

EDITORIAL

Subscription Renewals - July 1982

Members whose subscription expires with this news sheet, and who have not yet renewed for 1982-83, are reminded that their subscriptions are now due. A green renewal advice was sent with last month's news sheet and this should be returned, with the appropriate remittance, to the Membership Secretary as soon as possible. Members who do not renew their subscriptions will not receive a copy of the July news sheet.

Ilford Meeting - Tuesday, July 13th.

An evening meeting will be held at 7. Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford on Tuesday, July 13th commencing at 1930 hrs. Copies of the forthcoming new book "Eastern National Past and Present" (see below for full details) will be on sale at this meeting. Farley Drive is close to Seven Kings Rail Station where there are regular services to Liverpool Street, Romford and Brentwood with connections to Chelmsford, Clacton, Colchester and Southend.

Eastern National Past and Present

This new book, to be published by Becknell Books of Kings Lynn on July 3rd, 1982, will be available from the Group. It is a photographic record of Eastern National vehicles over the years from the same publishers as 'Eastern Counties Past and Present' which appeared last year, and is to be highly recommended. The book is priced at £4.50, and if you want a copy as soon as it is available, then you may order it from the Group at a cost of £4.50 (post free). Why not send off your order today and secure your copy. All orders should be addressed to the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ), a receipt will be supplied if required, provided a Stamped Addressed Envelope is enclosed.

Visit to Eastern National Central Works, Chelmsford - Saturday, July 24th.

A visit to Eastern National's Central Works, Chelmsford has been arranged by kind courtesy of J.L. Jepson Esq., Chief Engineer. The visit will be on Saturday, July 24th commencing at 1000 hrs., and will be limited to a party of 24 members. Places will only be confirmed by prior booking and those members who wish to participate are strongly advised to write to the Events Secretary (R. Delahoy Esq., 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW) as soon as possible, and a Stamped Addressed Envelope must be enclosed.

London Bus Rally, Ensign Bus Co., A13 Arterial Road, Purfleet - Sunday, July 18th.

This year the London Bus Rally is being held over two days (July 17/18th) at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., A13 Arterial Road, Purfleet, Essex. The Group's sales stand will be present on Sunday, July 18th, and our full range of publications, photographs and other items will be available. Admission on both days will be free, and there will be a connecting bus service between Purfleet Station and the Rally site.

Weekend Coach Tour to Lancashire, Friday, August 27th to Monday, August 30th inclusive.

A booking form for this tour is enclosed, and members will note that as an experiment we have organised a weekend tour for the August Bank Holiday. Please support this tour; the fare is very reasonable indeed and includes three nights in high class hotels and coach travel from Southend to London. Please book early as numbers will be limited.

The Eastern National Enthusiasts Group Trophy

The E.N.E.G. Trophy was presented for the second time at the recent Southend Historic Transport Rally. The Trophy, which is in the form of a shield, is presented for "The Best Vehicle from an Essex Independent Operator" and was won by entry L.16, a Willowbrook bodied Leyland Leopard (RGV284N) entered by Hedingham & District Omnibuses Ltd. This vehicle, which has attended the last seven rallies at Southend also won second prize in Class L for "Pre-1980 Public Service Vehicles". The awards were presented by Her Worship the Mayor of Southend-on-Sea, Councillor Mrs. B.S. Scholfield.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.Low Vehicles

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Withdrawn Vehicles

6.82	1500	(CVW854G)	1531	(MHK913J)	2897	(WVX524F)	2916	(WWC746F)
	1501	(CVW855G)	1535	(MHK917J)	2898	(WVX525F)	2917	(AEV811F)
	1502	(CVW856G)	1537	(OHK227K)	2899	(WVX526F)	2918	(AEV812F)
	1503	(CVW857G)	1538	(OHK228K)	2900	(WVX527F)	2920	(AEV814F)
	1505	(EPU186G)	2300	(RWC 608)	2901	(WVX528F)	2922	(AEV816F)
	1506	(EPU187G)	2301	(RHK348D)	2904	(WVX531F)	2923	(AEV817F)
	1507	(EPU188G)	2302	(MVX885C)	2905	(WVX532F)	2924	(AEV818F)
	1508	(EPU189G)	2875	(STW763D)	2906	(WVX533F)	2925	(AEV819F)
	1513	(FVX615H)	2877	(STW765D)	2908	(WWC738F)	2927	(AVW396F)
	1514	(FVX616H)	2884	(WNO972F)	2909	(WWC739F)	2929	(AVW398F)
	1515	(FWC438H)	2888	(WNO976F)	2910	(WWC740F)	2930	(AVW399F)
	1518	(FWC441H)	2891	(WNO979F)	2911	(WWC741F)	2931	(AVX973G)
	1519	(FWC442H)	2892	(WNO980F)	2912	(WWC742F)	2945	(AVX974G)
	1525	(KVX571J)	2894	(WNO982F)	2913	(WWC743F)	9017	(LFS289F)
	1526	(LPU451J)	2895	(WNO983F)	2914	(WWC744F)	9019	(LFS298F)

