218 turns between Mannheim and Mainz/ Wiesbaden Mondays to Fridays until 21st August.

Switzerland

On July 13th the directors of 1244 Mikado group signed a contract with SBB Historic to take A/e 6/6 electric locomotive **11407** 'Aargau' into their custody. They say they have much renovation work to do to return the locomotive to working order.

Belgium

Noted out on the 23rd were **2316** on the 07:17 St Niklaas to Schaerbeek, **2312** with the 15:40 Bruxelles Midi to Gent, **2376** heading the 15:42 Antwerpen Haven to Aarschot, **2326** hauling the 16:06 Schaerbeek to Tournai, **2301** powering the 16:16 Schaerbeek to Chatelet, **2310** topping the 16:18 Bruxelles Midi to Hasselt, **2315** leading the 16:30 Antwerpen Noorderdokeren to Aarschot, **2306** on the 17:04 Antwerpen Noorderdokeren to Aarschot, **2322** in charge of the 17:05 Bruxelles Midi to Hasselt and **2333** at the helm of the 17:34 Bruxelles Midi to Hasselt.

Luxembourg

Diesel **1820** was withdrawn on 1st July, as she had a comparatively favorable works date, one can assume that she suffered a failure. Diesel 1505 has arrived in Luxembourg from CFL Cargo Deutschland and electric 4011, which suffered a fire at Bascharage on 30th May 2008, arrived at AW Dessau on 22nd June.

News to 4th July 2009 (added on 6th July 2009)

Germany

Further withdrawals to report **232595 & 241803** on 15/05/09, **241804** on 18/05/09 and **241805** on 07/05/09 these all now stand in Dresden Friedrichstadt yard. On the 25th June Deutsche Bahn Gleisbau GmbH (DBG) took delivery, after overhaul by Arriva, of **213333**. This locomotive was withdrawn from Mühldorf in September 2007, so it's been a long time coming! Having spent several years stored in the old depot at Mainz, Köf II **323230** has been sold for further use with Otte shipping company in Mettingen. Built by Duetz in 1960 (works number 57333) this locomotive was withdrawn from service on 31st October 1990.

Awaiting entry to the works at Bremen on the 28th were **215136**
218170/197/199/247/248/255/265/271/273/286/292,
218297/298/299/320/323/346/347/349/350/353/354/355/358/378/482 while within the works yard
215022/105 218107/168/183/278/288/291/334/377 226078 295005 324023 363682 365183/221
could all be identified.

The 29th June saw **120105** heading IC148 the 06:10 Szczecin Glowny to Schipol IC148 between Angermunde (Germany) and Bad Bentheim (Holland). The last day of June saw **115166** stabling near the old depot in Hannover while **110473** worked RE14245 the 18:16 Hannover to Braunschweig and **110465** did the RE14238 the 18:17 Hannover to Minden. The 1st July found **110410** arriving at Frankfurt Hbf on train RE15121 the 05:55 ex Limburg, **110431** RB15326 the 11:50 Friedburg (Hessen) to Giessen and **110406** powered RB15328 the 12:50 Friedburg (Hessen) to Giessen, however star working of the day in the area for 110s was **110441** top n tail with **110437** dit on RE4108 the 13:22 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Kassel hbf and the 16:23 return working. 'Rabbits' still work between Koln Deutz and Trier, the 4th saw **218137** on RE12077 the 09:15 Koln Deutz to Trier Hbf, **218136** with RE12081 the 11:15 departure, 218206 leading RE12083 the 13:15 departure and 218217 heading RE12085 the 15:15 departure.

Italy

Now, finally, passed for running under the Italian DC system **ES64 F4 401** is about to start revenue earning service with Ferrovie North Cargo (FNC) and currently carries that company's livery. With the final obstacles for their operation now (presumably) overcome, it should be joined shortly by **ES64 F4 402/403/405/406**. Further good news followed when SNCF BB36000 electrics were also fully passed to run in Italy and these should start work immediately with Monferail (MF) over the Brenner Pass. The locos will be designated as E4363XX and carry MF transfers, Monferail is a subsidiary of SNCF.

Belgium

On the 30th June, **2374** headed P8280 the 15:57 Antwerp Haven to Aarschot and when a class 26 hasn't worked a passenger train since December, you can quite contentedly sit in the De'Extra in Lier, enjoying (220 bottles of) Loterbol Blond, until P8215 the 16:36 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot roles in with **2622** at it's head! The following day it stuck to diagram returning to Antwerp at the head of P7215 the 06:43 Hasselt to Antwerp Berchem. Also noted out on the morning of the 1st July were **2327** with P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken and **2374** on P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken, again sticking to diagram. Later in the day **2622** gave way to **2320** on P8215 and **2327** returned (as per diagram) on P8281 the 17:07 Antwerp Noorderdokken to Aarschot.

France

Fret allocated **26233** worked the 14:01 Paris Gare de Lyon to Clermont Ferrand on Saturday 27th June.

Austria

Sunday 28th June and spotted leaving Wien Sudbahnhof in the early morning were **2016017** on ER9940 the 06:53 to Fehring, **1142696** heading IC533 the 06:56 to Graz, **2143071** powering REX1990 the 07:23 to Emmersdorf a.d. Donau, **2016022** leading D285 the 07:26 to Zegreb Glavni Kolod, **1044087** hauling EZ5918 the 07:46 to Passau Hbf and **2016001** with ER9950 the 07:53 to Sopron. Later in the day **1144277** did IC653 the 12:56 Wien Sudbahnhof to Graz and **2016013+2016007** combined on REX2719 the 19:26 Wien Sudbahnhof to Hartberg.

Portugal

Stored diesel **1454** has left Poceirão (having been stored there for nigh on 4 years) and is apparently in Barreiro works for overhaul before dispatch to Argentina. I'm not sure if this is in place of one of **1426**, **1432** or **1438** which were the other of the second batch sold to Argentina, but which have not been overhauled / dispatched yet. **1426** has been in Barreiro for several months, but work had not started when last seen (several months ago, admittedly). **1436** is still at Setubal docks along with a few 1200s and 20xx EMUs, waiting for their boat.

Both **1553** and **1913** have been noted at Alfarelos over the last 2 weeks, neither class having been common there over recent years. Electric **5601** has become the latest of the class to receive advertising vinyl's (for Fernave, I think) an odd choice as its Entroncamento city plaques have been covered. Noted 'on shed' at Poceirão early on the 4th were **1415 1564/66/69 1907/11**.

Private Owner

Electric locomotive **185577** is now employed by LTE Still in it's green and grey livery and bearing the UIC number 9480 0185577-4, EBA 03J15D 029, it prime employment is to shuttle traffic between the two HOLCIM cement plants at Bludenz (Austria) and Zizers (Switzerland). The trains run Monday, Tuesday & Thursdays as 48718 the 12:43 Bludenz to Zizers (15:56) and 48717 the 17:03 Zizers to Bludenz (18:57).