

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

### **News to 29th November 2010 (posted 2nd December 2010)**

#### **Germany**

It appears, from the NWB web site, that NWB will take over the Bremen to Twistringen, Oldenburg, and Bremerhaven-Lehe services from the timetable change in December. The usual pictures of the class 440 EMU's are being used to publicise this, but I'm not sure that they will be delivered in time for the timetable change. Chances are that the Verden and Vegesack lines will also go NWB next December so it looks like a few class 111 electric's will be retained until December but the outlook is bleak for the 143s and 110s. I presume Braunschweig will continue to operate the Hannover peak hour trains and this may keep some 110 employed, but with 111's free it could just be a hope on my part.

A new servicing shed has been built north of Boppard Hbf just past the Emmelshausen branch junction, there were 2 Stadler type single car railbuse, branded Rhenus Veniro, (which, to me, sounds like a complaint you should see the doctor with) present on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> November so that would suggest that it won't be long before they take over. However work has been done on the station at Emmelshausen, with a new platform built and a run round loop installed, which would seem strange when units are set to take over any day now! I cannot speak for you lot but the thought of coming down that incline into Boppard Hbf, on a damp autumn morning; in a disc braked Bubble Car doesn't fill me with any sort of confidence at all!

Workings from the 26<sup>th</sup> included **111072** with RE4830 the 05:43 Heilbronn to Mannheim, 120156 heading IC182 the 05:56 Frankfurt to Zürich into Stuttgart, where **120108** took over, **218449** powering RE15024 the 10:44 Frankfurt to Glauburg Stockheim, **143280 & 143661** top 'n' tail on RE4364 the 11:08 Frankfurt to Koblenz (via Mainz), **111015** with RE4869 the 13:14 Aachen to Siegen and 'veteran' **103184** leading IC1806 the 14:39 Köln to Hamburg Altona. The following day **110491** did RB24013 the 09:28 Bremerhaven-Lehe to Bremen and **110488** headed RB24010 the 09:34 Bremen to Bremerhaven-Lehe.

#### **Austria**

As of the December timetable change ownership of the Mariazellerbahn passes from OBB to Land Niederösterreich, 9 three car EMU have been ordered from Stadler and these are expected to replace most loco hauled trains by December 2013, however the "Ötscherbär" tourist train is expected to remain loco hauled.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> found **1116247** powering REX2104 the 10:29 Wien FJB to Ceske Velenice, **1116057** coming the other way on REX2111 the 11:06 Ceske Velenice to Wien FJB, **1116253** leading REX2106 the 12:29 Wien FJB to Ceske Velenice, **1142613** powering REX7118 the 13:51 Wien FJB to Krems a.d. Donau, **1144236** topping REX7123 1400 Krems a.d. Donau to Wien FJB, **1144248** with REX1632 the 17:14 Wien West to St.Valentin and **1142625** on REX5932 the 19:20 Linz to Passau. Moving on to the 22<sup>nd</sup> **1144280** did R3013 the 08:32 Salzburg Taxham to Linz, **1142663** powered REX3415 the 09:41 Stainach-Irdning to Linz, **1142612** headed R3010 the 10:01 Linz to Salzburg Taxham, **1142566** worked R3414 the 10:25 Linz to Obertraun, **1142554** turned out for R3417 the 11:07 Obertraun to Linz, **1144211** topped REX3416 the 12:13 Attnang-Puchheim to Stainach-Irdning, **1144018** hauled R3418 the 13:13 Attnang-Puchheim to Obertraun, **1144215** did IC518 the 13:38 Graz to Innsbruck (probably from Selzthal), **1142587** headed R3957 the 14:36 Linz to Liezen, **1142649** worked R3968 the 15:05 Liezen to Linz, 1144031 handled REX3919 the 17:56 Linz to Spital am Phyrn and **1142586** topped IC601 the 18:10 Linz to Graz. Workings from 23<sup>rd</sup> November included **1099007** with REX6807 the 08:34 St Pölten to Mariazell, **1142613** on REX7113 the 09:03 Krems to Wien FJB, **1142616** topping REX7110 the 09:51 Wien FJB to Krems, **1099004** powering R6804 the 11:51 Mariazell to St Pölten, **1099016** leading R6833 the 12:34 St Pölten to Laubenbachmühle, **1144252** topping R2066 the 12:39 St Pölten to Amstetten, **1099002** heading R6813 the 13:34 St Pölten to Mariazell, 1144265 hauling REX1635 the 14:21 St Valentin to Wien West, **1099011** on

R6835 the 14:34 St Pölten to Laubenbachmühle, **1099008** with R6837 the 15:34 St Pölten to Laubenbachmühle and **1142704** topping R2037 the 18:06 St Pölten to Wien West.

