

EDITORIALGroup Photographic Collection

The Group is continually expanding the range of black and white and colour photographs available to members and is seeking to offer a wider range of photographs during 1980. Many members are keen photographers and have developed their own collections of Eastern National photographs together with views of vehicles of associated companies. If any members have black and white or colour negatives of vehicles which they have photographed it would be appreciated if these could be donated or loaned to the Group for possible use in developing the Group's photographic collection. Offers of negatives and any correspondence in connection with this matter should be addressed to the Photographs Officer, P.J. Snell, 6. Mandeville Way, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. Similarly members seeking to expand their own collections of photographs and who are interested in particular vehicles or types of vehicle are welcome to write to the Photographs Officer who may be able to supply views of specific vehicles etc.

Southend Meeting - Christmas Film Show, Tuesday, December 11

An evening film show will be held on Tuesday, December 11th commencing at 1930 hrs. prompt at the Lecture Theatre, Southend Central Library, Victoria Avenue, Southend. The following films will be shown: 'TO SYON PARK', 'A DAY WITH SELNEC', 'LONDON ON THE MOVE', 'RAIL 150', 'A CENTURY OF BUSES' and 'THE ELEPHANT WILL NEVER FORGET' (about London trams). Members and their guests are welcome to what should prove a very enjoyable evening. Other local bus and rail clubs have been invited to attend, and as a result ENEG members are invited to the Stour Valley Railway Preservation Society Christmas Film Show on Thursday, December 13th at the Civic Centre, Southend at 2000 hrs.

1979 Photographic Competition

This competition was held at the October meeting at Southend and attracted a good selection of entries to a high standard. The winners were:

Colour - G. Huggins (Western SMT Ailsa at Renfrew Ferry)

Black and White - L.F. Watson (ENOC Bristol FLF in snow at Thorpe Bay).

The runner up in both classes was J. Bath and our congratulations go to each of them. The Group would also like to thank the judges, P. Harvey (ENEG Administrative Officer), deputising for P.J. Snell, and F.J. Whitby (Chairman, Southend Photographic Society).

Former Eastern National Chief Engineer - Rodney Hawkins

The former Chief Engineer of Eastern National, Mr. Rodney Hawkins, who was appointed Chief Engineer and Deputy General Manager of the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. in February 1978, has recently been appointed as the Regional Chief Engineer of the South Eastern Region of the National Bus Company. Our congratulations go to Mr. Hawkins on his promotion.

Appeal For Information

Mr. R.J. Williamson of 43, York Avenue, Stanmore, Middlesex (Tel. 01-907 4964) recently contacted the Group to enquire whether any members have information concerning Eastern National destination blinds during the period 1948-1960. He is willing to exchange information about destination blinds with any interested members, who should write to him at the above address. - - - - -

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1918	JHJ144V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06559	Leyland National	B49F
1919	JHJ145V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06560	Leyland National	B49F
1920	JHJ146V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06580	Leyland National	B49F
1921	JHJ147V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06581	Leyland National	B49F
1922	JHJ148V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06592	Leyland National	D49F
1923	JHJ149V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06593	Leyland National	B49F
1924	JHJ150V	Leyland National	11351A/1R	06594	Leyland National	B49F
3067	K00785V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2044	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	23788
3068	K00786V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2045	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	23789

3069	K00787V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2046	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	23790
3070	K00788V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2047	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	23791
3071	K00789V	Bristol VRTSL6G	3/2048	E.C.W.	LD39/31FD	23792

Delivery dates :	1918 - 19.10.79	1922 - 8.11.79	3068 - 7.11.79
	1919 - 19.10.79	1923 - 13.11.79	3069 - 13.11.79
	1920 - 23.10.79	1924 - 5.11.79	3070 - 13.11.79
	1921 - 5.11.79	3067 - 7.11.79	3071 - 16.11.79

1918-24 complete the 1979 order for Leyland Nationals. 3067-71 are the first batch of the 1979 order for Bristol VRTs, with 3072-6 being expected in early 1980. They have been delivered in dual-purpose livery for operation on service 400, and are fitted with heated windscreens and a new type of seating material. They are also the first new double-deck vehicles since July 1977.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Vehicles on Loan

Bristol FLF6LX 2928 (AVW397F) was returned from the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. on November 16th and has now been moved to Prittlewell (PL) for storage.

