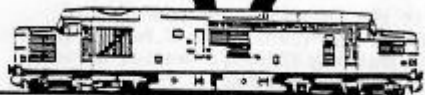


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EDITORIAL: Sadly I have to begin this month by reporting the resignation of our Chairman, Steve Squires. Family and work commitments have meant that he has not been able to give the time that he felt necessary for the Committee.
 As a result we need a new Chair (man or woman) and any interested parties should send their nominations to the Secretary in writing, to be received not later than Friday 27th July. Although all committee members have the option to restand or stand-down at the A.G.M., in the interests of continuity we would like the successful/potential applicants to be prepared to restand in November for the next 12 months. The Chairmans duties include chairing monthly committee meetings, chairing the A.G.M. which includes giving a report of the activities of the Executive Committee during the previous 12 months, and generally keeping the Committee in order!
 I think it is worth mentioning, for the benefit of anybody who wants to apply for a Committee post but feels the position of Chairman is not quite their "cup of tea", next months "Syphon!" will include a request for somebody to take on the task of organising Group trips. This was one of the outcomes of the questionnaire and there will be more on this subject next month.

This months newssheet has reverted to 4 pages in order to include all the passenger information of late. If I carried it over to Augusts "Syphon!" I don't think there would be room for much else with the amount of workings, especially in Scotland.
 I have also reintroduced the diary which gives details of the Open Days we should be at, railtours I have been asked to publicise and an Open Meeting. This is something else we have reintroduced this month and, for want of a more suitable venue which we are still trying to find, will be at the Station Hotel, Ipswich (lounge side) on the evening of Wednesday 25th July. We should be there from at least 8pm and are usually pretty easy to find, just look for the table with the pile of photo's/slides etc on it!

THE TYNE TEES & WEARMAN: Tickets are selling well even at this early stage. I know from personal experience it is easy to leave these things until the last minute in the hope that there are still seats available, and there are also a lot of other railtours being advertised for this time of year, but can we ask all members who want to come to book as soon as possible. Can we also make a special request to people who want to use the coach facility to book early as we don't want a fully booked train and then have to turn people away from empty seats on the coach.

BARRY BUCKETEER: This will be the 'Growler Groups' 3rd railtour and runs from Crewe, Wolverhampton, Birmingham, Cheltenham and Bristol to Barry for the Open Day, on Sunday 19th August. The train should be hauled by a 37/7 from Crewe with another 37/7 to "top and tail" from Cardiff. Full details can be obtained from: Growler Group, Railtour Organiser, 26 Risca Road, Newport, Gwent NP9 4HZ.

MONTHLY DRAW: I do not yet have details of the winner for June as the Membership Secretary is away on holiday, all will be revealed next month. As explained in the June "Syphon" a new series of 6 draws will start with the first drawn in July. To be entered please send £6 to the Membership Secretary at the address overleaf with a short note explaining your wish to be entered. Remember, half the money goes to the Preservation Fund.

NEW MEMBERS/RENEWALS: Thankyou very much to all of the following for your valued support: Mr M.Barker (37009); Colin Wilks (37010); R.Hall (37017); Mr S.Petre (37018); Malcolm Hicks (37021); Mr C.Burton (37022); Mr B.C.Darling (37025); Maurice Barber (37030); Paul Cragg (37035); Alan Wesson (37036); Mr S.Cholmondeley (37040); Mr D.C.Bratt (37041); Steven Evans (37042); Mr T.Loraine (37079); Mr D.Slinn (37131); Mr W.Berridge (37143); Mrs S.Berridge (37144); Mr C.Berridge (37147); Mr R.Davis (37193); A.Mellors (37194); S.Sterland (37195). Cheers !

ADVERTISING: As there have not been any takers recently I have decided to reduce the charge to a flat rate of £1. This will go to the Preservation Fund and is extremely reasonable when compared to the commercial rail press. Please make cheques/postal orders payable to 'The Class 37 Group' and send adverts to the Editor.

DIARY

- 21.7.90 SALES STAND. Crewe Works Open Day, 1000-1700.
25.7.90 Open Meeting (Wednesday), Station Hotel, Ipswich (lounge side), from 2000.
28.7.90 SALES STAND. Newport Station Rail Fete, open from 1000.
19.8.90 SALES STAND. Barry depot.
'The Barry Bucketcar'. Crewe-Barry railtour, 2 x class 37/7 involved.
Details from: Growler Group, Railtour Organiser, 26 Risca Road, Newport, NP9 4HZ.
25.8.90 'Ffestiniog Flyer' railtour, Rose Grove-Llandudno or Ffestiniog. Details from:
'The Thirtyseven Trust', Victoria Travel, Cigar Alley, Station Concourse,
Victoria Station, Manchester, M3 1PB. Please enclose S.A.£.
8.9.90 'The Tyne Tees & Wearman'. Bookings to the Membership Secretary please.

