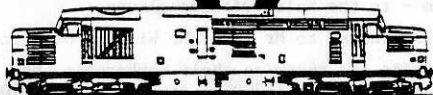


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EDITORIAL: Welcome everybody to 1990. It is customary to say "out with the old and in with the new", but in the case of the 37's it's just "out with the old (probably?)". What the year holds in store for the class remains to be seen, I personally prefer to adopt a cautious approach as a picture of doom and gloom has been painted for the last couple of years now by various people, but so far only 37062 and 37260 have passed away. What is certain is that 1990 marks the 30th anniversary of the class into service, D6700-D6703 entering traffic late in 1960, an event that will not, no doubt, go uncelebrated. A couple of gremlins crept into last months "Syphon."; the missing answer to question 8 of the quiz was bogie frame fractures, while the Christmas story contained 'duff' info' by stating that 47346 was able to traverse the East Suffolk line OK. Although the driver of a locomotive can talk to the signalman via the cab to shore telephone, a portable RETB receiver is still needed to accept the electronic tokens.

I hope that in 1990 we will continue to be able to keep you up to date with whats going on 37 wise, and on this point I would add that I am currently working on a questionnaire to find out what you do or don't like in the magazine, what you want more or less of, etc. Hopefully this will be ready in time for the February "Syphon!", but I would like to say beforehand that I would like to receive some stories/features/articles etc from you - the members that could be suitable for publication. I'm sure that many of you have days or evenings to spare and what better way to put this time to use than to write something for the magazine? Perhaps you could write about a day spent out bashing, or chasing 37's with a camera. Who knows, perhaps you have a photo aswell. It could be recent or a few years ago, and if you want to remain anonymous thats fine - just say so.

Right that said, lets get on with the rest. Cheers and good health to you all.

MONTHLY DRAW: Apologies for any confusion that may have been caused as regards the draw. Although the Editorial last month stated that anybody could join in, further study of the 'Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976' revealed that only members of the Group can take part in this type of draw - as correctly stated on the form.

There is still time to enter as the first draw will not take place until the end of January, with the result in the February "Syphon!". Thanks to those of you who have already entered.

SALES: Sweatshirts are currently held in the following sizes and colours; Small (grey only), Medium (green, blue, red, yellow), Large (green, blue, red, yellow), Extra Large (yellow only). These are available from the Sales Officer for £12 + £1 p & p and it would be a good idea to include an alternative choice if possible. Other colours in your size that are not in stock can be ordered but will be subject to a surcharge of £1:50 (ie £13:50 + £1 p & p) because these are a lot more expensive to produce.

The 7" x 5" card framed colour photo's are now down to the following: 37263; 37036; and 37116 - the last one not previously advertised. These are £1:75 + 19p postage each. Finally, the distribution problem with regard to the mugs mentioned in the AGM report is the fact that we have not yet been able to come up with a satisfactory, cost effective way of sending them out in the post. Any ideas - to the Sales Officer please.

PRESERVATION FUND: Total on 3.1.90 was £1666:20. Thanks to Mr Parr, Mr Wilson, Miss Scott.

NEW MEMBERS/RENEWALS: Many thanks to the following for renewing their membership and welcome to those of you who are new members: Andrew Garten (37001); Jason Hawkins (37011); Jerry Dickinson (37038); A.Blackford (37046); Mr C.S.Rosbrook (37052); Steve Squires (37054); Alstair Barham (37055); Mr P.H.Fergie (37056); Miss J.Scott (37064); Martin Reeve (37089); Jane Garten (37092); Mr B.L.Finley (37098); Mr R.Parr (37103); Mr D.Wilson (37106); Alan Pulford (37109); Mr M.Shoesmith (37111); Mr J.Lisle (37112); Mr M.Bell (37113).

DEADLINE for the February "Syphon!" will be 24.1.90.

NEWSDESK

There had been no depot or sector reallocations of 37's during the period 29.11.89 to 23.12.89. 37702 has been named 'Taff Merthyr' (this name formerly being carried by 56035) and repainted into Railfreight 'triple tone grey' coal sector livery. Other livery changes previously unreported are as follows: 071/104 - Departmental grey; 404/405/417 - Inter City/mainline; triple tone Construction - 425; Metals - 042/241; Petroleum - 078/232; Speedlink - 053/242.

The list of unofficial names being applied to Tinsley's blue 37's seems to be getting longer all the time with 15 examples so far reported. They are applied in the same style as those worn by the 'Peaks' towards the end of their days (is there an omen there?), the list is as follows:

37003	TIGER MOTH	37072	VENOM	37107	FURY	37209	PHANTOM
37009	TYPHOON	37073	TORNADO	37116	COMET	37251	GLADIATOR
37013	VAMPIRE	37077	HURRICANE	37178	METEOR	37298	VICTOR
37057	VIKING	37096	SPITFIRE	37185	BUCCANEER		

PASSENGER INFORMATION

9.11.89	37358	1B34	1445 Inverness-Edinburgh (Blackford-Stirling)
27.11.89	37213		1155 Cheltenham-Bristol (Gloucester-Bristol)
28.11.89	37146		1155 Cheltenham-Bristol (Gloucester-Bristol)
11.12.89	37707		0800 Inverness-Kings Cross (Inverness-Edinburgh)
12.12.89	37170		0712 Edinburgh-Inverness (Edinburgh-Perth)
	37207+230		1740 Cardiff-Gloucester
	37378		1118 York-Paddington (Birmingham-Oxford)
15.12.89	37354		2245 Penzance-Paddington (Chippenham-Paddington)
16.12.89	37025		1025 Inverness-Euston (Carstairs-Carlisle)
	37262		0707 Plymouth-Aberdeen (Dundee-Aberdeen)
17.12.89	37403		1110 Glasgow QS-Aberdeen/1510 Aberdeen-Glasgow QS
	37425		1655 Glsagow QS-Inverness
18.12.89	37403	1T04	2355 (17th) Inverness-Glasgow QS (Perth-Glasgow QS)
	37409		1630 Inverness-Glasgow QS
	37416		0530 Aberdeen-Glasgow QS/0933 Glasgow QS-Inverness
	37421		1030 Inverness-Aberdeen/1310 Aberdeen-Inverness
			1707 Inverness-Stonehaven (Inverness-Aberdeen)/2130 Aber'-Inver'
	37425		2355 (17th) Inverness-Glasgow QS
			0845 Bristol-Edinburgh (Carstairs-Edinburgh)
19.12.89	37416		0700 Inverness-Glasgow QS/1333 Glasgow QS-Inverness
	37421		0610 Inverness-Aberdeen/0950 Aberdeen-Inverness/1525 IS-AB
	37670		1139 Penzance-Plymouth (Par-Plymouth)
20.12.89	37416		1630 Inverness-Glasgow QS
	37421		1423 Inverness-Aberdeen/1930 Aberdeen-Glasgow QS (heat only)
21.12.89	37416		1707 Inverness-Stonehaven (to Aberdeen)/2130 Aberdeen-Inverness
22.12.89	37427	2V65	1145 Weymouth-Bristol

Despite reallocation to the Immingham Stanlow pool 37430 has still been down the Cambrian on the 'Coast Express' on 9/12 paired with 427 which had knackered radios and on 16/12 solo. On 30/12, 37222 was allocated to work the 'William Shakespeare Pullman' steam excursion away from Stratford-upon-Avon.