Allocations & Transfers

11.79 1201 CN-MN, 1207 PL-HH, 1451 CN-D/L (D), 1506 MN-CF (CWDS), 1515 HH-SE, 1534 SE-D/L, 1535 MN-BD, 1553 D/L-LWA (on loan to HH), 1918-D/L, 1919 D/L-BN, 1920 D/L-LWA (on loan to CF), 1921-D/L, 1922-D/L, 1923-D/L, 1924-D/L, 2703 HD-D/L (D), 2791 SD-D/L (D), 2797 D/L (D)-SD, 2817 HH-HD, 2931 BN-HH, 3017 D/L-CF, 3067-D/L, 3068-D/L, 3069-D/L, 3070-D/L, 3071-D/L.

The most significant transfer during November has been that of 1207 to HH. 1451 was not D/L (D) during October but operated from DT on stage, contract and school work until 29.10.

Unusual Workings

Following from the information published in NS187 recent observations of Chelmsford (CF) vehicles operating on temporary loan from other depots have been as follows :-

November 4th : 1509 at BN, 1516 at SE, 1701 at BD, 1710 at HH, 1801 at HH, 1802 at HD, 2854 at HD, 3018 at WG and 3019 at CN. 3029 was at Great Dunmow (outstation), 1730, 1856 and 2905 were at Central Works and 1728 and 2919 were at Prittlewell Works on this date.

November 11th : 1509 at BN, 1701 at BD, 1718 at HD, 1775 at SE, 1801 at HH, 1860 at CR, 2854 at HD, 3019 at CN and 3033 at CR. 3029 was at Great Dunmow (outstation), 1710, 1728 and 2919 were at Prittlewell Works and 1730 was at Central Works on this date.

Clacton (CN) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during October were as follows :- 1.10-1451, 1532, 1825, 1858, 2796; 2.10-1527, 1792; 3.10-1768, 1803 CR (1761 having developed a fault at CR), 2784; 4.10-1520, 1825; 5.10-1780, 1911; 6.10-1500; 9.10-1792; 11.10-1526, 1858; 12.10-1780; 17.10-1834; 19.10-1512 CR (replacing 1204 which was required for an excursion from CR); 23.10-1523; 24.10-1792; 25.10-1217 DT (from CN) replacing 3027 with accident damage, 1768; 26.10-1505; 29.10-1451 to CN D/L (D), 1523 to CN with accident damage; 30.10-1527; 31.10-1791.

Other details of unusual workings which have been supplied by members during recent weeks are as follows :- 10.10-1908 BN on service 24; 11.10-1728 CF on service 3A, 2854 CF on service 311, 12.10-1414 BE crew operated on service 311; 13.10-1451 CN on services 80A and 103; 15.10-17.10-2936 BE on service 311; 17.10-19.10-2783 HD on service 89; 18.10-1524 BD on service 251, 3021/48/57 (all WG VRTs) noted at SD depot, 3048 WG on service 17; 23.10-2849 HH on service 22; 26.10-3051 BN on service 251 (WG duty); 26.10-28.10-1767 BN working for SD on services 4B, 25 and 25A; 29.10-31.10-1511 BD crew operated on service 251; 30.10-1200 MN on service 38, 1700 CF on service 311; 31.10-1200 MN on service 38, 3010 BN noted parked at HH depot at least until 13.11; 1.11-1779 BE on duplicate service 353 journey; 2.11-2752 SD on service 32, 2945 BN on service 152, 3033 CF on service 11; 3.11-1802 CF on service 311; 4.11-3012 SD crew operated on service 251, 1506 (ex MN) replaced 1710 CF at HH, which went to PL works, 1533 SD also working for HH replacing 1546 at PL works; 5.11-1512 CR on service 53 replacing 3050, 1735 SD on service 41A, 2752 SD on services 44B, 52 and 351; 6.11 1516 CF on service 53, 2752 SD on service 32A; 7.11-1413 PL on express service 181, 2854 on services 311/3, 3033 CF on service 53, 3063 BE on service 53; 8.11-2752 SD on service 44B, 3001 BE on service 336, 3033 CF on service 53, 3063 BE on service 53; 9.11-1735 SD on service 41, 3033 CF on service 53, 3050 CR on service 41, 3063 BE on service 53; 11.11-2835 CF on loan to British Rail at Leigh Station.

