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EDITORIAL

Welcome to the May edition of Syphon Extra. Summer is finally here and with it comes a large amount of interest regarding the Class 37 fleet, this comes in the form of extra workings on passenger services and a huge increase in the use of the class on the former Southern Region. Also with the summer, comes the Open Day season; there are many of these in different areas of the country, and whilst the sales stand is transported to the events from Ipswich, if you are able to come along and help with either setting up the stand or help running it then we would be delighted to hear from you. The Sales Officer can be contacted at the address above.

DIARY

29th May 1992	Open Meeting at the Woodthorpe Hotel, Bury Old Road, Prestwich, Manchester from 20.00 hrs.
30th May 1992	A1A Charters Railtour "The Brighton Rock" Carnforth to Brighton featuring FPPR 37/7

PRESERVATION FUND

The Preservation Fund currently stands at £ 6198.56. There has been an excellent increase since last time due to donations from members totalling £ 216.53. Thank you to them.

THANKS

Thankyou to those who have supplied me with information for this newssheet, these very good persons include David Wilson, Jeremy Darr, Dean Warner, Timothy Streten, Colin Wilkes and Marcus Lindfoot.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the June Magazine is Friday 29th May.

NEWSDESK

We begin with this months re-allocations of members of the Class 37 fleet.

37032 FABI IM - MDTT TI	37040 FMGM ML - FMAK CF	37042 FMGM ML - FMAK CF
37048 FMTY TE - FMAK CF	37051 FMTY TE - FMAK CF	37063 MDTT TI - IISA IS
37069 FMTY TE - FMAK CF	37070 MDTT TI - IISA IS	37077 FMGM ML - FMAK CF
37095 FCJI IM - IEJI IM	37099 FMGM ML - FMAK CF	37109 FMTY TE - FMAK CF
37144 FABI IM - FPCI IM	37145 FMGM ML - FPYX HQ	37152 IEJE ED - IISA IS
37156 RAJV IS - IISA IS	37170 IEJE ED - IISA IS	37175 IEJE ED - IISA IS
37194 MDTT TI - IISA IS	37196 RAJV IS - IISA IS	37212 FQCK CF - FEPM ML
37213 FQCK CF - FHBK CF	37214 FALY TE - MDTT TI	37222 FQCK CF - FHBK CF
37239 FQCK CF - FEPM ML	37250 FMYI IM - FMAK CF	37255 FMYI IM - FMAK CF
37275 FMYI IM - FMAK CF	37285 MDTT TI - IISA IS	37293 FMGM ML - FMAK CF
37294 FPAE ED - RAJV IS	37351 FMYI IM - FEPM ML	37377 FMYI IM - FEPM ML
37381 FMYI IM - MDRT TI	37413 FDTE ED - MDRL LA	37417 MDRL LA - MDRT TI
37420 MDRL LA - FDTE ED	37430 MDRT TI - FDTE ED	37501 FMGM ML - FMTY TE
37502 FMGM ML - FPYX HQ	37503 FMGM ML - FPCI IM	37504 FMGM ML - FMYI IM
37505 FMGM ML - FPYX HQ	37507 FMTY TE - FMYI IM	37510 FMGM ML - FMTY TE
37515 FMTY TE - FMYI IM	37516 FMTY TE - FMYI IM	37517 FMGM ML - FMYI IM
37518 FMGM ML - FMAK CF	37519 FMGM ML - FMYI IM	37520 FMGM ML - FMAK CF
37706 FPCI IM - FPBI IM	37707 FPCI IM - FPBI IM	37708 FPCI IM - FPBI IM
37710 FMHK CF - FMTY TE	37884 FMHK CF - FMTY TE	37885 FMHK CF - FMTY TE

On top of that little lot, 37214 has recently moved from FALY TE to MDTT TI and all of the locomotives in the Eastfield Coal sector FEPE have moved to a new pool FEPM which is based at Motherwell. Of the above 37063/156/196 and 37285 have gone to the Intercity pool IISA on loan, as have 37070/194/209 and 37252 last month. This month sees the concentration of all of the Metals sector 37/0's to Cardiff - included in these is 37069, it's first transfer away from Thornaby depot, as far as I am aware. 37145/502 and 37505 have gone into the "holding" pool awaiting transfer to the Petroleum sector, 145 having been in trouble with traction motor problems and 37502 has arrived at Eastfield depot with collision damage. 37420 "The Scottish Hosteller" has returned to Scotland while 37413 "Loch Eil Outward Bound" has gone to Cornwall!

