

May 2010 - EUROPEAN NEWS (Robert Brown)

News to 30th May 2010 (posted on 1st June 2010)

Germany

On the 21st May, **103235** in TEE livery, worked special train D16165 the 05:03 Hamburg Hbf to Pörtlach (Austria) with a rake of TEE liveried coaches, the train (pictured below) was noted passing Förderlach on the last leg of its journey.



Passing Groppertal, close to the Swiss border, early on the morning of Saturday 22nd were two freight trains, at 07:02 came **185305+185230** on FE44699 from Kornwestheim to Zürich and at 07:19 came **185188+185144** with train FE44698 the balancing working between Zürich and Kornwestheim. Later in the day, green liveried **101040** passed heading IC2006 the 09:09 Konstanz to Dortmund Hbf, **101002** worked IC2370 the 10:06 Konstanz to Hamburg Hbf and **185126+185130** hauled freight train FE44696 from Zürich Limmattal to Kornwestheim Rbf. The following day **203307 & 203313** were noted in Görlitz during the afternoon, top 'n' tail on a 'weed killing' train. On the 24th **218450** headed RE14305 the 09:48 Hannover to Bad Harzburg and **218447** worked RE14307 the 11:48 Hannover to Bad Harzburg. On the 25th **110401** worked RE4802 the 06:33 Bietigheim Bissingen to Mannheim returning on RE4811 the 17:36 Mannheim to Heilbronn, **218343** was out on RE32647 the 07:58 Ulm Hbf to Oberstdorf and noted passing Frieberg around 19:20 was **225001** hauling train FX51048 from Aschaffenburg to Hamm, which contained **363829** in it's load. Now operated by WFL, **202264**, in blue and red livery, was noted at Hoyerswerda with a short works train in the late afternoon of the 25th, keeping company with steam loco **503610** which was taking on coal at the time. Finally **110295** has had her final life extension and is now good until May 2011.

Switzerland

SBB Cargo diesel Locomotive **203383** (ex **DB202383**) was seen working in Cologne Eifeltor yard on the 25th May, shunting wagons and performing trip duties. Also on the 25th, **482049**, with **421397** 'dead in transit' was seen heading train DGS43016 between Gallarate (Italy) and Hamburg (Billwerder Ubf) when it was seen passing Frieberg (pictured below) around 19:10.



Belgium

On Sunday 23rd May Antwerp Nord Yard contained 116 locomotives, namely **1201 1301/02/10/14/15/23/26 2010/14 2308/11/14/26/32/34/36/47/56/60/62/63/66/77/79 2503/05/07/10/14 2551/52/55/56/57/58 2806/08/19/22/27/43 2903 5164 5404 5701/02 6204/21/44/68/77/81/94 6306/30 7209 7401/03/04/05/06/07/08/09 7702/03/04/05/09/18/23/26/30/36/40/71/72/73/75/76/78/79/83/84/85/86/87/88/89 7805/17/45/46/52/54/55/56/62/63 7864/65/66/67/70 8205/44/56/57/58/60/62/65/68/74 8441**

Morning peak hour services seen on the 25th included **2350** with P7722 the 06:35 Châtelet to Schaarbeek, **2344+2341** powering P7724 the 07:00 Châtelet to Schaarbeek, **2319+2346** leading P7010 the 07:17 St Niklaas to Schaarbeek, **2309**, with **2365** 'dead' on the rear on P7308 the 07:35 Tongeren to Brussels Midi, **2317** hauling P7307 the 07:17 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, **2626+2611** heading IR3929 the 07:41 Louvain Universite to Binche and 2615+2608 with IR3930 the 08:41 Louvain Universite to Binche. Into the evening peak on the same day, **2352** turned up with P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Midi to Gent, **2372** powered P8067 the 16:39 Brussels Midi to Denderleeuw, **2373** worked P8741 the 16:50 Schaarbeek to Binche, **2374** topped P8014 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Gent, **2341+2344** reappeared with P8724 the 17:05 Schaarbeek to Châtelet. **2313** did P8306 the 17:06 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2356** worked P8095 the 17:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde and **2357** powered P8397 the 17:41 Leuven to Dendermonde.