It is hoped to publish full details concerning the various buyers of these vehicles in next month's news sheet.

Further news (again kindly supplied by Mr. W.N. Barlow, Chairman of the Crosville Enthusiasts Club) is available regarding the Bristol VRT's now with Crosville Motor Services Ltd. Three of the vehicles have now entered service, DVG554 (SMS 33H) at Bangor, DVG557 (SMS 36H) at Amlwch and DVG563 (NAG586G) also in the Gwynedd division, and possibly at Holyhead. Two other vehicles, DVG553 (SMS 32H) and DVG558 (SMS 37H) were noted at Sealand Road Works on June 10th having been repainted and ready for service. DVG554 was noted at Bangor on May 30th displaying 'Butlins', and it probably operated a contract to the Butlin's holiday camp at Pwllheli on the previous day.

Vehicles On Hire

Three Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. Bristol LH6L's with ECW B43F bodywork were hired from May 28th to June 11th in order to replace various Eastern National vehicles operating other duties (see below). The vehicles concerned were LH924/8/30 (WEX924S etc.), and they were allocated as follows :- LH924-CR, LH928-SE, LH930-BE.

Refurbished Vehicles

Bristol RELH6G coach 1412 (XO0881L) was returned from Southdown Motor Services Ltd. on June 10th, and the vehicle is now at Central Works receiving final modifications before re-entering service.

Re-engined Vehicle

Bristol RELH6L coach 1416 (GJD199N) was re-engined with a Gardner unit during June and the vehicle is now classified as a RELH6G.

Allocations & Transfers

6.82 1100 D/L (D)-BS (P), 1101 D/L (D)-BD (P), 1102 Driver Training Vehicle (CR)-CN (P),
 1103 D/L (D)-BE (P), 1202 BS-DT, 1216 BD-CN, 1504 D/L (D)-BN (P),
 1511 D/L (P)-BN (P), 1524 D/L (P)-BN (P), 1532 DT-BS, 1543 PL (P)-BD (P),
 1758 MN-BN, 3014 PL (P)-BD (P), 3016 PL (P)-SD (P), 3018 PL (P)-SD (P),
 3045 PL (P)-SD (P), 3047 PL (P)-SD (P), 3079 CF-MN, 3125 MN-CF.

A number of the above allocations and transfers are related to special vehicle requirements during late-May and early-June in connection with the visits to London of the Pope and President Reagan (see under General below). Certain vehicles have been classified as Pool vehicles on special duties, and these are 1100-3, 1504/11/24, 3014/6/8/45. Following these changes and the above withdrawals the only Licensed Pool vehicle at PL (PL (P)) is 1522, and the only vehicles currently delicensed for disposal (D/L (D)) are 1520, 2383/4. It will also be noted that, with the exception of the engineering training chassis 2755 (JWC 715), there are no longer any Bristol FLF's in the Company's fleet.

Service Developments

Revised services were introduced in the Dengie Hundred area from Sunday, May 30th and three new timetable booklets are now available from the Company's offices. The service changes incorporate those listed in last month's news sheet in respect of services 95A-98A, 99 and 431. Service 99 operates with one return journey on Schooldays only (see NS218), whilst also now consolidated into the public timetables are services 97X and 98X, which were formerly contract services for employees at Bradwell Power Station, and which operate Daily between Maldon (Bus Station) and Bradwell (Power Station) via Mayland Corner and Steeple (97X) and Althorne, Burnham, Southminster and Tillingham (98X).

