

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUPNEWS SHEET NUMBER 162September 1977EDITORIALTransport Spectacular 1977, Saturday October 22

At Central Hall, Westminster (opposite the Abbey), organised by the London Omnibus Traction Society. Open from 1100 until 1600, admission 30p. The Group will have a stand at this event. All Group publications and photographs (including a fresh stock of the Howard Cowell Westcliff-on-Sea collection) will be available.

Southend Meeting, Wednesday October 26

At the Committee Rooms (precise room to be notified on the evening), Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend, commencing at 1930. Richard Delahoy will present a slide show on service vehicles and wreckers and other assorted slides will also be shown. The Secretary also hopes to be present. This is an experimental meeting at a central location in Southend and the continued use of this venue will depend upon the support received.

EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

|      |         |                  |           |       |                  |      |
|------|---------|------------------|-----------|-------|------------------|------|
| 1811 | VNO734S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04652 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1812 | VNO735S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04653 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1813 | VNO736S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04670 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1814 | VNO737S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04671 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1815 | VNO738S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04672 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1816 | VNO739S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04673 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1817 | VNO740S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04674 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1818 | VNO741S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04675 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1819 | VNO742S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04676 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1820 | VNO743S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04677 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1821 | VNO744S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04688 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1822 | VNO745S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04689 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1828 | VNO730S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04621 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1830 | VNO732S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04641 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1831 | VNO733S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04642 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1834 | VAR894S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04648 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1835 | VAR895S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04649 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1836 | VAR896S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04650 | Leyland National | B49F |
| 1837 | VAR897S | Leyland National | 11351A/1R | 04651 | Leyland National | B49F |

|                 |             |             |             |
|-----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Delivery dates: | 1811 - 8.77 | 1818 - 9.77 | 1830 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1812 - 8.77 | 1819 - 9.77 | 1831 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1813 - 9.77 | 1820 - 9.77 | 1834 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1814 - 9.77 | 1821 - 9.77 | 1835 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1815 - 9.77 | 1822 - 9.77 | 1836 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1816 - 9.77 | 1828 - 8.77 | 1837 - 8.77 |
|                 | 1817 - 9.77 |             |             |

1834-7 (VAR894-7S) are a diverted order from East Midland, they were to have been URA607-10S. These vehicles are being modified to standard Eastern National specification at Central Works, Chelmsford before entering service. Accordingly, four vehicles from the 1977 order (those which were to have been numbered 1834-7) will now be diverted to Northern General. It is interesting to note that the chassis numbers of the diverted order immediately precede those of the current Eastern National order.

It also of interest to note that 3064 (UVX 1S) carried the first registration number issued by Chelmsford L.V.L.O. with an 'S' suffix, UVX - S being the first mark used.

Special Note It has been determined that the correct chassis type of the Leyland Nationals which have been delivered since 1765 (MAR787P) is 11351A/1R and not 113510A/1R as originally given, please amend your records. Apparently the additional '0' was inserted in error in an early information circular issued by British Leyland and previous reports had been based upon this information.

#### Withdrawn Vehicles

|      |                |                |                |
|------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 8.77 | 1323 (1261 EV) | 1427 (MOO 179) | 2735 (182 XNO) |
|      | 1332 (1270 EV) | 1603 (BNO104B) | 2738 (EOO 580) |
|      | 1346 (206 YVX) | 2706 (86 TVX)  | 2739 (EOO 581) |
|      | 1355 (MOO 176) | 2708 (88 TVX)  | 2742 (EOO 584) |
|      | 1413 (2738 VX) | 2726 (173 XNO) | 2757 (JWC 717) |
|      | 1418 (804 WWV) | 2729 (176 XNO) | 2764 (RWC 606) |
|      | 1420 (806 WWV) | 2734 (181 XNO) | 2767 (VWC 47)  |

#### Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

NIL

Conversion of a further three Bristol FLF6B's to FLF6G is at present in progress.

#### Service Vehicles

Bristol FLF 9002 (81 TVX) entered service in September as expected.

Bristol LD 0538 (538 HVX) was withdrawn on 31.8.77, 0048 (48 PPU) withdrawn last month, is also an LD. (correction to NS161)

An extra Bristol FLF driver training vehicle is to be prepared, this will be 9007 (95 TVX), converted from 2715 (95 TVX).

It is expected that 1356 (MOO 177) will be withdrawn at the end of September, conversion of this vehicle to 9001 (MOO 177) will commence at a suitable later date.