## Belgium

Morning 'peak' services noted on the 15<sup>th</sup> included **2360** heading P7722 the 06:35 Châtelet to Schaarbeek, **2330** hauling P7741 the 06:47 Binche to Schaarbeek, **2340** handling P7724 the 07:00 Châtelet to Schaarbeek, **2325** topping P7307 the 07:17 Hasselt to Brussels Midi, **2321** powering P7010 the 07:17 Sint-Niklaas to Schaarbeek, **2350** working P7308 the 07:35 Tongeren to Brussels Midi, **2629 & 2634** top 'n' tail on IR3929 the 07:41 Louvain-La-Neuve – Université to Binche and **2611 & 2627** top 'n' tail on IR3930 the 08:41 Louvain-La-Neuve – Université to Binche

## France

On the 18<sup>th</sup> fret allocated **67476** paired up with **67481** at the head of train 5900 the 05:00 Nevers to Paris Bercy then train 5904 the 09:03 Paris Bercy to Nevers. Infra allocated **22399** has been on loan covering Paris Bercy to Nevers trains on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> it did train 5910 the 10:25 Nevers to Paris Bercy and train 5917 the 18:03 Paris Bercy to Nevers, and on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> it worked train 5904 the 06:00 Nevers to Paris Bercy, it's last run before the loan was completed.

## Switzerland

Further A/e 6/6 electrics arrived at Emmenbrücke for scrap on the 26<sup>th</sup> November, this time it's the turn of **11414/428/436/443/451/474** to feel the cut of the torch!

## Portugal

On Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday night's (20<sup>th</sup>) Lisboa SA to Madrid "Lusitania" overnight derailed 2km short of Marvão Beira after colliding with a herd of cows that had found their way onto the line, the loco involved was **1935**.

## News to 15th November 2010 (posted on 16th November 2010)

### Germany

On the 31<sup>st</sup> of October a visit to the SP at Berlin Lichtenberg found **139309 140506 155244/249/262/268 185005/310** all stabled. Noted working on the same day were **110487** heading RB24011 the 08:48 Bremerhaven Lehe to Bremen Hbf and **110454** on RB14812 the 10:15 Bremen Hbf to Oldenburg. The 1<sup>st</sup> of November saw **182007** arrive at Dresden Hbf on RE38505 the 09:14 Cottbus to Dresden and then go back with RE38510 the 12:45 Dresden Hbf to Cottbus Hbf. Continuing its exploits **182007** was at it again on bonfire night, this time heading IC2022 the 15:42 Frankfurt (Main) Hbf to Hamburg Altona. Same day **120106** did IC2246 the 08:40 Leipzig to München (from Leipzig and top'n' tail with **101117** to Hannover), **120134** headed IC1803 the 10:50 Flensburg to Köln and **103184** topped IC1806 the 14:39 Köln to Hamburg Altona. Moving on a day **110447** was out on the 10:34 Bremen to Bremerhaven Lehe, **218473** worked the 15:48 Hannover to Bad Harzburg and **218455** topped the 16:45 Bad Harzburg to Hannover. Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> produced **120118** heading IC1917 the 13:50 Berlin Sudkreuz to Karlsruhe, **110468** on RB14816 the 12:15 Bremen to Oldenburg and **103184** leading IC1817 the 14:52 Hamburg Altona to Köln Hbf. On Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> **115114** (top) and **115509** (tail) worked IC2862 the 11:54 Hamm to Bonn and **120208** was noted stabled on DD stock at Aachen.

### Austria

On the 30<sup>th</sup> October **1822001 & 1822004** were removed from their storage point at Bludenz and taken, by **1116078+1116127** to Innsbruck. It is expected that a detailed examination of the pair will take place and then they will then be forwarded to Switzerland for re-use. On the 31<sup>st</sup> October the leasing arrangement Rail Cargo Hungary had with MRCE for electric locomotives **189156/157/158/159** ran out. The four were returned to the owner on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November with 'elder statesman' **1042007** providing the power through Austria. Sunday November the 9<sup>th</sup> found **1116029** heading OIC538 the 11:16 Villach Hbf to St. Veit and **1144104** powering OIC531 the 12:09 St. Veit to Klagenfurt Hbf. Two notable workings from the 12<sup>th</sup> were **1116062** on IC656 the 14:26 Graz Hbf to Wien Meidling and 'old timer' **1042033** topping IC602 the 18:55 Graz Hbf to Linz Hbf