THANKYOU: Special thanks this month to Julian Shields, David Wilson and Jerry Dickinson for most of the passenger gen, and to Keith Fransham for the TOPS.

DEADLINE for the August "Syphon" will be Saturday 21st July.

NEWSDESK

There were no depot or sector reallocations during the period 2.6.90 - 29.6.90.

37156 and 37170 have received aeriels and RETB equipment for working the Kyle and Far North lines from Inverness. 37170's is of the shorter type as worn by the Stratford based examples for the East Suffolk line, whereas 37156's is the longer and thinner style as fitted to the ETH 37/4's, and if TOPs follows logic (!) it is probably from 37421 which was transferred to Eastfield last month and is now shown as not carrying radio equipment. It is thought that the reason for this duo receiving RETB equipment is principally to work freights over the RETB lines as the regular use of the 37/4's on passenger workings has left the freight sector rather short of motive power.

37220 (CF/FPEK) has been named 'WESTERLEIGH' with a badge of the Murco oil company fitted above the nameplate. It was on display as such at the Gloucester 150 event on 1.7.90 along with 37's 015/038/142/185/198/350/885/906. In conjunction with this event, 37131+235, 37074+103 and 37691+800 worked on a variety of special passenger trains and 37146 at least was stabled in the new yard.

37072 is thought to have been removed from the 'hit list', its place being taken by 37077, and 60005 has arrived at Motherwell for crew training - its first duty is likely to be the Hunterston-Ravenscraig ore trains which are currently hauled by double headed 37's of Motherwells FMGM sector.

LIVERIES: Newly reported changes are: 072/156 - departmental grey; 424/430 - Inter City/mainline; 514 - triple tone Metals; 674 - triple tone Distribution; 682 - triple tone Construction. I hope to run a full, revised list in the August "Syphon!"

PASSENGER INFORMATION

24.5.90	37196	1715 Aberdeen-Inverness (Elgin-Inverness)
28.5.90	37175	1200 Kings Cross-Inverness (Perth-Pitlochry)
30.5.90	37216	0745 Harwich FQ-Liverpool St. (Manningtree-Liverpool St.)
	37293	0710 Plymouth-Aberdeen (Gloucester-Birmingham NS, 47804 failed)
31.5.90	37235	0640 Derby-Lincoln
		0830 Lincoln-Birmingham NS (Lincoln-Derby)
		0916 Birmingham NS-Lincoln (Derby-Lincoln)
		1150 Lincoln-Birmingham NS (Lincoln-Derby)
2.6.90	37261	1805 Aberdeen-Inverness
3.6.90	37521	1700 Edinburgh-Birmingham NS (Edinburgh-Carstairs)
5.6.90	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37261	1030 Inverness-Aberdeen
6.6.90	37154	1217 Inverness-Glasgow QS (Stirling-Glasgow QS)
	37207	1330 Cardiff-Liverpool /1715 Liverpool-Cardiff
	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
7.6.90	37170	1712 Dundee-Montrose /2030 Dundee-Perth (additional)
8.6.90	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37707	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
9.6.90	37708	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
		1207 Inverness-Aberdeen (Nairn-Aberdeen)
		1525 Aberdeen-Inverness
	37800	1519 Crewe-Swansea (Pantyffynnon-Swansea)
11.6.90	37133	0803 Cardiff-Weymouth /1658 Weymouth-Cardiff
	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37262	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
12.6.90	37154	0750 Inverness-Kings Cross (Perth-Edinburgh, 47712 failed)
		1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37221	0503 Cardiff-Liverpool /0914 Liverpool-Cardiff
	37261	0458 Inverness-Aberdeen (Elgin-Aberdeen, 37401 failed)
		0738 Aberdeen-Inverness
	37263	1330 Cardiff-Liverpool /1715 Liverpool-Cardiff
	37708	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
13.6.90	37087	0635 Montrose-Dyce /0749 Dyce-Aberdeen
	37156	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
		1207 Inverness-Aberdeen /1525 Aberdeen-Inverness
		1758 Inverness-Stonehaven /2117 Stonehaven-Inverness
14.6.90	37152	1715 Dundee-Glasgow QS (additional, Perth-Glasgow QS)
15.6.90	37087	0755 Aberdeen-Kings Cross (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
	37203	2055 Edinburgh-Poole (Glasgow-Carlisle)
	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
16.6.90	37156	1015 Inverness-Kyle of Lochalsh /1700 Kyle of Lochalsh-Inverness
	37152	2215 (15/6) Euston-Inverness (Perth-Inverness, 47617 failed)
	37219	0615 North Walsham-Newcastle (North Walsham-Norwich) CHARTER
		0924 Yarmouth-Leeds (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0752 Birmingham NS-Yarmouth (1205 Norwich-Yarmouth)
		1325 Yarmouth-Birmingham NS (Yarmouth-Norwich)
		0937 Leeds-Yarmouth (1430 Norwich-Yarmouth)
	37693	1040 Ayr-Carlisle /1400 Carlisle-Ayr (additional)
	37707	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
		1207 Inverness-Aberdeen /1525 Aberdeen-Inverness
17.6.90	37065	2055 Edinburgh-Plymouth (Carstairs-Glasgow)
	37719	1612 Hereford-Paddington (Hereford-Oxford, 47421 failed)
18.6.90	37087	1638 Aberdeen-Dyce /1658 Dyce-Montrose
	37152	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
19.6.90	37087	1638 Aberdeen-Dyce /1658 Dyce-Montrose
	37140	1600 Norwich-Liverpool St. (Ipswich-Liverpool St., 86216 failed)
	37196	0722 Dundee-Edinburgh
	37240	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Dundee