A new Railfreight Distribution freightliner service has started with the commencement of the new timetable. It is the first freightliner to run between Wales and East Anglia departing Pengam Freightliner Terminal at 0625 Mon and Sat excepted arriving at Felixstowe North Terminal at 1757 running with the code 4L65. The return working 4V66 departs Felixstowe at 2315 Friday and Saturdays excepted arriving back in Pengam at 0707 the next day. This is the only daytime working of 37s on 'liners into East Anglia, with the exception of the Ipswich to Felixstowe 'portions'.

Another development in East Anglia is a bar on the use of Class 37 locomotives on ballast trains. The Great Eastern Division of Network SouthEast took the lead with their Divisional Civil Engineer issuing an instruction to stop 37s being used to haul ballast trains on sites where ballast is being dropped. The reason behind this was the safety of engineering staff on site who have to stand on the wagons to release the ballast, who were falling over or even off the wagon when power was applied and the loco moved off with a jerk - the power coming in at once rather than gradually; - an informed source says that this can be overcome with carefull increases on the power handle. As the control system takes a little time to react, some drivers are opening up and then finding that nothing happens so open it up some more - then it all comes at once. The problem is most acute at weekends when resources are stretched and the word from Network SouthEast is to fit the Class 37 fleet with slow speed control in the longer term. Whether or not NSE are willing to pay for other sectors 37s to be fitted remains to be seen. The class are still being used on other engineering trains and trip workings.

LIVERIES

As 37152 has now gone into Doncaster works for overhaul (due out 22nd May) and presumably a new coat of paint, this will leave 37057/128/209 and 37408 as the only machines carrying large logo livery.

Also in that vain, as far as I know, 37217/219 are the only all blue liveried examples.

PASSENGER INFORMATION

Now the summer is here this section of the newssheet and indeed the magazine should grow in size. Here follows the latest information up to and including the first summer Saturday of 1992, 16th May.

15.	4.92	37416	1015 Inverness - Kyle
			1700 Kyle - Inverness
		37403	1950 Fort William - Glasgow
16.	4.92	37416	1015 Inverness - Kyle
			1700 Kyle - Inverness
		37403	0337 Edinburgh - Fort William
20.	4.92	37038	1815 Waterloo - Exeter (Axminster - Exeter)
		37107/131	"The Hampton Wanderer" Charter Morris Cowley - Paddington via Hamworthy Quay
21.	4.92	37428	0600 Inverness - Aberdeen
			0916 Aberdeen - Inverness
		37010	0611 Exeter - Waterloo (to Salisbury)
			1100 Waterloo - Exeter (from Salisbury)
		37156	2120 Aberdeen - Euston (to Edinburgh)
22.	4.92	37101	1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
			1900 Blackpool - Liverpool
		37088	1015 Inverness - Euston (Perth to Edinburgh)
		37170	0735 Euston - Inverness (Edinburgh to Perth)
23.	4.92	37087	2120 Aberdeen - Euston (to Edinburgh)
25.	4.92	37298	0905 Crewe - Manchester Victoria (NW Diesel Day Charter)
		37706	1048 Manchester Victoria - Barrow (NW Diesel Day)
			1206 Barrow - Manchester Victoria (NW Diesel Day)
		37298/891	1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool (NW Diesel Day)
		37679/414	1856 M.Vic - Oldham Loop - M.Vic (NW Diesel Day Charter)
		37418	0520 Blackpool - Preston (NW Diesel Day)
			0604 Preston - Barrow (NW Diesel Day)
			0815 Barrow - Preston (NW Diesel Day)
			1025 Preston - Barrow (NW Diesel Day)
			1208 Barrow - Lancaster (NW Diesel Day)
			1450 Lancaster - Barrow (NW Diesel Day)
			1632 Barrow - Liverpool Lime St. (NW Diesel Day)
		37419	1502 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool (NW Diesel Day Charter)
			1720 Blackpool - Manchester Victoria (to Preston)
		60056/37419	1720 Blackpool - Manchester (from Preston)
26.	4.92	37298/891	1112 Manchester Victoria - Blackburn (NW Diesel Day Charter)
27.	4.92	37087	0916 Aberdeen - Inverness
		37418	0714 Blackpool - Manchester Victoria
		37416	1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
			1900 Blackpool - Liverpool
		37419	1721 Manchester Victoria - Southport
28.	4.92	37419	0716 Southport - Manchester Victoria
			1721 Manchester Victoria - Southport
		37416	0714 Blackpool - Manchester Victoria
			1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
			1900 Blackpool - Liverpool