A number of other leaflets are also now available from the Company's offices, including details of additional 'Leisure-Break' holidays during the late Summer period, two new 'Explorer' leaflets covering trips from Brentwood and Harwich, two 'Countrycar' timetable leaflets containing details of services to and from Fairstead/Ranks Green and Terling and a small timetable booklet containing details of all services to and from Boreham. A separate timetable leaflet is also now available for service 431 (Burnham-Romford) with details of the various day return fares that are available on this service, and a revised leaflet has also been published for services 451 and 452.

In addition to the revised services in the Dengie Hundred area, the Company has also introduced a number of other service revisions during the last month and brief details are as follows :- 19A - 5.6.82 (NS218); 31 - 30.5.82 (NS218); 31D - Summer service via Danbury Country Park re-introduced from 30.5.82 on Sundays only until 5.9.82; 38 - 1.6.82 (NS218); 70/A - 30.5.82 (see details below); 93 - 3.6.82 (NS218); 106 - 15.5.82 (NS217); 123 - 7.6.82, with certain journeys withdrawn and others re-timed (see details below); 126 - 15.5.82 (NS217); 226 - 24.5.82 (see details below); 265 - 24.5.82 (see details below); 314 - 2.6.82 (see details below); 315 - 3.6.82 (see details below); 319 - 1.6.82 (see details below); 321 - 1.6.82 (see details below); 331 - 5.6.82 (see details below); 334/5/53 - revised early morning, evening and Sunday timetables introduced from 1.6.82 (see details below); and 337 - 1.6.82 (see details below).

The Company has also applied for a number of revisions to stage services, including some major revisions in the Basildon area, and details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

- 7 - Saturdays : one journey from Shoeburyness (The Sportsman) to now terminate at Southend (Victoria Circus).
- 58B - Saturdays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 59B - Saturdays : one journey to be withdrawn.
- 67 - Daily : two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 70/A - Revised running times to be given to all journeys between Rayne and Little Dunmow; one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays, Saturdays only and Weekdays (70), and one minor timetable change on Weekdays (70A).
- 75A - Weekdays : four minor timetable changes.
- 106 - Revised timetable, and one minor timetable change on Summer Sundays; route revisions to Summer journeys via Low Road Corner and for journeys operating to/from Clacton via Weeley and Thorpe-le-Soken.
- 117 - Sundays : two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 120 - Sundays : two additional journeys and one minor timetable change.
- 123 - Revised timetable. This timetable, which now includes three through workings between Clacton and Ipswich and one short journey between Clacton and Manningtree, was introduced from June 7th. On Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights an Eastern National vehicle stays at Ipswich and an Eastern Counties vehicle stays at Clacton. On the following mornings (Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday) the Eastern Counties vehicle is being used on the 0642 hrs. service 74 journey from Clacton to Colchester, and 0740 hrs. return working, before working service 123. E.C.O.C. VR396 was noted on this duty on June 12th.
- 124 - Service to be withdrawn after operation on June 25th.
- 126 - Revised timetable. The timetable and route changes to this service, and also service 106, were introduced from June 7th, and both services are now routed via Clacton Rail Station. The Summer Sunday journeys on service 106 were introduced from June 27th (see below).

