

March 2011 - EUROPEAN NEWS (Robert Brown)

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Germany

The saga of the class 171 electrics is all but over. These 1500v DC machines have laid idle at Zwickau since withdrawal, but on the 18th February the remaining (non preserved) members of the class started their final journey. As train CFN92190 **171003/004/005/009/011/013/014** were taken, by **139262** from Zwickau to Böhlen, arriving in the yard there about 18:00, from here the locomotives were 'tripped' to the scrap yards at Espenhain, the final ones on the 22nd February and by the time you read this they are probably no more than a memory. Meanwhile the latest loks to loose their fight with Herr Bender are **140835** (24/02), **140814** (25/02), **140586** (03/03), **140691** (04/03), **140752** (09/03) & **140767** (10/03).

Seen out on the 2nd March were **232800+232093** passing Rothschnenberg (north of Freiberg) with a tanker train heading for the fuel depot at Rhäsa, near Nossen. On the 3rd March **232675** was noted on the single line track at Ushmannsdorf heading freight train KBS229 from Hoyerswerda to Horka. Same day 'blood and Custard' liveried **218105** was seen approaching it's destination topping RB23378 the 13:59 Wertheim to Miltenberg. The 4th March saw **110456** arrive at it's destination with RE10464 the 17:30 Düsseldorf to Aachen Hbf. At 10:16 on the 3rd March **140681** passed Hannover-Linden with a freight for the nearby yard. In the early hours of the 4th March, 06:25 to be precise, **232240** was noted heading a cement train through Berlin Schoenefeld, this was followed, at 07:09 by **233233** with a container train then at 08:44 by **140024** with train 51390 from Dresden Friedrichstsd to Seddin, three 'crackers' the reward for an early start here. With a works date of 28/02/11 and a lovely fresh coat of paint, **120115** headed EC218 the 05:45 Graz Hbf to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf out of Stuttgart on the 5th March. Later in the day **101016** worked IC2216 the 07:37 Stuttgart to Stralsund through Bremen Hbf, Noted at Hattenhofen, south of Augsburg within minutes of each other on the 6th were silver liveried **101144** heading IC1284 the 09:50 Schwarzach-St-Veit to Flensburg, at 14:11 and standard red liveried **101043** with EC114 the 08:43 Klagenfurt to Dortmund Hbf, at 14:14. A little later, at 14:22 **189058** passed heading a freight in the Munich direction and at 15:04 **101098** passed with the delayed IC2261, the 12:06 Karlsruhe Hbf to Munich Hbf. Same day at Rottwell found **101023** powering IC184 the 15:10 Zürich HB to Stuttgart Hbf and, in the opposite direction, **120101** topping IC281 the 15:55 Stuttgart Hbf to Zürich HB. A further class 120 seen out on this day was **120103** which headed IC1952 the 15:45 Leipzig Hbf to Köln Hbf through Merseburg (who's literal translation is Mersyside!), south of Halle (Saale). Heading through Backnang at 13:00 on the 7th March came **185049+232109** heading a mixed freight towards Stuttgart, probably Kornwestheim, unfortunately the diesel was not working. Passenger working noted on the same day included **101116+120101** on CNL419 the 04:17 Stuttgart Hbf to Munich Hbf, both locomotives were 'pans up' and working, **218492** heading RE57504 the 08:52 Munich Hbf to Fussen, **218475** with RE57511 the 13:06 Fussen to Kaufeubren, **218434** topping IC2085 the 14:38 Kaufeubren to Oberstdorf and **223071** on ALX84152 the 19:15 Oberstdorf to Lindau Hbf.

Austria

Preserved green liveried electric **1010.10** worked special train SLP17802 from Wien FJB to Nürnberg on the 4th March. IC2190 the 09:58 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Westerland (Sylt) was noted at Hannover on the 5th March with **1016029** providing the power. Passing Röhrmoos (on the outskirts of Munich) at 14:20 on the same day was **1116083** heading a lightly loaded lorry transporter train. Internal workings noted on the same day included **1044122** on IC553 the 07:02 Wein Meidling to Graz Hbf, 1044055 powering EC252 the 08:19 Maribor to Wien Meidling, **1144272+1116136** topping EC531 the 08:29 Wien Meidling to Lienz (the train was strengthened by six coaches, necessitating the second loco) and **1044077** leading IC691 the 12:46 Klagenfurt Hbf to Salzburg Hbf. Working from the 8th included **1116053** with OIC867 the 10:11 Bregenz to Feldkirch, **1116116+1116056** on OIC 165 the 12:12 Feldkirch to Innsbruck and **1016035** 15.06 OIC869 Innsbruck-Salzburg Hbf. The following day **1116216** headed RJ765 the 08:02 Salzburg to Wein West and **1216233** topped IC646 the 16:44 Wein West to Salzburg.