Austria

After it's overhaul at OBB St Pölten works, Salzburger Lokalbahn (SLB)'s **V87** (ex **DB 211119**) was returned to the operator in early May, SLB operate five ex DB V100 diesels, a further one **2048024** (ex **DB211146**) was noted in Klagenfurt Yard on the 25th May, in it's 'interesting' light green livery.

Private Operator

In early May BBL Logistik GmbH, of Lüneburg, Germany took delivery of ex DB operated **214021** (ex **DB212083**). Now numbered BBL05 (NVR number **9280 1214021-8** it carries a all over bright orange livery. Metronom locomotive **146535** has been 'decorated', on both sides, with typical artwork from the New York based artist James Rizzi. It has been done to promote his exhibition at the Bremen Exhibition Centre which started on the 21st May. **145-CL 014** is now off-lease, private operator HGK has returned it to Ascendos Leasing after more than nine years of service.

News to 23rd May 2010 (posted on 26th May 2010)

Germany

There have been a few ex DB class 202 returning to service after years at Stendal over the recent weeks, first, on the 30th April, came **202311** which now works for Muldentaleisenbahnverkehrs-gesellschaft mbH (MTEG), carries the old DR dark red livery and the number **204311** (NVR-Nummer: **9280 1202311-7 D-MTEG**). Second, on the 2nd May came **202241**. Now employed by Uwe Adam EVU GmbH (ADAM), which carries the company's bright red house colours and is numbered **22 'Spike'** (NVR-Nummer: **9880 3202241-6 D-BWESA**). Finally, after over 9 years of 'storage' **202817** has also returned to operational use. Recently overhauled at Stendal and now working for Pressnitztalbahn mbH (PRESS) it returned to use on the 5th May carrying the company's dark blue livery and the running number **204033** and NVR-Nummer: **9280 1202817-3 D-PRESS**. On a slightly more downbeat note Emsländische Eisenbahn (EEB) 'Emsland IV' (ex DB **211012**) collided with a lorry at a level crossing near Haselünne in the early hours of the 28th April causing severe front end damage. It was taken to DB's Bremen works on the 9th May for repair assessment.

The rein of the class 110 electric is drawing to a close. Celebrity liveried **110329** has been withdrawn this month as has **110343/440**. However there is still a bit of class 110 haulage to be had as these sightings from the 17th indicate, **110438** did RB15438 the 11:53 Frankfurt (Main) to Koblenz, **110427** worked RE4676 the 12:21 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Siegen, **110432** headed RB15790 the 16:01 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Giessen, **110416** powered RE12100 the 16:08 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Koblenz and **110441** topped RE4686 the 20:21 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Giessen. Also noted in Frankfurt on the 17th was **101040**, it arrived (pictured below) heading IC2023 the 07:23 Hamburg Altona to Frankfurt (Main) Hbf. Another member of the class seen on the 17th was **101141**, heading EC177 the 12:28 Berlin Gesundbrunnen to Wien Praterstern

On the 18th **110418** headed RE3270 the 07:57 Tübingen to Stuttgart and **232616** passed through Buxtehude around 12:20 heading a train load of BWM cars bound for Cuxhaven. A couple of interesting workings from Friday 21st May were **218831**, with **101056** idle on rear, headed IC2870 the 08:54 Dresden to Frankfurt Flughafen as far as Leipzig and **218330** powering RB24153 the 17:40 Lüneburg to Dannenberg Ost. On Saturday 22nd May **218495+146226** 'dead in transit' worked RE19614 the 13:19 Singen to Stuttgart, between Horb and Tübingen, and **218456+146227** 'dead on rear' did RE19617 the 13:47 Stuttgart to Singen the other way (between Tübingen and Horb)



Switzerland

Bahnforum reports that on the 19th May **11402** hauled **11401** from Bellinzona to Singen, it's final destination is to be Horb, where it will be on a ten year loan.