- 145-7 - Services to be replaced by new services 546 and 547 (see below).
- 148 - Service to be re-numbered 548, with revised timetable.
- 149 - Service to be re-numbered 549; revised terminals to be Basildon (Bus Station) and Langdon Hills (Westley Road), with revised route and timetable.
- 152 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.
- 153 - Mondays to Fridays : two minor timetable changes.
- 155 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be extended from Basildon (Eastmayne) to Burnt Mills (Woolaston Way). Route for Cranes Industrial Site journey to be withdrawn.
- 226 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 229 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 265 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 314 - Revised timetable.
- 315 - Revised timetable.
- 319 - NEW SERVICE - To operate Weekdays from Braintree (Bus Park) to Cressing (Jeffreys Road) via Coggeshall Road, Cressing Road and Mill Lane.
- 321 - Weekdays : one additional journey and one minor timetable change.
- 331 - Saturdays : two minor timetable changes.
- 334 - Revised timetable.
- 335 - Revised timetable.
- 337 - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys. Applications have also been made to re-structure services 337-9 to operate on a circular basis to and from Silver End (E.N. Depot) via Witham. Service 337 will operate via Forest Road, Humber Road and Powers Hall End on Weekdays; service 338 will operate via Forest Road or Conrad Road with two journeys on Mondays to Fridays and three additional journeys on Schooldays; and service 339 will operate from Silver End (E.N. Depot) to Freebournes Road Industrial Estate with three journeys on Mondays to Fridays.
- 353 - Saturdays : one minor timetable change.
- 500-2 - Services to be replaced by new services 520-2 (see below).
- 503 - Mondays to Fridays : one minor timetable change.
- 520 - NEW SERVICE - To operate from Pitsea (Rail Station) to Langdon Hills (Westley Road).
- 521 - NEW SERVICE - To operate from Burnt Mills Industrial Area to Southfields Industrial Area.
- 522 - NEW SERVICE - To operate from Pitsea (Rail Station) to Laindon (Rail Station).
- 546 - NEW SERVICE - To operate from Pitsea (Rail Station) to Basildon (Cranes Farm Road, Fords Tractor Factory).
- 547 - NEW SERVICE - To operate from Pitsea (Rail Station) to Basildon (Paycocke Road, Carreras).

The Company has also applied for revised routes within the Chelmsford area for excursions and tours from Chelmsford (Bus Station).

The Summer timetables for certain services in the Clacton area will commence on Sunday, June 27th. The services concerned are 100, 101, 106, 113/4 and 117/8, and timetable leaflets are available from the Company's office at Clacton. In the Harwich area the revisions to service 120 on Sundays (as listed above) will also commence on June 27th.

General

Recent visits to this country by the Pope and President Reagan of the United States America resulted in a considerable amount of additional work for the Company. During the periods of these visits a large number of vehicles were used in London by the Metropolitan Police, and details of some of these vehicles may be found listed under Unusual Workings. In order to provide sufficient vehicles for this work, three Bristol LH6L's (1100/1/3) were re-licensed together with three Bristol RELL6G's (1504/11/24), whilst the other Bristol LH6L (1102), which had latterly been used as a driver training vehicle in the service vehicle fleet, and four Bristol VRTSL6G's (3014/6/8/45) were also allocated for these special duties. The three Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. Bristol LH6L's were hired in order to provide replacements for vehicles that were

being used in London.

The 1982 Epsom Derby on June 2nd attracted a large number of vehicles from local operators. For the first time in many years no Eastern National open-top vehicles were present; however, three former E.N. open-top Bristol KSW5G's were noted (WNO 475/8/81) together with the following coaches : 1204 SD, 1209 CF, 1210 CR, 1301 CR, 1407 SD, 1411 SD, 1414 HD and 1419 CF. Also present at the racecourse were Colchester Transport's open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) and Southend Transport 232/4/5/7/8/40-2, 370-3, and former Southend vehicles 244 (FOP 429), 311 (PHJ 950) and 312 (PHJ 951).

The official Eastern National entry at the Southend Historic Transport Rally on June 6th consisted of refurbished Bristol RELH6G 1407 (XVW632L), Leyland National 2200 (UCO 46L) and the Braintree District Council 'Countrycar' (RLX168W). Bristol RELH6G 1537 (OHK227K) was used as a judges' bus, and a number of former E.N. vehicles were also present, viz : AJN 825, ONO 49, VNO 859, WNO 475, WNO 478, 7017 HK, 217 MHK, NTW942C, AVX975G, GBE 846 (service vehicle 0846) and LFS292F now with Hedingham and District Omnibuses Ltd. and numbered L104.