20.6.90	37133	0803 Cardiff-Weymouth /1658 Weymouth-Cardiff
	37152	0755 Glasgow QS-Inverness (Perth-Inverness)
	37244	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
		0908 Edinburgh-Birmingham International (Edinburgh-Carstairs)
		0657 Coventry-Edinburgh (1137 Carstairs-Edinburgh)
21.6.90	37087	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37142	0803 Cardiff-Weymouth /1658 Weymouth-Cardiff
	37240	1638 Aberdeen-Dyce /1658 Dyce-Montrose
	37261	1217 Inverness-Glasgow QS (Inverness-Perth)
	37707	2215 (20/6) Easton-Inverness (Moy-Inverness, 47635 failed)
22.6.90	37142	0803 Cardiff-Weymouth /1658 Weymouth-Cardiff
	37087	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
23.6.90	37261	0610 Inverness-Stonehaven /0925 Stonehaven-Inverness
	37693	1040 Ayr-Carlisle /1400 Carlisle-Ayr (additional)
25.6.90	37087	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37262	1638 Aberdeen-Dyce /1658 Dyce-Montrose
	37263	0803 Cardiff-Weymouth /1159 Weymouth-Bristol (additional)
		1658 Weymouth-Cardiff
26.6.90	37175	0722 Dundee-Edinburgh /1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
27.6.90	37131	0823 Didcot-Paddington
	37175	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37254	1845 Glasgow C-Stockport (Quintinshill-Carlisle)
	37380	0722 Dundee-Edinburgh (Ladybank-Edinburgh)
	37707	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
28.6.90	37156	1526 Inverness-Aberdeen /1805 Aberdeen-Inverness
		2145 Inverness-Aberdeen
	37175	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
		1835 Inverness-Edinburgh (Perth-Edinburgh, 47709 failed)
		2330 Edinburgh-Glasgow QS
	37184	0840 Poole-Edinburgh (Stannington-Edinburgh, 47850 failed)
	37504	0840 Poole-Edinburgh (Sheffield-Leeds, 47849 failed)
29.6.90	37088	1712 Dundee-Montrose /1808 Montrose-Perth
	37114	0740 Edinburgh-Glasgow QS /0955 Glasgow QS-Inverness
		1438 Inverness-Edinburgh
	37156	0528 Aberdeen-Inverness
30.6.90	37055	1040 Ayr-Carlisle /1400 Carlisle-Ayr (additional)
	37216	0720 Ipswich-Scarborough (Ipswich-Norwich) CHARTER
	37707	0915 Inverness-Elgin /1018 Elgin-Inverness
		1207 Inverness-Aberdeen /1423 Aberdeen-Inverness

There were also a number of special workings on Sunday July 1st involving 37131+235, 37074+100 and 37691+800, full details of which I shall give next month when I have all the times. As you can see from the above, Scotland is the place to be at the moment, and in particular on the Aberdeen-Inverness line. These, mainly Sprinter replacement, diagrams are expected to last until the class 156's start to enter service in numbers, which is not expected to be until at least the end of July. Probably the best train to watch is the 1712 Dundee-Montrose and 1808 return to Perth. It has been confirmed that this is actually booked for the Perth ballast loco which is nearly always a 37. The DMU originally scheduled to work this service has been transferred to an additional 1715 Dundee-Glasgow service. The Montrose runs with 4 coaches usually and is prone to late running on the return journey as only 9 minutes are allowed for the run round, although it does have 19 minutes at Dundee. It is worked by the DMU on Saturdays. Other regular workings include the Aberdeen 'comuter' services and the 0915 Inverness-Elgin and 1018 return. This latter service is nearly always 707, although 708 has appeared, this train fits in nicely with their regular ballast working off Inverness. The 0724 Perth-Glasgow mentioned last month has not been producing 37's. A few details of locomotive failures are included in the gen list above while other interesting notes will be included in the narrative report next month.