Belgium

On the 18th **2004** was seen bringing home EC296 the 10:24 Luxembourg to Brussels Midi, **2007** went in the opposite direction with EC97 the 13:09 Brussels Midi to Luxembourg, **2608 & 2614** did IR3913 the 13:20 Binche to Louvain Universite and **2611 & 2626** headed IR3916 the 16:20 Binche to Louvain Universite. Meanwhile a look at the Brussels evening peak services found **2343** on P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Midi to Gent St Pieters, **1182** with P8902 the 16:02 Schaarbeek to Oudenaarde, **2345** topping P8092 the 16:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde, **2350** powering P8723 the 16:16 Schaarbeek to Châtelet, **2359** leading P8312 the 16:18 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2372** in charge of P8067 the 16:39 Brussels Midi to Denderleeuw, **1360** handled P8005 the 16:45 Leuven to Oostende, **2373** turned out on P8741 the 16:50 Schaarbeek to Binche, **2374** hauled P8014 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Gent St Pieters, **2333** worked P8095 the 17:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde, **2329 & 2341** were employed on P8724 the 17:08 Vilvoorde to Châtelet, **2323** powered P8307 the 17:34 Brussels Midi to Hasselt and **2313** worked P8352 the 17:45 Brussels Midi to Landen.

France

A signaling problem between Miramas and Marseille on the 17th meant some late running, but trains noted included **22391** with train 17709 the 09:25 Lyon PD to Marseille, **7409** heading train 17714 the 11:20 Marseille to Lyon PD, **67580** on train 15942 the 11:28 Marseille to Brioude, **22402** leading train 17716 the 14:03 Marseille to Lyon PD and **25619** topping train 886194 the 17:22 Marseille to Avignon, which was declared a failure by the driver at Miramas with no power, eventually being battered back into life and running +20 to Avignon. Also on the 18th leasing company AKIEM delivered two Prima electrics to freight operator EuroCargoRail, (part of the DB Schenker organisation). The ex

SNCF hired **27156 & 27162** have been partially repainted in ECR corporate colours for this new contract. Both locomotives were pictured on the 18th (below) in Sotteville yard awaiting transfer.



Diesel workings from the 22nd included **67356** on the 09:42 Arras to Boulogne, **67586** powering the 10:46 Boulogne to Paris Nord (to Amiens) and **67618+67606** leading the 14:38 Boulogne to Paris Nord (again to Amiens).

Austria

During April, approximately 30 years after 'restoration' was first started, steam locomotive **671** was returned to working order. Now owned by Graz Köflacherbahn, it performed a successful test run on the 3rd April from Graz to Köflach and back, hauling just one wagon, before being let loose on the 10th with a '150 years of the GKB' special. Welcome back old girl! On Sunday 16th May **1216009** headed REX1874 the 14:23 Lienz to Innsbruck, **1216006** did REX1872 the 17:28 Lienz to Innsbruck and **1216007** worked REX1873 the 18:01 Innsbruck to Lienz. The following morning **1144207** worked REX5372 the 05:46 Kufstein to Innsbruck, **1144256** hauled REX5300 the 06:13 Kufstein to Innsbruck, **1144202** topped REX5363 the 06:15 Landeck to Innsbruck, **1144203** powered REX5365 the 06:26 Landeck to Innsbruck, **1044115** was provided for REX5374 the 06:44 Kufstein to Innsbruck and **1144224** did IC515 the 08:24 Innsbruck to Selzthal. Later in the day **1044006** was provided for EC692 the 18:12 Salzburg to Klagenfurt and **1144120** powered IC610 the 18:57 Bischofshofen to Salzburg. On the 20th, pre-heating unit **01137** was seen in Wulkaprodersdorf station, it's been there a while now and probably attracts little attention, but it deserves more. It was converted from capital stock locomotive **1146002** which was it's self converted from **1046017** as one of only two locomotives able to use the two overhead systems then in place between Vienna and Budapest, a corridor they worked until the introduction of the class 1014 electrics. The other locomotive, amazingly **1146001 (ex 1046003)** has, regrettably been scrapped, so remember, next time you see it, you are looking at a piece of history.