Unusual Workings

Details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :-

- 15.5-1707 CF noted on service 19.
- 17.5-3120 BN noted on service 20.
- 23.5-1720/65, 1821, 1928, 3097 and 3103/9/17 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 24.5-3078 CF (on loan to HH) noted on a private hire working to Dartford.
- 25.5-1054 DT, 1212 MN, 1511 BN (P), 1893 SD, 1894 SD, 1922 BN, 1928 HH and ST 203/4/9/10 and 242 noted at Wembley in connection with the Pope's visit.
- 26.5-3018 SD (P) noted on service 5; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to Basildon.
- 27.5-1409-11 (all SD) noted on Metropolitan Police duties at Wembley; 1414 HD failed at Duke Street, Chelmsford and was towed to CF depot by breakdown vehicle 0101.
- 28.5-1051 BE, 1101 BD (P), 1504 BN (P), 1511 BN (P), 1521 CR, 1528 CR, 1836 SD and 1893 SD noted at Battersea Coach Park on Metropolitan Police duties; 1411 SD noted on Highwayman service 803; 1864 HH (on loan to BN) noted on service 151; 1922 BN (on loan to HH) noted on services 2 and 5A; 3014 BD (P) noted on service 271; 3016 SD (P) noted on service 5; 3080 CF noted at Victoria Coach Stn. on National Express service 081; 3113 CF noted on service 251.
- 29.5-In connection with the Pope's visit the following vehicles were noted in London :-
1058 BS, 1103 BE (P), 1205 BE, 1828 CN, 1836 SD, 1861 SE, 1900 HH and 1938 SD on Police duties at Wembley, 1913 BD on Police duties at Victoria, 1918 BN on Police duties at Battersea Bridge and 1922 BN (on loan to HH) and 1928 HH on private hire work to Wembley; 1100 BS (P) noted at Chelmsford; 1203 BD noted on National Express service 120 to Brighton; 1537 D/L (D) noted in SD depot; 1707 CF noted on service 25A; 1718 SD noted on service 31; 1724 SD (but without depot allocation plates) noted on service 19, and again on 3.6 and 9.6; 1768 CN noted on service 90; 3047 SD (P) noted on service 5; 3063 BE noted on an ASDA working; 3070 SD noted on services 11 and 402; 3113 CF noted on service 251; Eastern Counties LH924 noted on service 88 with another of the E.C.O.C. LH6L's also noted on service 344.
- 30.5-1055 BD noted in Lincoln; 1101 and 3014 (both BD (P)) noted at BD depot; 3085 HH on a private hire working to Cambridge.
- 31.5-1201 MN failed whilst working an excursion to the Sussex Coast and was replaced by London Country DL6 (MPL126W).
- 32.5-1052 MN operated an excursion from Canvey Island to London Zoo; 1102 CN (P) noted on service 109; 1933 BD noted on service 251.
- 33.5-1052 MN noted on Highwayman service 801; 3072 SD on service 2; 4001 SD on service 60; ST 210 noted on service 68.
- 34.5-1052 MN on Highwayman service 803; 1718 SD noted on service 31; 3070 SD on service 402; 3098 HH on service 400.
- 35.5-1937 SD and 1938 SD noted on National Express service 109; 3073 SD on service 22; 3083 SD (on loan to HH) on a private hire working to Barking; 3085 HH on a private hire working to Kew Gardens.
- 36.5-1052 MN on Highwayman service 806; 1753 HH noted on Metropolitan Police duties in London; 3016 SD (P) noted at SD depot.

- 7.6-1522 PL (P) noted on service 19; 1546 HH on Police duties in London.
- 8.6-1203 BD, 1205 BE, 1206 HD, 1208 CN, 1217 BD, 1702 BN, 1736 BN, 1758 BN and 1826 CN noted on Police duties in London in connection with President Reagan's visit; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to Leigh; 3102/3/16 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 9.6-3085 HH noted on a private hire working to the Kensington museums; 3103/7/16 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 11.6-1937 SD noted on National Express service 109; 3098/9 and 3109 (all HH) on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 12.6-1058 BS noted on National Express service 133; 1059 MN noted on National Express service 126; 1203 BD noted on National Express service 136; 1217 BD noted on National Express service 120; 1301 CR noted on National Express service 123; 1405 SD noted on Highwayman service 801; 1407 SD noted on National Express service 115; 1411 SD noted on National Express service 128; 1893 SD and 1894 SD noted on National Express service 109; National Travel (London) BGY581T in red LT livery and with National Holidays fleetnames operated a duplicate journey to the 1800 hrs. National Express service 109 from Victoria Coach Stn.; 3098 and 3107/16 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Upminster.
- 13.6-3085 HH on a private hire working to Thorpe Park, Staines; High Street and Websters Way in Rayleigh were closed for cycle races and services 1,7,8,11A,20 and 251 were diverted.
- 14.6-1811 CF, 3002 CF, 3014 BD (P), 3019 BE and 3035 CF noted on a rail replacement service between Chelmsford and Shenfield; 3085 HH noted on a private hire working to East Mersea.