France

Withdrawn recently, (info from TSO) are **9272 25179 67458/465/620**. Out again, for the third week running, **69447** was paired with **69470** on the 4th March with train 839800 the 05:39 Chalindrey to Reims then train 839811 the 16:42 Reims to Chalindrey, strengthened for weekend.

Belgium

The morning of the 7th March saw **2340** topping P7010 the 07:17 St. Niklaas to Schaarbeek, **2316** on P7075 the 07:40 Gent St. Pieters to Denderleeuw, **2626** top 'n' tail with **2614** on IR3929 the 07:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche, **2627** top 'n' tail with **2608** on IR3930 the 08:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche and **2606** top 'n' tail with **2630** on IR3931 the 09:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche. Into the evening and 'rush hour' trains out of Brussels Zuid were **2343** on P8312 the 16:18 to Hasselt, **2317** on P8067 the 16:39 to Denderleeuw, **2349** on P8306 the 16:45 to Hasselt, **2339** on P8095 the 17:07 to Dendermonde, **1354** on P8402 the 17:14 to Welkenreadt, **2007** on EC295 the 17:15 to Basel, **2345** on P8307 the 17:17 to Hasselt, **1315** on IC2116 the 17:33 to Luxembourg, **2330** on P8352 the 17:38 to Landen and **2328** on P8308 the 18:05 to Tongeren. Same evening, out of Schaarbeek came **2323** on P8511 the 16:06 to Tournai, **2342** on P8723 the 16:16 to Châtelet, **2357** on P8741 the 16:48 to Binche, **2312** on P8014 the 17:02 to Gent St. Pieters and **2360** on P8010 the 17:33 to St. Niklaas. Final sighting from this day was **2368+2372** heading P8724 the 17:46 Brussel Noord to Châtelet. The following day found **2360** on P7010 07:17 St. Niklaas to Schaarbeek, **2321** topping P7075 the 07:40 Gent St. Pieters to Denderleeuw, **2606** top 'n' tail with **2630** on IR3929 the 07:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche, **2114** leading P7023 the 08:04 Geraardsbergen to Etterbeek, **2626** top 'n' tail' with **2614** on IR3930 the 08:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche and **2627** top 'n' tail with **2608** on IR3931 the 09:41 Louvain-la-Neuve-Universite to Binche. In to the evening **2375** did P8215 the 16:36 Antwerpen Noorderdokter to Aarschot, **2335** topped P8281 the 17:07 Antwerpen Noorderdokter to Aarschot and **2343** headed P8282 the 18:07 Antwerpen Noorderdokter to Aarschot.

Holland

On the 3rd March IC145 the 10:49 Amsterdam Schiphol to Berlin Ost passed Amersfoort with **1741** providing the power. A little later, at around 13:20 the distinctive orange & blue liveried **1619** arrived at Amersfoort with a freightliner service. Sunday the 6th March found **1763** providing the power for IC240 the 06:26 Berlin Ost to Amsterdam Schiphol past Rijssen.

Switzerland

11493 is the latest loco to head for Emmenbrucke. An hour at Offenburg on the 4th March found four SBB locos pass with freight workings, **482007** came first at 14:24 with DGS43090 from Gallarate to Ludwigshafen BASF, next, at 14:27 came **482005** with DGS43016 again from Gallarate, this time heading for Hamburg-Billwerder Ubf, at 15:12, **482035** passed with DGS43087 from Ludwigshafen BASF Ubf to Gallarate and finally, at 15:23 came **482000** on DGS49018 from Basel SBB to Kork.