Private Operator

On the 18th May Austrian operator LTE took delivery of their latest 'Eurorunner' diesel locomotive, carrying the running number **2016909** and in the house silver & blue livery it becomes the third

locomotive of it's type in their fleet. German operator WLE was re-united with it's missing 'Eurorunner' diesel the following day (19th) when **223057** (WLE No **23**) was returned to service after it's (collision damage) repair. You may remember it had a 'coming together' with a lorry on the 19th February causing front end damage. It was recorded passing Wuppertal-Elberfeld in the early afternoon of the 19th May.

News to 16th May 2010 (posted on 19th May 2010)

Germany

Withdrawn in April were **110362/504 140779/792 143084/331 151057/114 & 155235** while reinstated were **140003/036/354/506/544/600/601/805/815/838**. Additionally withdrawn in early May were **110329/440 & 151005**.

Seen on the 10th was **110236** heading IC181 the 07:58 Stuttgart Hbf to Singen! Ilmebahn's V100.01 (ex **DB 21268**) was pressed into action on the 11th with the none-availability of the company's V90 it worked hopper wagons between Kreiensen and Bad Harzburg. Of note on Tuesday 11th were **182004** leading RE28126 the 09:03 Cottbus to Leipzig Thekla, **182008** with RE28125 the 09:15 Leipzig Thekla to Cottbus and **145043** topping EN477 the 19:25 Berlin Hbf to Budapest Keleti PU (I assume as far as Dresden Hbf). Sunday 16th found **145046** leading EN476 the 19:58 Budapest Keleti PU to Berlin Hbf (05:46 ex Dresden), **113309** on IC2862 the 12:24 Hagen Hbf to Bonn Hbf and **113268** topping IC2863 the 14:25 Bonn Hbf to Hagen Hbf.

Switzerland

In May, SBB ordered 59 double deck EMU sets from Bombardier. First routes will be St Gallen to Geneve and Romanshorn to Brig, releasing a good number of hauled double deckers and class 460s for other work. This will be the final death knell for any remaining 1960s rolling stock and probably some more recent stock as well.

Sven Mafli & Serge Bourguinet have successfully restored Ae6/6 **11421** 'Graubunden' at Bellinzona works, it is now available for charters. Seen on the 10th were **11301** leading RE2911 the 07:13 Aarau to Zurich HB, **11128** topping IR1961 the 07:13 Basel to Zurich HB, **421379** on EC191 the 07:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf, **11153** powering RE3611 07:35 Olten to Wettingen, **421393** with EC193 the 09:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf and **11299+11109** in charge of EC/IR91 the 14:47 Basel SBB to Zurich HB.

Spain

Recent class 334 workings in and out of Madrid have included the following noted on the 4th May **334006** with train 221 the 05:30 Cartagena to Madrid Central, **334010** on train 277 the 07:05 Almeria to Madrid Central, **334025** topping train 220 the 07:13 Madrid Central to Murcia, **334009** leading train 276 the 08:00 Madrid Central to Almeria, **334005** powering train 223 the 08:50 Cartagena to Madrid Central and 334003 on train 222 the 09:40 Madrid Central to Cartagena.

Belgium

There is a parade of Belgium locos planned at on Saturday 26th June, I give more details if/when I get them.

There is to be an 'event' over the weekend of the 26th – 27th June at St Ghislain, christened RAILEXPO 2010, it is tied to this year's 175th rail anniversary celebrations. As well as the PFT/TSP base indications are that the station and yard will be used for a line up of locomotives, coaches, wagons and other railway exhibits. Opening times are 12.00-18.00 (Sat) and 13.00-18.00 (Sun), but there is a separate session for photographers on the Sunday morning from 10.00, with no charge. The Monday morning Antwerp 'P' trains on the 10th produced **2359** powering P7215 the 06:43 Hasselt to Antwerp Berchem, **2318** on P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to AntwerpNoorderdokken and **2321** with P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to AntwerpNoorderdokken

France

SNCF has terminated the contract with the provider of the 'En Voyage' livery SNCF says the rights to the livery (including the pictures of people) have become too expensive for SNCF to justify in this recession. All CIC, VFE and DPTLR locos passing through works will emerge in the 'ghost' livery of all over silver-grey. This is already the case on some locos. For contractual reasons locos currently in En Voyage livery will have to be repainted by May 2013 at the latest.