Details of two more regular, but equally interesting, workings are also available. On Saturdays the CN vehicle that operates Highwayman service 809 from Clacton to Basildon then operates a return working on National Express service 109 from Basildon to Victoria Coach Stn. before returning to Clacton on Highwayman service 809. On Friday evenings a Southdown vehicle operates the 1800 hrs. National Express service 109 from Victoria Coach Stn. to Southend, whilst an Eastern National vehicle operates the 1800 hrs. National Express service 076 from London to Portsmouth. Both vehicles then return to their home depots by operating National Express service 130 (Southend-Southsea) on the following day (Saturday).

Temporary Loans

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during May were 1208, 1402, 1529, 1779, 1800, 1911 and 3003/31. From June 1st, responsibilities for major maintenance work on DT vehicles passed from CN to CR and, accordingly, it will now be more common to see CR vehicles on temporary loan to DT. During late-May three CR vehicles worked on loan to DT; they were 1215 and 3001/32, replacing 1213 and 3061 with 3032 being a replacement for 3027, which was receiving windscreen repairs at CN. Other news from Harwich (DT) this month is that the transfer of 1202 and 1532 between BS and DT occurred on May 24th, whilst 1213 failed on May 3rd while operating Highwayman service 811 and was replaced by 1200 BE.

Service Vehicles

It will be noted from the list of vehicles recently withdrawn (see page 2) that Bristol VRTLL6G's 9017/9 have both been sold. Additionally, Bristol LH6L 1102 is no longer allocated to the driver training fleet and is now allocated as a Pool vehicle on special duty (see also page 2).

A Leyland National driver training vehicle 9015 (WN0552L) is also to be converted to a normal service bus in the near future. The vehicle will revert to its former fleet number (1703) and is expected to enter Central Works for conversion and a repaint during late-June.

Vehicle Repaints

The Company has again kindly given the Group details of vehicles repainted during recent weeks and this continues from the information published in NS218 :-

May : w/e 29.5.82 - 1774 at CW, 3040 at CW.
 June : w/e 5.6.82 - 1753 at CW.
 w/e 12.6.82 - 1896 at CW.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORTGeneral

It has not previously been reported in the news sheet that the Leyland Atlantean driver training vehicle 96 (WEV746F) is painted in a light blue and dark yellow livery. Other news is that Bristol RELL6L 18 (YWC 18L) was re-licensed during April having been delicensed since May 1981 (see NS208). Open-top Leyland Atlantean 48 (YWC648F) attended the 1982 Epsom Derby on June 2nd, and this vehicle was also the official Colchester Transport entry at the Southend Historic Transport Rally on June 6th.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORTGeneral

The only news to report this month concerns the vehicles that were present at the 1982 Epsom Derby and at the Southend Historic Transport Rally. Leyland Fleetlines 232/4/5/7/8/40-2 and open-top Daimler Fleetlines 370-3 all attended The Derby on June 2nd, together with former Southend Transport vehicles 244 (FOP 429), 311 (PHJ 950) and 312 (PHJ 951). The official Southend Transport entries at the Southend Historic Transport Rally were Leyland Tiger 210 (BHK210X), Leyland Fleetline 242 (MRJ242W) and Daimler Fleetline 384 (GHJ384L). Former Southend Transport vehicles present at the Rally were 209 (GJN509D), 244 (FOP 429), 312 (PHJ 951) and 314 (PHJ 953).

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS218).

