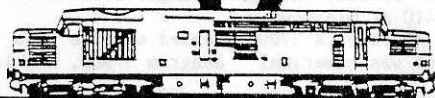


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EDITORIAL: There's not a lot to say this month, but one important development effects the Preservation Fund. A number of times in the past we have been asked if donations can be made on a regular basis by standing order. This is now possible and anybody who is interested in making MONTHLY payments by means of this method should write to the Treasurer for a standing order mandate.

On the publicity front, my thanks to Handel Kardas for the large amount of space given to us in the March edition of Railway World

SALES: Please don't order any Locomaster Profiles video's from us for the time being as these are currently being re-edited by the producer.

MONTHLY DRAW: The winner for February was Bob Upton - congratulations! If anybody wants to enter for the next 4 draws, send a cheque for £4 to the Membership Secretary at the above address explaining that you wish to be entered.

PRESERVATION FUND: The total on 1.3.90 was £1853:33 thanks to contributions from Jerry Dickinson, Mr A.Williams, Mr H.Egremont, Neil Murphy, Raymond Turner, Andrew Harlott and Mr N.Radley. Some of this months increase is also attributable to money being transferred from the general fund on account of the Monthly Draw. Please note the comments in the Editorial as regards making donations by standing order.

NEW MEMBERS/RENEWALS: Andrew Donald (37004); Neil Murphy (37050); Mr P.Barker (37057); Mr D.Clarkson (37074); Mr M.Collins (37076); Mr N.Radley (37078).

THANKYOU to the above and also to everybody who has supplied me with information during the last month - I'll thank you all in next months 'Syphon!'.

DEADLINE for the April 'Syphon!' will be 24.3.90.

NEWSDESK

Reallocations for the period 27.1.90 - 25.2.90 were as follows:

37156	ML-ED	FMCN-DCHA	37426	DCEA-FPBC	37693	CF-ED	FHBK-FEPE
37184		FPBC-DCEA	37888	FPCT-FPFS			

The swap involving 184 and 426 puts refurbished pair 426 and 430 together in the Stanlow Petroleum pool. 37156 becomes the first of the former Motherwell British Steel dedicated 37/3's to be reallocated following their recent wholesale renumberings, and 37693 has joined 694 at Eastfield.

Probably the best news during the last month is the reprieve of 37040 which was included in the 1990/91 'hit list' mentioned last month. By the beginning of February it had entered BRML Doncaster for an Intermediate overhaul, additional to the 1989/90 programme. On 25.2.90, 37040/095/133/203 were at Doncaster for Intermediate 'G' exams, with 37293 at Laira for the same reason. Undergoing light overhauls 'F' exams were 37511 at Doncaster and 402 and 410 at Glasgow.

A visitor to 'the plant' at Doncaster on 12/2 reports 37096 stabled outside in a heavily cannibalised condition. Also present was numerical anagram 37906, now into its fifth month here.

The working mentioned in last months 'Regional View' (Carlisle) involving 37417 and 87022 on 18/1 was definitely a test run emanating from Glasgow Works. It runs Thursdays only as required and comprises the test loco, an electric loco as standby and an assortment of loco hauled coaching stock. More 37's used on this working have been 407 (with 90034) on 15/2, and 415 (with 90023) on 22/2. Clearly this working provides an opportunity to photograph some unusual motive power combinations!

Whilst on the subject of train workings, it is also reported that the Middleton Towers to Doncaster/Monk Bretton sand train has again reverted to 2 x 37 for motive power.

LIVERIES: Changes during the month of February are as follows: 095/142 (Departmental grey); 144 (triple tone 'Construction'); 162 (Departmental grey); 407/415 (Inter City/mainline); 508 (triple tone 'Metals').

37138 now carries 'Petroleum' sector decals (formerly 'Construction'). With 040, 133 and 293 currently undergoing Intermediates, this will reduce the ranks of allover blue 37's to a mere 52.

PASSENGER INFORMATION

29.1.90	37019	0910 Euston-Birmingham NS (Nuneaton-Wolverhampton)(1G23)
1.2.90	37173	1135 Carlisle-Newcastle
2.2.90	37104	1530 Leeds-Kings Cross (Hare Park Junction-Doncaster)(1A20)
	37416	2035 Inverness-Euston (Inverness-Mossend)(1M15)
3.2.90	37416	2215 Euston-Inverness (Mossend-Inverness)(1S07)
6.2.90	37254	1200 Plymouth-Manchester P.(Abbotswood-Worcester)
	37280	1200 Plymouth-Manchester P.(Worcester-Birmingham NS)
7.2.90	37194+242	1800 Norwich-Liverpool St.(Stowmarket-Colchester)
	37412+670	1705 Paddington-Plymouth (Exeter-Plymouth)
12.2.90	37025	2205 Euston-Aberdeen (Glasgow C.-Aberdeen)
	37170	2350 Glasgow C.-Euston (Beattock-Glasgow C)
14.2.90	37708	0736 Edinburgh-Glasgow QS
16.2.90	37207	1900 Worcester FS-Birmingham NS (Bromsgrove-Blackwell)(2M97)
17.2.90	37401	2025 Glasgow QS-Dundee
	37424	1147 Glasgow QS-Haymarket(1Z74)/1645 Haymarket-Glasgow QS
19.2.90	37175	0735 Euston-Inverness (Perth-Inverness)
	37294	1530 Plymouth-Liverpool (?-Birmingham NS)
20.2.90	37145	0657 Coventry-Edinburgh (Oxenholme-Preston)
	37883	0857 Liverpool-York (Manchester-Bradford)
23.2.90	37274	1230 Plymouth-Paddington (Reading-Paddington)
26.2.90	37184	0645 Leeds-Kings Cross (Leeds-Doncaster)
3.3.90	37038	1620 Cardiff-Carmarthan (Swansea-Carmarthan) 'Ruggex'
		1831 Carmarthan-Swansea
	37429	0739 Cardiff-Pembroke Dock (Cardiff-Swansea)
		0948 Swansea-Crewe/1520 Crewe-Swansea
		1859 Milford Haven-Cardiff (Swansea-Cardiff)

There will be further details of the above workings next month. Further to last months 'Passenger Information', the reason that 37274 returned ECS on 8/1 after working into Reading was that its scheduled return working had also failed and the train had been capped. On Sunday 11/2 the strong winds brought a tree down onto the overhead lines in the Ipswich area, and for once all trains were dragged for the rest of the day. Unfortunately none of the loco's involved were 37's. The next morning the 0500 Norwich to Liverpool Street arrived at Ipswich behind 47280/37047/37077/37073 and 862xx, only 47280 was actually working. With the strong winds bringing chaos to most of the country it is believed that 37188 and 37508 worked trains over an isolated section at Beattock on 13/2.