Noted in action around Paris on the 9th were **72157** on the 12:43 Paris Est to Belfort, **72189** heading the 12:46 Mulhouse to Paris Est, **16061** hauling the 17:37 Paris Nord to Cambrai, **15048** powering the 18:07 Paris Nord to Amiens and **72121** topping the 18:11 Paris Est to Culmont Chalindrey. On the 10th **26152** was noted nearing it's destination heading EC91 the 10:46 Luxembourg to Basel SNCF while Sunday 16th found Fret allocated **26171** heading train 4266 the 17:13 Metz-Lyon Perrache, this loco seems to be a swap with **26154** which was seen working into Metz on the same day with a unidentified freight. Also noted on this day were **25664** heading the 17:55 St Die to Nancy and **25603** leading the 17:56 Nancy to St Die.

Austria

Leaving St Pölten HBF at 16:28 on the 11th may was 'Kyoto' liveried **1016023** at the head of OEC748 the 15:44 Wien Westbahnhof to Innsbruck, later in the day **1116038**, in 'Siemens' livery followed in it's path with OEC764 the 19:20 Wien Westbahnhof to Innsbruck, which departed at 20:00 from St Pölten HBF.

Portugal

An hour's visit to Loule on the 5th may saw **4702** stabled in the station, **2627** arrived at 11:00 with sand from the north, which was shunted into yard by **1411** and **4004** arrive at 11:46 heading IC180 the 05:47 Porto Campanha to Faro. CP have created a strategic reserve of locos. This is probably due to the downturn in traffic and the Vendas Novas-Casa Branca rebuilding project. In this pool are: **1447 1555/62 1935/40/44/45/47/65/66/67/68/72 2603/04/06/08/09/24/25** the storing of the class 1931's is not surprising as (currently) they only have two passenger turns remaining. All locomotives are in a serviceable condition and can be called on at short notice, additionally 2628 has moved to CP-Carga.

News to 9th May 2010 (posted on 16th May 2010)

Germany

Advance notice: in connection with the 130 years of Bonn Euskirchen celebrations a couple of special train have been arranged. On the 6th June **V200033** will do a special from Hagen which then works 3 shuttles on the line, details here and on the 13th June **212309** is on a tour from Siegen to Montabaur which then works shuttles on the freight only line to Wallmerod details here.

Electric **111151** looks to have been transferred to Trier, I'm not sure if is a replacement for the recently withdrawn 143s or for **110295** whose ticket is up on 20th May. On the 4th May **217003**, **225804** and **232258/296/352** all arrived at Espenhain for scrapping. On the 5th May **101070** failed at Osnabrueck while working IC2025 **182534** was ripped from an ECS to take train forward about 80mins late, but with bonus, unexpected, haulage for anyone lucky enough to be there! Also on the 5th Saarbrücken depot played host to a gaggle of golden oldies with **139562**, **140013** & **140043** all present at 16:15.

Switzerland

Tuesday the 4th may found **11150+11301** heading R3810 the 06:27 Rorschach to Zurich, **421379** hauled EC196 the 07:13 Munchen to Zurich, **11151** topped ICN515 the 09:09 Zurich to St Gallen (ErZ vice ICN unit) and **421390** powered EC193 the 09:16 Zurich to Munchen.

Spain

Comments on some of the Spanish Rail enthusiasts sites would seem to suggest that **250007** is the only active member of the 250 class, and that probably doesn't have much longer to go. It seems the

new influx of class 253's have killed them off fairly quickly since the turn of the year, a sad end to a beast of an electric loco.