29. 4.92	37419	0716 Southport - Manchester Victoria
		1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
		1900 Blackpool - Liverpool
	37416	0714 Blackpool - Manchester Victoria
	37426	1721 Manchester Victoria - Southport
30. 4.92	37419	0714 Blackpool - Manchester Victoria
	37426	0716 Southport - Manchester Victoria
	37010	0745 Paddington - Penzance HST (Exeter - Plymouth)
2. 5.92	37098	2359 Paddington - Penzance 1.5.92 (Reading - Bristol TM)
	37156	0916 Aberdeen - Inverness
3. 5.92	37254	1320 Swansea - York (Gloucester-Birmingham NS)
4. 5.92	37068/33053	0605 Waterloo - Hereford (NSE Charter)
		1150 Hereford - Crewe (Additional)
		1705 Crewe - Hereford (Additional)
		1868 Hereford - Waterloo (NSE Charter)
	37026/178	1247 Crewe - Hereford (Additional)
		1635 Hereford - Crewe (Additional)
	37904/203	1035 Hereford - Crewe (Additional)
		1400 Crewe - Hereford (Additional)
5. 5.92	37009	1400 Oxford - Paddington (Didcot-Reading)
	37010	1422 Exeter - Waterloo (Yeovil Jn.-Salisbury)
6. 5.92	37191	0600 Paddington - Edinburgh (Didcot-Oxford)
11. 5.92	37209/252	2010 Inverness - Euston (Inverness-Edinburgh)
	37221/251	1212 Inverness - Aberdeen
		2120 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
12. 5.92	37221/251	2130 Euston - Inverness 11.5.92 (Edinburgh-Inverness)
	37209/252	2203 Euston - Aberdeen 11.5.92 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen)
		2120 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
13. 5.92	37209/252	2203 Euston - Aberdeen 12.5.92 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen)
	37209	0916 Aberdeen - Inverness
	37221/251	1212 Inverness - Aberdeen
		2120 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
14. 5.92	37221/251	2203 Euston - Aberdeen 13.5.92 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen)
		2120 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
	37153	1015 Inverness - Kyle
		1700 Kyle - Inverness
15. 5.92	37221/251	2203 Euston - Aberdeen 14.5.92 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen)
		2120 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
	37025	1015 Kyle - Inverness
		1700 Inverness - Kyle
	37378	1714 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
		1857 Blackpool - Liverpool
		2152 Liverpool - Blackpool
	37070/209	2010 Inverness - Euston (Inverness-Edinburgh)
16. 5.92	37221/251	2130 Euston - Inverness 15.5.92 (Edinburgh-Inverness)
		1900 Inverness - Euston (Inverness-Glasgow Central)
	37070/209	2203 Euston - Inverness 15.5.92 (Edinburgh-Aberdeen)
		2000 Aberdeen - Euston (Aberdeen-Edinburgh)
	37063	0708 Perth - Edinburgh
		1130 Edinburgh - Inverness
	37153	1015 Inverness - Kyle
		1700 Kyle - Inverness
	37158	0758 Cardiff - Weymouth
		1630 Weymouth - Cardiff
	37245	0520 North Walsham-Holyhead Charter (Nth Walsham-Norwich)
	37886	1823 Crewe - Llandrindod (Shrewsbury-Llandrindod)
		2059 Llandrindod - Shrewsbury
	37378	1218 Manchester Victoria - Blackpool
		1857 Blackpool - Liverpool
		2152 Liverpool - Blackpool

Recently back from Crewe Works, 37140 was turned out of Stratford to work 1P90 0040 Liverpool Street-Norwich parcels after 47517 caught fire at Liverpool St. The 37 left Liverpool Street right time and arrived at Norwich 9 minutes early. The Working Of The Month nominated by Dave Harlott was 37098 on the Down midnight via the rateable Berks and Hants line.