- 2885 (WNO973F) - Irvine, Law, 2/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet, 1/82, ex. A.P.T., Bracebridge Heath. (see also NS217)
- 2903 (WVX530F) - Bus Fare Ltd., Richmond, 1/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet. (By personal observation this vehicle was noted at the premises of Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, 6/82, in a predominantly yellow livery and it appeared to have been converted into a mobile hospitality vehicle).
- 2943 (AVW403F) - Arrow Exhibition Services, West Farleigh (N-PSV), 12/81, (used as mobile hospitality suite, conversion completed at Central Works, by 3/82) (additional information to NS214).
- 363 (NWC 14) - Went to Costain Mining, Fife, via dealer, Middlewich. (additional information to NS214)
- 389 (9 DLY) - Costain Mining, Fife, by 3/76, via dealer, Middlewich. (additional information to NS217)
- 9423 (LWC974J) - Withdrawn by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 3/82.
- 9424 (LWC975J) - Converted to seat store by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 3/82.
- 425 (LWC976J) - Converted to seat store by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 3/82.
- 9426 (LWC977J) - Converted to seat store by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 3/82.
- 9427 (LWC978J) - Withdrawn by Continental Pioneer, Richmond, by 3/82.
- 2809 (FWC427B) - O. Poncin, Billancourt, France, 3/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 2869 (RWC941D) - Highland Omnibuses, Inverness, ca. 1/82, ex. Alexander (Northern), Aberdeen, for SCOTMAP duties.
- 2878 (SVX277D) - Castrol Oils Ltd., Ellesmere Port (N-PSV), 1/82, Burmah-Castrol, Ellesmere Port (N-PSV), ca. 3/80, ex. Alexander (Midland), MRD204.
- 2882 (UEV220E) - Dealer, Rotherham, 2/82.
- 2896 (WNO984F) - Stagecoach, Perth, by 4/82, ex. dealer, Purfleet.
- 3005 (SMS 31H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3006 (SMS 32H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, DVG553, 4/82.
- 3007 (SMS 33H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, DVG554, 4/82.
- 3008 (SMS 34H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3009 (SMS 35H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3010 (SMS 36H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, DVG557, 4/82.
- 3011 (SMS 37H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, DVG558, 4/82.
- 3012 (SMS 38H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3013 (SMS 39H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3015 (SMS 41H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
- 3017 (SMS 43H) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.

- 3044 (LFS295F) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, 4/82.
 3046 (NAG586G) - Crosville Motor Services, Chester, DVG563, 4/82.

Details of some recent personal observations of former Eastern National vehicles are also now available, and these are summarised as follows :-

1954-1964 numbering scheme

- 193 (ONO 89) - Noted at scrapyard in Carmeringham, Lincs., 5/82. (Note - these premises are owned by Twell (dealer), Ingham, and it is presumed that this vehicle remains in Twell's ownership.
- 348 (YBD 201) - Still with Lockwood Foods, Long Sutton, 5/82.
- 419 (GVW981H) - Still with Dack, Terrington St. Clement, 5/82. (additional information to NS180).
- 1414 (2739 VX) - Still with Hanson, Yaddletorpe, 5/82. (additional information to NS216).
- 2720 (801 VVW) - Noted at farm near West Butterwick, 5/82, and presumed to be still owned by Maw, West Butterwick. (additional information to NS167).
- 2724 (172 XNO) - Noted at farm near Winterton, 5/82.
- 2769 (VWC 49) - Noted still with Hucknall Titchfield Nomads Band, -/82, and now repainted into a yellow/green livery. (additional information to NS203).
- 2836 (LWC662C) - Noted still dumped at the rear of Ely E.C.O.C. garage, 5/82. (additional information to NS217).
- 2886 (WNO974F) - Noted in use as a school bus in the Wanstead area, 6/82, owner unknown.

EDITORIAL EXTRA

Finally, there is an additional editorial item this month concerning a forthcoming excursion by the Access Transport Society. The Society has arranged an evening visit to Eastern National's Central Works at Chelmsford on Tuesday, July 20th. The Castle Point Transport Museum Society are providing a vehicle for the journey to and from Chelmsford, and this will probably be the preserved open-top Southend Transport PD3. The bus will leave Access House, Priory Crescent, Southend at 1800 hrs. and travel via the A13 to Hadleigh, Rayleigh and the A130.

The trip is open to all E.N.E.G. members who might wish to take advantage of this Works visit combined with a journey in a preserved Southend Transport vehicle. The cost per person is expected to be £2.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. Any members who are interested should contact Ray Palmer (Hon. Secretary of the Access Transport Society) (Tel. Southend 588981) during evenings or weekends, indicating where they propose to board the bus. Return to Southend is expected to be about 2230 hrs. Members living in other areas who wish to join the Works visit will be able to meet the travelling party at the Works at 1900 hrs. Those proposing to do this are asked to telephone the organiser as above so that an accurate assessment of numbers can be made.

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