#### Allocations & Transfers

9.77 1100-CR, 1101-CR, 1102-CR, 1103-CR, 1339-BN, 1342-CF, 1348-D/L(D), 1350-CN, 1410-D/L(D), 1411-BE, 1412-CF, 1415-D/L(D), 1422-BN, 1514-D/L, 1605-D/L(D), 1765-D/L, 1812-D/L, 1826-CN, 1827-CF, 1828-D/L, 1829-D/L, 1830-D/L, 1831-D/L, 2712-D/L(D), 2728-D/L(D), 2737-D/L(D), 2758-D/L(D), 2759-CR, 2760-D/L(D), 2772-DT, 2797-CF.

A complete fleet allocation correct at 1 September appears in this news sheet.

#### Service Revisions

The following revision to services has recently been applied for :

308 NEW SERVICE : BISHOPS STORTFORD (Causeway or Station Road) -  
THORLEY (Magnaville Road)

Via Causeway, Dane Street, Station Road, South Street, South Road, London Road and Thorley Lane. Return as outward route reversed to South Street thence Potter Street, Bridge Street, Causeway, Dane Street and Station Road.

(This service will commence on 3 October and will serve a new estate. The stretch of main A11 road south of Bishops Stortford is in London Country territory and has not been served since 1932 when "National" route N9 (operated on behalf of London General) plied between Bishops Stortford and Warley.)

#### General

Bristol RE saloon 1514 (FVX616H) was involved in an accident on 26 August and is under repair at Central Works, Chelmsford.

Bristol RE saloon 1515 (FWC438H) operated a relief journey on National express service 190 on 6 August in place of a failed Grey Green vehicle.

The masking of the white band on Leyland National 1785 (PEV697R) (see NS161) was in connection with British Transport Advertising experiments. This concerned the appearance of certain styles of advertisements on the sides of vehicles in the presence and absence of the white band.

Following objections to the U-turns being executed by vehicles in St. Edwards Comprehensive School yard, service 151 now terminates at Romford (Southern Way) during school times (see also NS161). Vehicles on service 151 now show ROMFORD Southern Way in place of ROMFORD which was used previously.

### SOUTHEAST TRANSPORT

#### Vehicles on Loan

Some notes are now available concerning the vehicles loaned to Cardiff City Transport. (see also NS161)

On all vehicles the Southend route numbers are used with a Cardiff destination blind in the intermediate box with the destination blind either left blank or masked out. Front displays only are shown. The seating capacity of the Daimler Fleetlines has been reduced to 76 by removal of the two tip-up seats behind the exit door. All vehicles are allocated to Sloper Road garage and the Leyland PD3's are used on the Ely group of services. The loan has been necessitated by the late delivery of a batch of Willowbrook bodied Bristol VRT's, the first of which are now expected by the end of September.

#### General

Leyland PD3 342 (CJN442C) has now been repaired and returned to service.

An experimental anti-mugging screen has been fitted to Leyland Leopard 217 (MJN217F).

Southend Transport are again engaged in the overhaul of A.E.C. Merlins on behalf of London Transport. Those noted to date include :

MBS451/60 (VLW451/60G), MBA572/86, 603/4/10/3 (AML572H etc)

A new timetable (dated July 1977) has recently been issued, further details please.

There was a one day strike on Saturday 24 September, a substitute emergency service was provided by office staff and inspectors.

### EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS (Continued from NS161)

|                |   |                                         |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------------------|
| 2730 (177 XNO) | - | Marfleet, Binbrook, 4/77.               |
| 2746 (EOO 588) | - | Ford, Althorne, by 6/77.                |
| 2747 (EOO 589) | - | Canham, Whittlesey, 4/77.               |
| 2748 (EOO 590) | - | Ford, Althorne, by 6/77.                |
| 2769 (VWC 49)  | - | Alexander (Greyhound), Sheffield, 3/77. |

### 1954 - 1964 Numbering system

|               |   |                                                                               |
|---------------|---|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 436 (606 JPU) | - | Still in use by Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, 6/77.                                |
| 437 (607 JPU) | - | Phillips, Holywell (for spares), 3/77, ex. St. Johns Ambulance Brigade, Mold. |
| 440 (610 JPU) | - | Still in use by Thomas, Upper Llandwrog, 6/77.                                |

### NOTES

The above notes complete details of disposals reported in the period January 1976 to June 1977.

To be reported next month will be later reports by Group members and also information published in P.S.V. Circle news sheets from July to September 1977.

Our thanks to the P.S.V. Circle for the supply of certain of the information reproduced above.

### EASTERN NATIONAL PAINT DATES

We also hope to publish next month additional information and some corrections to the supplement on Eastern National paint dates which was issued in May 1977.