Italy

Observations from Monday 3rd May included **E633061** with R2147 the 08:25 Domodossola to Milano Central, **E633037** heading R2149 the 12:55 Domodossola to Milano Central, **E632015** working R10383 the 13:35 Domodossola to Novara, **D4451086** heading the 13:36 Venice SL to Belluno, **D4451085** leading the 17:36 Venice SL to Belluno, **E656435** in charge of EN220 the 19:09 Venice SL to Paris, **D4451127** hauling the 19:12 Mestre to Venice SL and **D4451040** with the 22:18 Venice SL to Treviso. Into the following day **D4451142** did the 06:58 Mestre to Venice SL, **E656046** headed EN240, the 07:06 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Budapest), **D4451086** had charge of the 07:07 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Bassano), **E632046** did the 07:46 Venice SL to Verona, **D4451127** turned out for the 07:54 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Belluno) and then formed the 08:43 Venice SL to Treviso, **D4451133** worked the 09:16 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Belluno), **D4451124** handled 11:54 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Treviso) then formed 1336 Venice SL to Belluno and **D4451044** worked the 13:06 Mestre to Venice SL (ex Belluno).

France

The first of the two additional 27300, **27366**, has now been delivered, I expect that **27367** won't be far behind. But on a sadder note, **67348** was withdrawn from Pas de Calais earlier this week

Austria

Diesel shunting lok **2060012** has appeared in 'railjet' livery at Linz, which appears to be having a busy time of it as the works has just turned out **1144040** in original livery, see picture below, taken on the last day in April at Linz works, and is due to release **1116227** in it's railjet colours by the time you read this.



The 'weed-killing' train has been noted out and about at various locations during the past week, it's noticeable as it is using **2143035** in dark orange livery and **2143040** in dark green livery, both carrying CCTV monitors, in top 'n' tail mode. On the 5th May **1216921** passed through Gloggnitz shortly after

10:00 at the head train 49480 of a new traffic flow of grain between Spielfeld (Austria) and Breclav (Czech Republic), I understand this is currently a Wednesdays only train, but I'm open to correction.

News to 2nd May 2010 (posted on 8th May 2010)

Belgium

A look at the 'less interesting' services around Gent St Pieters on the 24th April found (in order of arrival at Gent) **1351** working IC532 the 09:12 Eupen to Oostende, **2757+2758** heading IC1612 the 12:10 Blankenberge to Tongeren, **2155** hauling IR4133 the 11:48 Leuven to Kortrijk, **2113** powering IR4113 the 13:18 Kortrijk to Leuven **2753+2755** topping IC1613 the 13:10 Blankenberge to Tongeren, **2746+2749** with IC1535 the 12:42 Tongeren to Blankenberge, **2145** leading IR4135 the 13:48 Leuven to Kortrijk and **2131** heading IR4115 the 15:18 Kortrijk to Leuven. On the 26th IR3913 the 13:20 Binche to Louvain-La-Neuve Université used **2615 & 2614** top 'n' tail while the evening peak produced **2352** on P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Zuid to Gent St. Pieters, **2355** with P8092 the 16:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde, **2320** heading P8511 the 16:07 Schaarbeek to Tournai, **2344** topping P8312 the 16:18 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2611 & 2608** top 'n' tail with IR3916 the 16:20 Binche to Louvain-La-Neuve Université, **2348** leading P8067 the 16:40 Brussels Zuid to Denderleeuw, **2371** hauling P8014 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Gent-Sint-Pieters, **2319+2341** with P8724 the 17:05 Schaarbeek to Châtelet, **2333** powering P8306 the 17:06 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2331** at the helm of P8095 the 17:12 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde and **2367** with P8010 the 17:32 Schaarbeek to St Niklaas. Just in way of a change, morning peak services on the 28th included **2371** on P7012 the 06:15 Gent-Sint-Pieters to Schaarbeek, **1186** with IC9201 the 06:18 Brussels Midi to Amsterdam, **2344** topping P7312 the 06:20 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, **2342** leading P7741 the 06:47 Binche to Schaarbeek, **2335** powering P7094 the 07:15 Dendermonde to Brussels Midi, **2348** on P7307 the 07:17 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, **2355** with P7010 the 07:17 Sint-Niklaas to Schaarbeek and **2317**, with **2309** dead on the rear, in charge of P7308 the 07:35 Tongeren to Brussels Midi

