

EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Southend Corporation Transport : Trolleybus 30th Anniversary Tour - Sunday, October 28th.

The Group has organised a tour to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the demise of Southend Corporation Transport's trolleybus system. The tour will take place on Sunday, October 28th, and a booking form including full tour details is enclosed with this news sheet.

Southend Meeting - Wednesday, October 10th.

This meeting will feature a slide show on 'Buses in the North East', and will be presented by Richard Delahoy. The varied selection of slides will contrast the bus scene on Tyneside and Wearside between the mid-1970's and the early 1980's and will be of interest to all members. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.) in the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea.

Castle Point Transport Museum Society Open Day - Sunday, October 14th.

Following the success of previous Open Days, the Castle Point Transport Museum Society are holding a similar event this year on Sunday, October 14th from 1030 hrs. to 1700 hrs. The museum is located at the former ENOC Canvey (CY) depot, and the Group's sales stand will be present with our full range of sales items. A free courtesy bus service will be operating between the museum and the public car park at the junction of Furtherwick Road and Eastern Esplanade. A vehicle road run will also be taking place and will commence from the Labworth Car Park at 1130 hrs.

Coach Trip to the Motor Show, National Exhibition Centre - Saturday, October 27th.

Full details regarding this privately organised coach trip to the Motor Show on Saturday, October 27th were published in last month's news sheet. Bookings can still be accepted from Group members, and any members who are interested in joining the trip should contact Frank Spence at 184, Maplin Way, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea, Essex. SS1 3ND. (Tel. Southend-on-Sea 585419 - evenings only).

Annual Photographic Competition - Wednesday, November 7th.

The Group's November meeting at Southend will feature the annual Photographic Competition, and we hope that many members will submit their photographs or slides for the competition. For members' information, the competition rules are set out below. The meeting will be held at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea on Wednesday, November 7th commencing at 1930 hrs. (for 2000 hrs.), and the evening will also include a slide show.

Competition Rules

- 1) Entry is open to all paid up members of the Eastern National Enthusiasts Group, with the exception of the judges.
- 2) All entries must bear the entrant's name and membership number. No other data, except the date and location of the photograph, may be submitted.
- 3) Entries may be submitted before 2000 hrs. at the meeting to be held on November 7th, or by post to P.W. Harvey Esq., ENEG, 563, London Road, Hadleigh, Essex. SS7 3EA. to arrive by November 5th. Postal entries will only be returned if accompanied by a stamped addressed envelope.
- 4) There will be two classes :-
 - a) COLOUR - 35 mm slides.
 - b) COLOUR or BLACK AND WHITE - prints.
- 5) A maximum of 6 photographs in total may be entered. The entry fee is £0.15 per photograph.
- 6) The judges will be Paul Harvey and Richard Delahoy. The judges will be available to comment on the entries at the meeting. No correspondence will be entered into.
- 7) The prizes will be a trophy for the best photograph in each class and a voucher to the value of £2.00 for the runner-up in each class.
- 8) No entries may be submitted which have won awards in other competitions.

Essex County Council Publications

A new timetable booklet for the Basildon/Thurrock area (Area 5) dated September 1984 has recently been published by Essex County Council. Copies are available from the Administrative Officer (P.W. Harvey Esq., 563. London Road, Hadleigh, Essex. SS7 3EA.) at £0.62 each, inclusive of postage and packing.

Third Annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz'

The third annual 'Bus Masterminds Quiz' was held at Southend on Tuesday, September 11th, and the team from the Group's Committee (captained by Richard Delahoy) won a closely fought contest against the team of Group Members (captained by Graham Huggins).

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.New Vehicles

1600	B457WHJ	MCW Metroliner CR126/9	MB7751	MCW	C51F	Delivered 25.8.84
1601	B458WHJ	MCW Metroliner CR126/9	MB7752	MCW	C51F	Delivered 31.8.84
1602	B459WHJ	MCW Metroliner CR126/9	MB7753	MCW	C51F	Delivered 1.9.84
1603	B460WHJ	MCW Metroliner CR126/9	MB7754	MCW	C51F	Delivered 12.9.84

These vehicles incorporate bonded tinted windows, a Voith semi-automatic gearbox and a plug-type door. The body style is the low-floor version of MCW's new Hiliner coach. 1600-2 are painted in standard National coach livery, whilst 1603 is in National Holidays livery. 1603 will be exhibited on the MCW stand at the forthcoming Motor Show at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, and it is expected that this vehicle will be returned to Metro-Cammell Weymann's Birmingham factory in the near future for preparation. During early-September the vehicles were being used for driver familiarisation and publicity purposes. They carry black fleet number plates, to match with the black skirt painted at the base of the bodywork, and 1600 already carries a black Southend (SD) depot allocation plate.

Vehicles On Order

Delivery of the two Leyland Tiger coaches with Plaxton Paramount 3200 coachwork (1128/9) is still expected during November (see also NS245). No further information is available regarding the fourteen Leyland Olympian double-deck vehicles also currently on order.