## Belgium

A quick look at the evening peak around Brussels on the 3<sup>rd</sup> found **2341** heading P8066 the 15:40 Brussels Midi to Gent St Pieters, **2374** on P8511 the 16:06 Schaarbeek to Tournai, **2349** powering P8092 the 16:07 Brussels Midi to Dendermonde, **2323** hauling P8723 the 16:16 Schaarbeek to Châtelet, **2368** leading P8312 the 16:18 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2353** topping P8067 the 16:39 Brussels Midi to Denderleeuw, **2330** with P8741 the 16:50 Schaarbeek to Binche, **2321** on P8014 the 17:02 Schaarbeek to Gent, **2340+2365** powering P8724 the 17:05 Schaarbeek to Châtelet, **2328** heading P8306 the 17:06 Brussels Midi to Hasselt, **2335** working P8095 the 17:07 Bruxelles Midi to Dendermonde and **2372** on P8010 the 17:32 Schaarbeek to St Niklaas. Two days later, on the 5<sup>th</sup> **2357** was noted on P7215 the 06:43 Hasselt to Antwerp Berchem, **2325** headed P7282 the 06:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken and **2351** did P7283 the 07:44 Aarschot to Antwerp Noorderdokken.

## Private Owner

On the 11<sup>th</sup> November, two new Traxx AC2 locomotives for Railpool completed their maiden runs, **185686** and **185687** were both seen passing through Kassel Wilhelmshöhe in their silver and blue livery. Same day **186240** was spotted near the Kassel factory with special Bombardier promotional vinyls.

## France

Diesels noted on the 4<sup>th</sup> November included **67590** on the 10:07 Paris to Boulogne, **67619** heading the 10:46 Boulogne to Paris and **67605** powering the 12:20 Boulogne to Rang de Fliers then the 13:03 to Calais. Workings from the 5<sup>th</sup> November included **67348** on the 05:38 Boulogne to Paris as far as Amiens where **16061** took over, **16005** leading the 07:47 Amiens to Paris, **15004** powering the 06:31 Paris to Amiens, **67451** topping the 06:28 Laon to Amiens, **67522** on the 07:36 Albert to Amiens, **16006** working the 07:07 Paris to Boulogne as far as Amiens where **67348** took over, **67619** leading the 07:46 Boulogne to Paris into Amiens where **16006** took charge, **67600** topped the 07:34 Creil to Amiens, **15035** did the 07:40 Paris to Amiens, then came the highlight of the morning as **67470+67406** headed the 08:04 Paris to Amiens followed by **16061** on the 10:07 Paris to Boulogne which gave way to **67600+67522** at Amiens. Interestingly **67600** and **67605** in poor external condition, they are both in traditional blue, (so I assume they have not been overhauled for some years) and with the possibility of a cull with Rang de Fliers electrification in December, these may not be around long. On Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November **26090** on loan from fret to voyageurs, worked train 115918 the 18:23 Nevers to Paris Bercy returning the following day on train 5901 the 07:03 Paris Bercy to Nevers. Present at Bethune on the 9<sup>th</sup> were 2 TSO ex DB 216's namely **V216 182608 (216214)** and **V216 182609 (216213)**. On the 10<sup>th</sup> November CO Atlantique allocated **26135** worked train 14040 the 05:32 Tours to Orleans, followed by train 860508 the 07:50 Orleans to Paris Austerlitz.

## Switzerland

A/e 6/6 electrics **610447 (11447)** **11457 610489 (11489)** **11491** and **11498** all arrived at Emmenbrucke for scrap on 9<sup>th</sup> November, none of these are officially withdrawn, but all are long term out of use.

## Portugal

Leaving Entroncamento at 22:25 as train 95271 on the 12<sup>th</sup> November **2601** (top) and **2612** (tail) moved preserved diesel **1805**+Presidential coaches +Fiat 3-Car DMU (Foguete) to Contumil for further restoration work.

## Holland

Further to the last posting it appears that small 'dumps' of stored locomotives are appearing all around the Dutch system. On the last day of October stored at Amersfoort were **6401/03/05/06/08/09/10/20/85/86/87/88/89** & **6501** at Amsterdam Dijkgracht CS were **1748/71 1823/24/27/28/29/32/33/35/36/37/40/43/45/51/54** & **1855** while at Amsterdam Zaanstraat Depot are **1842/44/46/47** & **1849**. Feyenoord Depot is closed and is just a muddy wasteland, all the buildings and tracks having been removed, however, a new facility has been built at Rotterdam Waalhaven. There are unconfirmed reports that **6456** and **6457** from the largely now redundant DBS Netherlands fleet are to become 2 supplementary locos for use by Eurotunnel as rescue locos.