EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Main Committee of the Group

At the eighteenth Annual General Meeting of the Group held in Chelmsford on Saturday, January 29th, 1983, the present Committee was re-elected to serve for the forthcoming year.

Group Accounts and Balance Sheet

Copies of the Group's Accounts for 1982 and Balance Sheet, which were approved at the Annual General Meeting, are now available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 37. Warren Chase, Thundersley, Benfleet, Essex. SS7 3DZ). A stamped addressed envelope should be enclosed with all requests.

Sale of Members' Collections

Following a suggestion at the Annual General Meeting, members may wish to note that the Group is now prepared to assist with the sale of any unwanted books, magazines and photographs etc. If you are interested in selling part or all of your collection please write in the first instance to the Events Secretary (R. Delahoy Esq., 120. Yarnacott, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS3 8AW) with details of the items available.

Southend Meeting - Wednesday, March 2nd.

This meeting will feature a slide show by Peter Chandler on the theme of 'North of Watford - A Look at Buses in the North West of England'. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.) in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, and all members are invited to what should prove to be an extremely enjoyable evening.

Ilford Meeting - Tuesday, March 8th.

An evening meeting will be held at 7. Farley Drive, Seven Kings, Ilford on Tuesday, March 8th commencing at 1930 hrs. The meeting will provide an opportunity for general discussion about current events. 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.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

NIL

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Bristol RELH6G coach 1402 (VHK175L), which was recently sold to the Shaftesbury Society, was noted at Central Works in mid-February still in National Express livery.

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the notes published in last month's news sheet regarding the four acquired Leyland Leopard coaches (1304-7), it should be noted that 1307 will be fitted with 47 seats. This vehicle will carry National Holidays livery, whilst the other three coaches (1304-6) have now been repainted in the new standard National coach livery which features thin red and blue stripes at the front of the vehicle. 1305/6 have now entered service at CN and HD respectively, and 1304 was noted at Central Works on February 17th awaiting entry into service.

Vehicles on Order

Further information is now available regarding the 12 Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles that are currently on order. The vehicles will be numbered 1110-21, and will carry registration numbers HHJ371-82Y. The full chassis designation will be Leyland Tiger TRC/TL11/2R and chassis numbers for 1110-5 will be 8201739/45/50/1/66, 8300013 respectively. As reported previously (see NS224), the vehicles will carry

Alexander TE-type dual-purpose bodywork with 53 seats. Subject to confirmation, body numbers for 1110/2-4 will be 2382/3, 2382/1, 2382/2 and 2382/4 respectively. Body numbers for other vehicles are unknown at present.

Refurbished Vehicles

Work is now almost complete on the refurbishment of 1419 (GJD195N), and this vehicle has been repainted in a special new Highwayman livery, which incorporates a green band beneath the windows containing the Highwayman logo, black window surrounds and green stripes towards the front of the vehicle. The roof and lower panels are white. 1418 (GJD194N) has now entered Central Works for refurbishment work, and this vehicle together with 1417 will be painted in the new standard National coach livery, as already applied to 1304-6.

Allocations & Transfers

2.83 1203 D/L-BD, 1305 D/L-CN, 1306 D/L-HD, 1504 PL (P)-D/L (D), 1527 PL (P)-D/L (D), 1529 CN-D/L (D), 1543 BD (P)-PL (P), 1546 CF-CF (DS), 1548 SD-CN, 1702 BN (DS)-SD, 3067 SD-BN (DS).

The use of 1504 as a temporary crew room at Basildon Bus Station (see also NS223) has now ceased following the completion of rebuilding works, and this vehicle was moved to MN for storage on February 12th. On the same date, 1534 PL (P) was also noted at MN depot.

Service Vehicles

An additional service vehicle, which has not been previously reported in the news sheet, is a Ford Transit clothing van. Full details are as follows :-

YY0282T Ford Transit (Luton body) : BDVCUG310250 Clothing Van New 3/79 Acquired 5/81.

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 NS226 :-
January : w/e 29.1.83 - 1217 at CW, 1762 at CW.
February : w/e 19.2.83 - 1779 at CW, 3064 at CW (National Holidays overall advertisement livery)

As noted above, 3064 now carries National Holidays livery and was first noted in service on February 14th on service 11A. Additionally, 1304-6 and 1419 were all repainted at Central Works during late-January and early-February; exact dates are unknown at present.

General

Lord Shepherd, Chairman of the National Bus Company, paid an official visit to the Company on Tuesday, February 15th. During the course of the day, he opened the new Travel Centre at Basildon Bus Station, visited the Central Works and Head Office at Chelmsford and travelled on a 'CountryCar' service at Halstead.