Service Revisions

An application has been made to increase fares on all stage services, and in the Colchester area an application has been made to revise fares on 20 stage services in order to co-ordinate with Colchester Borough Transport fares.

Other revisions to services recently applied for have been as follows :-

- 47 - Route in Harlow to be via Velizy Avenue and not Central Avenue.
- 49/49A - Route in Harlow to be via Velizy Avenue and not Central Avenue.
- 53 - Schooldays - one timetable change and revised route for a schools journey in Colchester.
- 59/59A - Route in Harlow to be via Velizy Avenue and not Central Avenue.
- 70 - Schooldays - one journey to be withdrawn.
- 74A - Mondays to Fridays - two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 76A - Mondays to Fridays - two minor timetable changes and revised route for journeys on Schooldays.
- 78 - Mondays to Fridays - one timetable change.
- 88 - Weekdays - two minor timetable changes.
- 152 - Schooldays - one minor timetable change.
- X170 - Southend (Victoria Circus, London Road) - Basildon (Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd.) - service to continue without modification. This is a contract service and details are not included in the timetables.
- 309 - Revised terminal to be Thorley Park (The Colts) and certain journeys to operate via Piggotts Way, Ward Crescent, Scott Road and Piggotts Way.
- 328 - To revise faretable.
- 336 - Mondays to Fridays - one journey from Maldon to Braintree to be re-numbered 335.

Service revisions introduced recently have been as follows :-

- 2 - 3.9.79 (NS184); 26 - 1.9.79 (NS186); 33 - Revised route in Saffron Walden, 3.9.79 (NS182); 40/A - 8.10.79, revised timetable (NS186/7);
- 54 - 8.10.79 (NS187); 55 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 57 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 70 - bus stop at Coggeshall, Bridge Street moved back to Coggeshall, Market Hill;
- 90 - 17.9.79 (NS187); 95/96/97/98 - 8.10.79 (NS187); 106 - 3.9.79 (NS185);
- 152/3 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 233 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 237 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 265 - 2.9.79 (NS186); 300 - service withdrawn from 3.9.79; 301 - 3.9.79 (NS186);
- 302 - 3.9.79 (NS186/7); 303 - 3.9.79 (NS186/7); 305 - 3.9.79 (NS186);
- 306 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 308 - service withdrawn from 3.9.79; 309 - 3.9.79 (NS186/7), personal timetables were distributed to households in the areas served; 321 - 17.9.79 (NS187); 334 - 3.9.79 (NS186); 335 - 3.9.79 (NS186);
- 504 - 3.9.79 (NS186).

Leaflets outlining the revised services in the Brentwood and Ongar area and Basildon and Thurrock area were published on September 1st and were available from local offices. From October 7th services 19, 335 and 336 were re-routed in Great Totham via Walden House Road and Bull Lane (service 19) and Catchpole Lane, Prince of Wales Road and Maldon Road (services 335/6) and a leaflet summarising the timetables, the new routes and the location of the bus stops in the area was published in early October.

On the Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 27th), Sunday service was operated on all services with the exception of 124 (no service). On Saturday, September 1st whilst the Orsett Show was being held services 2, 152, 153 and 154 were diverted from Orsett, The Cock, via A128, Prince Charles Avenue, Rectory Road and Whitmore Arms to serve the Showground.