Private owner

On the 1st March former ALS locomotive, and ex DB **202318** was released from Stendal after overhaul and modernisation. She was then delivered, as **203318** to her new owner, Eisenbahngesellschaft Ostfriesland-Oldenburg GmbH. Strukton Rail (NL) G1206 diesel **303008** was noted running light at Emmerich on the 3rd March. The following day, around 14:20 **MEG802** (ex DB **156002**)+**MEG101** (ex DB **204358**) passed Niemburg, North-East of Halle (Saale), with a train DSG91693 consisting of scrap coaches from Hamm to Espenhain. Also spotted on the 3rd March was Die-Lei owned **203005** (ex DB **202461**) which was at Hannover Hbf at 13:10. Still wearing it's DB red livery **345061** (I think this is operated by MTEG, but I'm open to correction) trundled south through Sterbfritz in the late morning of the 4th March with ballast regulating train, it was followed south by TX logistik operated **185518** with a freightliner and then **DP68** (ex DB **142130**) with a car train. Out of interest our correspondent states that he had 57 freight trains in just over 6 hours at this location. Seen powering a engineers train at Almelo on the 5th were a pair of Volker Rail V100 diesels, the offenders being yellow & grey **203101** (ex DB **202850**) and blue and white liveried **203-3** (ex DB **202783**). It appears that the 'Hector Rail' class 241 electric locomotives are gaining 'names', seen at Brokstedt on the 6th March were, at 11:57 **241009** 'Moneypenny' and, at 12:29 **241004** 'R2D2' both on paper trains. Same day, black liveried 'dispolok' **ES64U2074** worked IC2083 the 07:14 Hamburg Altona to Berchtesgaden Hbf through Hannover. On the 6th March it was announced that **203526** (ex DB **202526**) formally with DB Schenker at Halle is to go to the BBL logistic fleet, it is to be repainted

into the house colours at Stendal before delivery. Spitzke Logistik owned **V100-SP-004** (ex DB **202690**) passed through Sagehorn at 15:22 on the 6th March, (see below) and was pictured by John Stanton, heading three car flats for Osnabruck.



On the 7th March silver liveried **ES64U2100** passed through Rostock-Bramow heading a timber train bound for Stendal.

Portugal

Diesel **1944** has been at Contumil for crew training for about a week or so now, the loco still has a 'stored' status so I assumed the training is for maintenance staff only. However, **1903** arrived at Contumil on the 2nd March and went on a trip to Regua on the 4th March hauling a single coach on a driver training run.

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Germany

140634 (18/02) & **140609** (21/02) are the latest loks to meet with the cutting torch of Herr Bender.

Having been stored unserviceable since 17th December, **185014** has been overhauled and returned to active duty, released from Dessau on the 21st February it was seen in action on the 24th heading train 60013 from Branschweig Rbf to Mosel. Noted in Magdeburg- Rothensee on the 24th was **155227**, with a bent end! No word yet on how or when this happened. Two class 140 electrics were seen within minutes of each other at Bremen Hbf on the 25th February, first came a Northbound **140368** at 11:10 with a loaded car train, followed North by **140495** at 11:15 with a small container train. Later the same day **110487** departed Bremen at 12:54 heading RE4414 the 11:21 Hannover to Norddeich Mole. Same day three class 120 electrics were noted in under an hour at Osnabruck, first came **120138** heading IC2410 the 13:02 Köln (Cologne) to Flenzburg, then **120114** topping IC1918 the 11:54 Aachen to Berlin Südkreuz and finally **120155** powering IC1922 the 13:06 Köln to Berlin Südkreuz. A change of location found **232905** passing Erkrath Nord, (near Düsseldorf) at 16.25 with an empty coal train and **189087+189085** heading an ore train through Emmerich just after 17:00. IC2377 the 12:29 Ostseebad Binz to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf passed Rostock on the 26th February with **101102** in charge. EC179, the 14:32 Szczecin Główny to Praha, is always worth a look at, especially around

Angermünde where a loco change takes place. Such was the case on the 28th February when **234278** gave way to **101070**. Super power was provided for IC2054 the 15:54 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Saarbrücken Hbf on the 1st March when **181220+181205** paired up at the business end.

Austria

Noted heading North through Bremen Hbf (Germany) at 11:26 on the 25th February was **1016030** heading a loaded car train and passing Regensburg-Prüfening later the same day came **1116113** with a mixed freight. Also on this day a class2143 diesel was noted at Regensburg, the 'offender' was **2143010** and other than it was wearing a two tone grey livery, I have been given little else to go on, but I suspect this is now operated by RTS. Passing Aßling (Germany) at 15:26 came **1144209** on the 1st March heading a train of HGV trailers on flat type wagons.