Further news is now available regarding the Bristol VRT's sold to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. last year. It can now be confirmed that DVG561 (SMS 41H) has entered service (see also NS223), and this vehicle was noted at Chester on February 5th. Current allocations for the vehicles are as follows :-
Amlwch - DVG557; Bangor - DVG552/4/5/6/9; Caernarfon - DVG562; Chester - DVG560/1; Holyhead - DVG553/8/63.

The Company's Traffic Manager, Mr. Stephen Trennery, has recently been appointed Traffic Manager of the Maidstone & District and East Kent companies. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Trennery for his assistance to the Group during recent years.

Temporary Loans

Colchester (CR) vehicles which worked on temporary loan to Harwich (DT) during January were 1524/52, 1710 and 1790. Additionally, 1534 PL (P) operated at DT between January 15th and January 24th replacing 1202, and 1415 CN was also on loan on various dates for coach work. This vehicle also operated on stage services on January 17th when it operated the 1635 hrs. service 106 journey from Harwich to Clacton and 1745 hrs. service 126 journey from Clacton.

Service Developments

The Company has applied for a number of revisions to stage services, and details of these proposed changes are as follows :-

53 - An additional clause for certain return journeys from Silver End (E.N. Depot) to be added to the licence.

151 - Tuesdays and Saturdays : one additional journey to be introduced between Romford (Southern Way) and Brentwood. Mondays to Fridays (when schools are open) : one additional journey to be introduced between Brentwood and Romford (Southern Way).

226 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn, and three additional journeys to be introduced (additional information to NS226).

251 - Weekdays : one journey from Southend to Rawreth to be extended to Walthamstow (Central Bus Station), with additional return journey to operate from Walthamstow to Southend (Victoria Bus Station) (additional information to NS226).
Saturdays only : one additional journey to be introduced from Gidea Park (Gallows Corner) to Walthamstow (Central Bus Station), with additional return journey to be introduced between Walthamstow and Romford, and then as present to Southend.

266 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.

350 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey terminating at Romford (Southern Way) to terminate at Romford (St. Edwards Way).

351 - Weekdays : one journey terminating at Romford (Southern Way) to terminate at Romford (St. Edwards Way), with return journey commencing at St. Edwards Way.

503 - Schooldays : one minor timetable change.

807 - Service to be withdrawn for the Winter period, and revised period of operation to be Wednesdays and Saturdays.

811 - Revised timetable with service operating on Mondays only, and route extended to/from Clacton (Bus Station) via Little Clacton, Weeley, Frating and Elmstead Market. Revised route between Marks Tey and Braintree via Kelvedon, Witham and Silver End, and stops at Coggeshall and Stansted Airport to be deleted, with service now stopping at the Stansted Airport road turning (A120).

812 - Revised timetable with service operating on Saturdays only, and route revisions as listed for service 811.

813 - Revised timetable with service operating on Wednesdays only, and route revisions as listed for service 812.

817 - Service to be withdrawn for the Winter period.

The changes to Highwayman services 807/11-3/7 (as listed above) were introduced from January 17th, and brief details were published in last month's news sheet.

The Company has not renewed its licence for an express service between Southend (Victoria Circus) and Basildon (Standard Telephones and Cables Ltd.) (service X170) (see also NS188). The Company has also not taken up its licence for the stage service between Dovercourt (War Memorial) and Clacton (Camrose School) (service X174) (see also NS220). Both of these services are contract services, which are not included in the published timetables.

Service revisions introduced during recent weeks are as follows :- 41 - 28.2.83 (one minor timetable change on Weekdays); 41B - 28.2.83 (one minor timetable change on Weekdays); 266- 24.1.83 (one journey extended from Herongate to West Horndon on Mondays to Fridays); 351 - 31.1.83 (one journey extended to start from Romford instead of Brentwood on Mondays to Fridays); 402 - 28.2.83 (revised stopping point introduced at New Cross for journeys from London to Southend).

From February 14th, six new commuter services were introduced jointly with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. Brief details of these services are as follows :-

- Great Cornard (Kings Hill) - London (Victoria Street) : departs

from Great Cornard at 0645 hrs., and operates via Sudbury, Ballingdon, Bulmer Tye and Halstead. The return journey leaves London at 1700 hrs.

- High Garrett (Foley Corner) - London (Victoria Street) : departs from High Garrett at 0717 hrs., and operates via Bocking, Bocking End, Braintree, Rayne, Great Dunmow and Takeley. The return journey leaves London at 1700 hrs.
- Earls Colne ('Kennels') - London (Victoria Street) : departs from Earls Colne at 0630 hrs., and operates via Coggeshall, Bradwell, Braintree, Rayne, Great Dunmow and Takeley. The return journey leaves London at 1630 hrs.
- Heybridge (Oak Road) - London (Victoria Street) : two departures from Heybridge at 0628 hrs. and 0658 hrs. operating via Maldon. Return journeys leave London at 1615 hrs. and 1700 hrs.
- Woodham Mortimer (Chads Garage) - London (Victoria Street) : two departures from Woodham Mortimer at 0642 hrs. and 0712 hrs. operating via Danbury, Great Baddow and Galleywood. Return journeys leave London at 1615 hrs. and 1700 hrs.
- Tiptree (Maypole P.H.) - London (Victoria Street) : two departures from Tiptree at 0610 hrs. and 0640 hrs. operating via Great Totham and Wickham Bishops. Return journeys leave London at 1615 hrs. and 1700 hrs.