Excursions and Tours

The application to revise excursions and tours from Basildon (Bus Station) (NS187) has been withdrawn. Instead an application has been made to revise the following excursions from Basildon (Bus Station) :- Saffron Walden to be renamed Saffron Walden and Audley End House; Norwich (Circular) to be renamed Norwich (Circular) or Norfolk Wildlife Park, Great Witchingham; and Birmingham to be renamed Birmingham or National Exhibition Centre.

Express Services

An application has been made to introduce surcharges on fares of £0-50p and above of £0-05p in the pound or part thereof on the following services :- Shenfield (Eagle & Child P.H.) - London (Victoria Coach Station), Ongar (Two Brewers P.H.) - London (Victoria

Coach Station) and Harlow (Bus Station) - London (Victoria Coach Station). An application has also been made to introduce surcharges on fares of £0-75p - £1-20p of £0-10p and thereafter by £0-05p for each £0-50p or part thereof on services 114 and 189, jointly with Biss Bros., Bishops Stortford.

The dates of operation of new service 123 between Colchester (Bus Station) and Portsmouth (Winston Churchill Ave. Coach Station) (see NS187) will be Fridays and Sundays from 8.10.79 to 7.5.80.

It is also proposed that the route of service 191 (Harlow - Walton-on-Naze) will be via Velizy Avenue in Harlow and not via Central Avenue.

Allocations of D/L (D) Vehicles - by personal observation.

CW - 2753/71, CN - 1448/51, MN - 1361, 1434/43/5-7, 2773/91, 2813, DE - 2781.

Vehicle Repaints

Details of vehicles recently repainted are as follows :- October : w/e 5.10.79-1778 at CW; w/e 19.10.79-1781 at PL, 2906 at PL; w/e 26.10.79-2893 at PL; w/e 2.11.79-1806 at CW, 3015 at PL, 3045 at CW; w/e 9.11.79-1553 at CW, 1782 at CW; w/e 16.11.79-2852 at PL.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Vehicles on Loan

Daimler Fleetlines 348-51/3 remain on loan to Darlington Transport and have now been fitted with destination screens in place of the temporary boards previously fitted. The vehicles are being operated as crew buses on a variety of routes in Darlington. Further details of the Darlington vehicles being overhauled by Southend Transport are also available, with a total of 15 single deck Daimler Fleetlines to be received in three batches of five vehicles each. The first batch has now arrived at the Tickfield Road works and further details will be published when available.

General

Application has also been made to increase fares to co-ordinate with those proposed by Eastern National (see above).

Radio controlled operation has commenced, and currently Leyland Fleetlines 221-9, the staff transport taxi and the Engineering Dept. Land Rover are fitted with radio sets, together with the Inspectors who each have personal radios.

Leyland Fleetlines 221/2 have been fitted with electronically operated fareboxes.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (By kind courtesy of the P.S.V. Circle, continued from NS187).

- 332 (7018 HK) - Breaker, Carlton, 5/79, ex. Hender, Biddisham.
- 1311 (206 MHK) - Breaker, Barnsley, 8/79, ex. dealer, Barnsley.
- 1334 (2724 VX) - Reported as still with Robinson, Appleby, 7/79 (see also NS183/4).
- 1358 (OWC 607) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 1362 (OWC 611) - Scrapped by dealer, Dunscoft, 7/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 1414 (2739 VX) - Dealer, Ingham, 8/79, ex. Stanlake, Ipswich.
- 1417 (2742 VX) - Morpeth Ranters Jazz Band, by 8/79, ex. dealer.
- 1429 (MOO 974) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 1449 (BPU 23B) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2751 (JWC 711) - ? (N-PSV), Rainworth, 4/79, ex. dealer.
- 2761 (RWC 602) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2785 (936 LWC) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2792 (AVX960B) - Breaker, Carlton, 6/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2811 (FWC429B) - Scrapped by dealer, Dunscoft, 7/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 2838 (LWC664C) - Scrapped by dealer, Dunscoft, 7/79, ex. dealer, Grays.
- 9416 (YTW540F) - Elmtree Transport, Wealdstone, by 10/79 (personal observation); (see also NS180).

News Sheet Contributions

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