Switzerland

Charge loks seen in action on the 28th were **421379** on EC191 the 07:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf and **421377** with EC193 the 09:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf. Noted out on the 30th were **11202** on IR90 the 11:36 Zurich to Bruxelles Midi, **11145** hauling IR1778 the 13:16 Chur to Basel, **421379** topping EC195 the 13:16 Zürich HB to München Hbf, **11206** powering IC781 the 16:07 Basel to Zürich HB, **11150** with IR1981 the 16:13 Basel - Zürich HB and **11127** with train 17165 (on the S1 line) the 16:58 Basel to Stein-Sackingen.

France

On the 29th April **72186** hauled train 1040 the 07:45 Mulhouse to Paris Est. The following day **72179** turned out for the 13:13 Paris Est to Mulhouse which was held at Roissy for about 90mins due to a fatality involving a preceding train. It was eventually terminated at Belfort.

Holland

Observations from the 23rd included **1767** heading IC1970 the 18:49 Venlo to Den Haag CS, **1741** leading IC1972 the 19:19 Venlo to Den Haag CS and **1749** powering IC1980 the 21:19 Venlo to Den Haag CS.

Luxembourg

After a week long exam, electric **4001** has had her revision date extended to 30/03/11. CFL Cargo have added **185553** to their existing 185 fleet of 523/566/567 and have offered for sale one class 800, 8 class 850/900 and 16 Corail carriages!

Portugal

It was confirmed on the 28th April that Vendas Novas to Casa Branca will close on May 2nd (Sunday) for upgrade and electrification works, which is expected to take a year to complete. The Lisboa to Beja/Evora ICs are replaced by buses from Oriente calling at Vendas Novas then Evora or Beja only.

Regional services are replaced by buses between Pinhal Novo and Casa Branca with Evora-Beja to Funcheira also closing on June 13th for around 6 months. This means just the two daily diesel LC turns are left, Castelo Branco to Covilha and the Lusitania (which has been a 1931 from Lisboa SA for the past 4 nights). I have heard from more than one source that the Alentejo ICs are to resume with 1931s in charge as the electrical sub-stations on the Evora line are not included in the current works! Seems a bit odd, but who knows...

Austria

Observations from Sunday 25th April included **2016040** heading REX2703 the 07:30 Wien Meidling to Fehring **1142673** with REX7113 the 09:03 Krems a.d Donau to Wien FJB, **1142623** on REX7110 the 09:51 Wien FJB to Krems a.d Donau, **1142654** topping REX2104 the 10:29 Wien FJB to Gmund, preserved **2050009** on SZ16139 the 11:00 Wien Franz Josefs-Bahnhof to Weissenbach-Neuhaus, **1044034** heading OIC733 the 12:30 Wien Meidling to Lienz In Osttirol, **1044084** leading IC654 the 13:26 Graz Hbf to Wien Meidling, **2016003** powering R9942 the 14:37 Wiener Neustadt Hbf to Szombathely, **1142684** heading IC657 the 15:03 Wien Meidling to Graz Hbf, **2016016** in charge of REX9944 the 15:37 Wiener Neustadt Hbf to Szombathely, **2016004 & 2016023** on REX2793 the 17:00 Wien Meidling to Oberwart, **1142684** (again) & **1116109** paired on IC752 the 18:36 Graz Hbf to Wien Meidling, **1044096** leading EN234 the 19:04 Roma Termini to Wien Meidling and **1144099** powering IC755 the 20:03 Wien Meidling to Graz Hbf. The following day **1044084** did EC731 the 06:30 Wien Miedling to Villach Hbf and **1044025** headed IC512 the 07:38 Graz Hbf to Salzburg Hbf.