In London, all journeys serve Aldgate, Tower Hill, Upper Thames Street and Charing Cross. Single and day return tickets, together with monthly and annual season tickets, are available on all services. Special short distance single fares are also available on certain services; for example, from High Garrett, Bocking, Earls Colne, Coggeshall and Braintree to Start Hill (M.11 motorway). It is understood that Eastern National is operating the service from Great Cornard, whilst all other services are operated by Grey-Green Coaches Ltd.

Applications have been made by the Company, jointly with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd., Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. and Norfolk Motor Services Ltd., for a number of revisions to the East Anglian Express services. Brief details are as follows :-

081 - One additional journey to be introduced on Weekdays, with one journey to operate on Weekdays and not on Sundays with minor timetable changes and an additional stop at Aldgate Bus Station.

082 - Two additional journeys to be introduced on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays only.

083 - One journey to call additionally at Embankment and Aldgate Bus Station with minor timetable changes.

084 - One journey to now operate Daily, and a further journey to call additionally at Embankment and Aldgate Bus Station with minor timetable changes and also to operate Daily.

095 - One journey to call additionally at Embankment and Aldgate Bus Station with minor timetable changes; a further journey to call additionally at Aldgate Bus Station with minor timetable changes; a minor timetable change to another journey.

Publicity News

Following a suggestion at the Annual General Meeting, this new section of the news sheet has been introduced to record details of new timetable leaflets and other publicity information that may be of interest to members.

New timetable leaflets introduced during recent weeks have been as follows :-

Highwayman services - a summary leaflet listing improvements and adjustments to Highwayman services, dated January 17th.

Commuter services - five timetable leaflets containing full details of the new commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. The services from High Garrett and Earls Colne are combined in one leaflet. All leaflets are dated February 14th.

East Anglian Express services - four timetable leaflets for services 080/4, 081/3, 082/95 and 086. All leaflets are dated January 23rd

and cover the period to May 21st.

National Express services - a revised leaflet for the Eastlander service 783 (Cheltenham-Ipswich) dated January 23rd.

Essex County Council timetable revision leaflets - Bishop's Stortford Area (January 1983); Colchester Area (January 1983); Southend/Rochford/Castle Point Area (January 16th, 1983).

Unusual Workings

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

1.1-1055 BD and 1208 BS both noted at SD depot.
11.1-1757 HH noted at London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea having failed with exhaust system problems.
17.1-Two unusual vehicles noted on service 20 were 1817 HH and 3067 SD.
18.1-1938 SD noted on service 20.
19.1-1863 BE noted on service 311.
24.1-1409 SE, 1416 SE, 3033 CF and Southend Transport 226 noted on a rail replacement service from Laindon to Billericay; 1534 PL (P) noted at SD depot, and again on 31.1
25.1-Recovery vehicle 0101 noted towing 3113 CF into Chelmsford.
27.1-3004 BE (on loan to HD) noted on service 311.
28.1-3121 BN noted on service 237.
29.1-1548 (without depot allocation plates) noted passing through Rayleigh; 1040 BD noted on service 251.
30.1-3103/7/9 (all HH) noted on a rail replacement service from Pitsea to Tilbury.
31.1-Southend Transport 232 noted on service X1, and again on 3.2.
1.2-3004 BE and 3029 BE both noted on service 311. On this date all five HD duties on services 310-3 were being operated by Bristol VRT's, which is a rare occurrence. 3066 HD noted on service 335.
2.2-1544 HD noted on service 311.
4.2-1762 CF noted on loan to CN and operating on services 74, 108/9, 110/1 and 113/4; 3090 SD noted on a BD service 251 working.
5.2-1301 CR and 1407 SD both noted on National Express service 084; 1504 D/L (D) noted in store at BN depot (but has since moved to MN); 1802 CF noted on service 38; 1826 CN noted on loan to CF; 1841 CF noted on loan to CR; 3020 SE observed on an ASDA working; 3116 BN and 3122 SD both noted on service 400. On this date a serious fire occurred at the former Station Hotel at Clacton and services 108 and 113 were diverted via Wellesley Road, involving wrong way working on the one-way system.
7.2-1815 CF noted on service 311; 9020 BN observed in Clacton.
8.2-1826 CN noted on service 451; Southend Transport 237 noted on service X1, and again on 10.2.
10.2-1211 SE noted on service 321 and schools service 410.
11.2-3014/47 PL (P) and 3045 BN (P) noted on a rail replacement service from Chelmsford to Witham; 1411 SD was also noted on rail replacement work at Ingatestone; 1867 CF noted on Clacton area services, including service 113.
12.2-1212 MN noted on National Express service 109, and again on 13/15/16.2; 1812 SE noted on service 330; 1826 CN noted on service 36; 1855 CF noted at Clacton; 4001 SD observed on service 251.
14.2-1305/6 (on Trade Plates) noted at HH depot for PSV tests; 1547 HH replaced 3026 BD on service 251
15.2-1305 CN and 1306 HD both noted at HD depot in connection with the official visit of Lord Shepherd (NBC Chairman); 3064 SD noted on service 402.
16.2-1413 HD noted on National Express service 109.
17.2-1826 CN noted on service 44