France

On the 25th February train 839800 the 05:39 Culmont-Chalindrey to Reims was worked by **69446+69447** this is the 2nd Friday running there have been 69400s out on the Reims line! Diesel **69447** was seen out again on the 2nd March, this time on train 839811 the 16:42 Reims to Chalindrey.

Belgium

There were a couple of Cargo 13s out on passenger duties on the 25th February with **1315** heading IC456 the 06:24 Bruxelles Midi to Maastricht and **1317** on IC532 the 09:12 Eupen to Oostende. A commuter train crashed into a truck carrying a crane in Wilsele in Flemish Brabant during the morning of Tuesday 1st March. Nobody was injured, but the train driver was led away in shock. The trains loco, electric **2346** was badly damaged and will now go for scrap.

Holland

Running as train 44670 from Amersfoort to Roosendaal on the 26th February Rurtalbahn G1206 diesel, **V156** passed through Utrecht Central with 'Wadlopers' **3211+3213+3221** in tow, rumor has it that these are Argentina bound. Ralio branded diesels **6467+6461** passed Wesel on the last day of February, and were captured for posterity by Martin Fullop, heading an empty ore train towards Emmerich.



Switzerland

Hardly groundbreaking news but **482041** headed South through Regensburg at around 12:25 on the 25th February with an empty car train, this was followed later, at 16:22 by **482022** light engine. SBB Cargo loks **421377+421374** passed Duisburg depot light engine at 14:05 on the 26th February. Ae6/6

11404 reported as out of service last week was seen on an unidentified freight as Basel on the 1st March, perhaps all is not yet lost, the day after though **11435** was moved from Bodio to Emmenbrücke for disposal.

Private owner

On the 13th February **203841** made it's first run outside Stendal works in many a year. As **202841** this V100 was withdrawn from service in May 2000 arriving in Stendal in December that same year. During December 2010 the locomotive received a full overhaul and modification package, 'rising from the ashes' as a blue and white liveried **203841**. She then ventured outside the main gates for the first time on the 13th February travelling to Neuwied (North of Koblenz) to return a failed (axle bearing damage) **203120** (ex DB **202678**) to Stendal for attention. Officially recorded has happening on the 18th February was the 'handover' of Hochwaldbahn Servicegesellschaft mbH (HWB) V100 **VL13** (ex DB **202373**) to Locon Logistik & Consulting Aktiengesellschaft. It was repainted and renumbered as **LOCON 203**, but retained it's allocated NVR number of **92 80 1204 373-5**. Passing through Bremen Hbf at 11:40 on the 25th February was EVB diesel **42012** with an empty car train bound for the nearby Mercedes-Benz works at Bremen-Sebaldsbrück. Later **ES64U2011** towed a 'dead in transit' **ES64U2032** on a unidentified 'autozug' working through Bremen Hbf at 12:43 and EfW diesels **211051+212240**, both ex DB, worked South light engine at 13:27. Passing Kreiensen (South of Hannover) at 13:35 came EGP operated diesel **V1002009** (ex DB **212009**) hauling ex-works RTS diesel **230077** (ex DR **230077**) in a fresh Orange and white livery. At around 09:50 on the 26th Efw operated, ex DB **211051** was noted shunting spoil wagons in Duisburg Hbf. Passing through Kirchlengern at around 13:30 on the same day, heading towards Osnabrück came RT&L operated **202483** (ex DB **202483**), in old DR red livery towing an unidentified Lint DMU. Now owned by Floyd and numbered **0450004**, ex BR class 86 electric **86218** was seen in Hamburg Harburg on its way to Hungary on Sunday 27th by Barry Richardson, who kindly sent the photo below. I understand this locomotive left Immingham on the 23rd February.



Hamburg-Walterhof yard was the place to be on the 27th February though, first came MWB operated V1801 (ex DB **202849**) with a freightliner train, this was followed by OHE operated **150002** running light into the yard, then came HGK operated **DH50**, again running light, closely followed by TX Logistik operated **ES64U2012** with a container train, Locon **212** (a V100 diesel, but not ex DB) running light and last but not least WLB operated **ES64U2035** again light engine. All this action in just over an hour! A further Locon V100, this time **215** (ex DB **202804**) was noted in Saalfeld Hbf on the same day, stabled among many wagons. Passing Aßling (Germany) at 15:36 on the 1st March was RTC operated **186282**, in silver and blue livery heading a car train.