EASTERN NATIONAL vehicle allocation

This list is correct as at 1 September 1977 and includes the transfers listed in this news sheet.

|                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |      |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------|
| Basildon (BN)                        | : 1339, 1422/33/7/45, 1513/30/8/45/8/50/1/4, 1607/11/2, 1709/11-7/32/6/8/41/2/6/63/7/72/6/86/94/5, 1808, 2779/99, 2807/29/45/55/8/86/9, 2908/19/20/2/6/7/31/6/9/41/5, 3005/7/8/10/5/6/31/2/4/6/44/9-51/4/6/66.        | (75) |
| Bishops<br>Stortford (BS)            | : 1000-4, 1343, 1439, 1553, 2762, 2803/10/34.                                                                                                                                                                         | (12) |
| Braintree (BE)                       | : 1340, 1411/29/35/41, 1542/3, 1731/48/77/9, 2770/7/81/8, 2824/38/53, 3001/4/43/63.                                                                                                                                   | (22) |
| Brentwood (BD)                       | : 1349, 1416/7/36/42/4/6/7/9, 1500/6/8/17/9/24/31/40, 1606/8, 1751/4/85/96/7, 1809/10, 2833/85/7/91/2, 2905/6/16, 3040/1.                                                                                             | (36) |
| Canvey (CY)                          | : 1719/25/37/53, 2890/6, 2900/24/5/44.                                                                                                                                                                                | (10) |
| Chelmsford (CF)                      | : 1336/42/56/61, 1412/28/30/43, 1509/15, 1610, 1700-5/7/8/10/8 1728/30/4/52/62/71/4/5/8, 1800-2/4/5/27, 2750/1/65/71/83/5/7 2797/8, 2804/9/11/2/4/6/7/9/26/31/5/7/50/1/4/6/7/61/2/75/7, 3002/17-9/22/7/9/33/5.        | (75) |
| Clacton (CN)                         | : 1322/50-3/8, 1434/8/40/51, 1505/20/3/6/7/32, 1756/68/80/91/2, 1826, 2766/74/84, 2800/2/6/8/22/60/4/98, 3003.                                                                                                        | (34) |
| Colchester (CR)                      | : 1100-3, 1354/9/60/2, 1423, 1503/7/12/28, 1609, 1724/33/60/9 1789/90/3, 1803, 2759/61/80/94/6, 2813/5/27/8/43/63/74, 2913.                                                                                           | (35) |
| Hadleigh (HH)                        | : 1501/18/37/41/6/9, 1726/43/84, 2741/52/5, 2801/5/25/49/94/7/9, 2902/7/9/37/43, 3014/20/45-7/60/1.                                                                                                                   | (31) |
| Halstead (HD)                        | : 1544, 1757/9/82, 2789, 2876, 3058/9.                                                                                                                                                                                | ( 8) |
| Harwich (DT)                         | : 1448, 1521/2, 1755/61/81/3, 2754/72, 2842.                                                                                                                                                                          | (10) |
| Maldon (MN)                          | : 1431/2/50, 1511/25/35/9, 1722/3/50/8/64, 1806, 2821/3, 2928/32/5, 3000/30.                                                                                                                                          | (20) |
| Silver End (SE)                      | : 1347, 1516/34/6, 1727/39/45/9, 2832/52, 3037/9/55.                                                                                                                                                                  | (13) |
| Southend (SD)                        | : 1502/4/10/29/33/47/52, 1600/1, 1720/1/9/35/44/7/66/70/3/87/8 1798/9, 1807, 2379/82-4, 2753/73/5/6/8/82/6/90-3/5, 2818/20 2841/4/8/59/84/8/93/5, 2901/3/4/18/21/3/9/30/3/40/6, 3006/9/11-3/23-6/8/38/42/52/3/62/4/5. | (77) |
| Wood Green (WG)                      | : 2910-2/4/5/7, 3021/48/57.                                                                                                                                                                                           | ( 9) |
| Delicensed for<br>maintainance (D/L) | : 1514, 1740/65, 1812/28-31.                                                                                                                                                                                          | ( 8) |
| Delicensed for<br>disposal (D/L(D))  | : 1338/48/57, 1406/10/5/24/5, 1605, 2712/5-7/27/8/33/7/9/49 2756/8/60.                                                                                                                                                | (22) |

Total fleet strength ... 497

NOTE:

Chelmsford allocation includes Dunmow outstation (DW, 1 dd),  
Clacton allocation includes Walton-on-Naze (WN, 3 sd, 2 dd).

LATER ALTERATION:

Delicensed for disposal (D/L(D)) : delete 2739

Revised totals : D/L(D) - 21

Total fleet strength 496