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Vehicle On Hire

The only news to report this month is that D12 (THM667M), the Daimler Fleetline hired from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, was not used after January 18th, and it is now believed that no such vehicles will be purchased by Colchester Transport.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

General

A number of changes to service X1 were introduced on January 30th. Increased fares were introduced, and annual and quarterly season tickets are now available, together with weekly and monthly tickets. The season ticket scheme is known as the 'Expresscard' scheme, and season ticket holders are issued with a Southend Transport Expresscard, which is valid indefinitely and which must be used in conjunction with the season ticket. A leaflet, including an application form, is now available, and a new timetable leaflet was also published on January 30th. The principal timetable changes are that the first setting down and last picking up point on journeys to London is now at Grays (Windsor Avenue), and that there is a new stop at Corringham (One Tree Hill). The 2020 hrs. journey from Heathrow now operates on a reduced running time, similar to the last journey.

Two new overall advertisement vehicles are 390 (Case Olden Travel Ltd.) and 395 (ASDA).

Following the application of the new X1 livery style to Leyland Leopard 202, similar vehicle 208 has now entered the paint shops and will receive this livery.

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EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

348 (YBD 201) - Still with Lockwood Foods, Long Sutton, 2/83. (additional information to NS219).

388 (5 EXD) - Reported as acquired by Costain Mining, Fife in 1/76, and scrapped by 5/82.

9417 (HVW241H) - Still on premises of Continental Pioneer, Richmond, 12/82. (see also NS193).

419 (GVW981H) - Still with Dack, Kings Lynn, 2/83. (additional information to NS219).

1423 (202 YVX)	1451 (OWC183D)	2792 (AVX960B)
1434 (JHK458C)	2705 (85 TVX)	2807 (BVX683B)
1447 (BPU 22B)	2730 (177 XNO)	2832 (KNO955C)
1448 (BNO117B)	2773 (VWC 53)	2939 (DVX669B)

All the above were broken up by breaker, Carlton, by 12/81. (additional information to NS226).

1500 (CVW854G) to 1538 (OHK220K)

The Bristol RELL6G's listed in NS223 went direct to breaker, Carlton; although sold direct to dealer, Middlewich. (additional information).

2343 (FJN 156) - Noted 10/82 at rear of Bellm's Cars of Yesterday Museum, Sasasota, Florida, U.S.A. Complete but dilapidated.

2747 (EOO 589) - Still with Canham, Whittlesey, 2/83.

2772 (VWC 52) - Crane Bus Service, Lusaka, Zambia, 2/82, re-registered AAE 8059. (additional information to NS218).

2790 (AVX958B) - Ridge Roadways, Lusaka, Zambia, 9/81, re-registered AAE 6541. (additional information to NS214).

2795 (BVX671B) - Ridge Roadways, Lusaka, Zambia, date unknown, re-registered AAE 3833. (additional information to NS204).

REMAINDER HELD OVER TO NEXT MONTH (NS228)

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Appeal For Information

Harris Coaches of Grays are celebrating their Diamond Jubilee this year, and intend to publish a commemorative booklet later in the year. Members who may have photographs of the company's vehicles, and other information suitable for inclusion in the booklet, are asked to contact Mr. F. W. Harris of Harris Coaches.

News Sheet Contributions

Contributions to this news sheet were received from A.G. Osborne (C&F), P.J. Snell (M32), R. Delahoy (M180), A.W. Meadows (M209), P.W. Harvey (M219), I.G. Young (M239), R.E. Huggins (M296), S.D. Barham (M313), W. White (M320), J.G. Collins (M405), J. Rugg (M443), K.M. Russell (M454), N.R. Lennox (M456), I.K. Taylor (M464), J.H. Preston (M512), G. Huggins (AM1) and the P.S.V. Circle. Notes for the March news sheet should be sent to the News Sheet Editor by Wednesday, March 16th.

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