Acquired Vehicles

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, nine of the Leyland National single-deck vehicles being acquired from the Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) have now been delivered. It can now be confirmed that Alder Valley 101 (LMO223L), which passed to Crosville Motor Services Ltd. (SNL 993) in May, will not be acquired by Eastern National. Instead, similar vehicle 103 (LMO225L) has been acquired by Eastern National to become 1650. This vehicle was latterly allocated to High Wycombe (see NS245), and full details are as follows :-

1650 LMO225L Leyland National 1151/1R/0401 00679 Leyland National B49F New 6/73

The vehicles delivered during the last month have been 1650 (LMO225L) - delivered August 24th, 1653 (KCG610L) - delivered September 14th, 1656 (KCG613L) - delivered August 17th, 1657 (KCG614L) - delivered August 31st, and 1659 (KCG617L) - delivered August 31st. This leaves two vehicles (1651/60) to be delivered to Eastern National and it is expected that 1651 (KCG608L) will be delivered on September 21st.

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet, the only vehicle in this batch to be fitted with a standard Eastern National rear panel, as fitted to the Company's other Leyland National vehicles, has been 1652. Other detail differences which distinguish the former Alder Valley vehicles are one piece rear bumpers and a different type of reversing light unit.

It now seems less certain that three Leyland National vehicles will be acquired from Southern Vectis Omnibus Co. Ltd., and further information will be published in due course.

Withdrawn Vehicles

NIL

Allocations & Transfers

2.84 1118 BD-BN, 1126 MN-BE, 1404 BE-CN, 1600 LWA, 1601 LWA, 1602 LWA, 1603 LWA, 1650 D/L, 1652 SD-BE, 1653 D/L, 1654 D/L-SD-CF, 1655 D/L-CN, 1656 D/L-CF, 1657 D/L, 1658 BD-BN, 1659 D/L, 1903 CF-BD, 3018 CN (P)-SE.

Note : LWA denotes Licensed Waiting Allocation.

Additionally, 1110/9/20/1/3 are now attached to the Coaching Department at BE (1110/9/23), CF (1121) and SE (1120). The full list of vehicles now attached to the Coaching Department is 1110/2/4/5/9/20/1/3/7 in addition to the coach fleet (1300-7, 1404/6/7, 1409-19, 1600-3).

1658 (KCG615L) is only a temporary allocation to Basildon (BN). Bristol RELL6G 1554 (WNO543L) was scheduled to be delicensed at Clacton (CN) during September, but will now remain in service at that depot at least until the end of September.

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 NS245 :-

August : w/e 18.8.84 - 1654 at CW.
 w/e 25.8.84 - 1827 at CW (IML Garages Ltd. overall advertisement).
 September : w/e 1.9.84 - 1716 at CW.
 w/e 8.9.84 - 1655 at CW, 1756 at CN.
 w/e 15.9.84 - 3116 at CW (International Stores Ltd. overall advertisement).
 w/e 22.9.84 - 1798 at CW.

Leyland National 1827 (VNO729S) has now entered service in an advertisement livery for IML Garages Ltd., and is currently operating from Chelmsford (CF) depot. Its livery is red, white and blue, with advertising for the company's garages at Brentwood and Grays. Similar vehicle 1881 (BNO671T) is currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and is also being painted in an overall advertising livery for IML Garages Ltd. The livery will be yellow, green and white, and the vehicle is expected to re-enter service during late-September.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3116 (XHK221X) has entered service in an advertisement livery for International Stores Ltd., and is currently operating from Basildon (BN) depot. Its livery is red and cream to advertise the company's new supermarket at Billericay.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3102 (UAR592W) will be repainted shortly to incorporate a 'UniBus' advertisement for Laidlaw (Essex) Ltd. At the time of writing, 1056 DT was being repainted at Clacton (CN) depot. 1650 D/L, 1656 CF, 1881 BD and 3022 CR are currently in the paintshops at Central Works, and other vehicles due to pass through the paintshops during the near future are 1653, 1657, 1659, 1718, 1808, 1818, 1819, 3035 and 3102.

Bristol VRTSL6G 3078 (STW 22W), which carries an overall advertisement livery for Field & Trek (Equipment) Ltd., Brentwood, is due to be re-allocated to Southend (SD) in the near future.

General

Further to the information published in last month's news sheet regarding the two vehicles (1125 and 1414) which had been returned to their bodybuilders for bodywork repairs, they were both delivered back to the Company on August 31st. When noted on a private hire working at Sandon School, Sandon on September 13th, 1125 (A6940HJ) did not carry fleet number or depot allocation plates at the rear.

The programme of converting certain Bristol VRTSL6G vehicles to receive Autosteer power steering is now almost complete. The vehicles are being converted by Thames Valley & Aldershot Omnibus Co. Ltd. (Alder Valley) at Aldershot, and further vehicles converted since the last news sheet was published have been 3035 (completed September 14th), 3038 (completed September 7th), 3039 (completed September 14th), 3040 (completed August 24th), 3048 (completed September 7th), 3049 (completed August 17th) and 3050 (completed August 17th). The last vehicle to be converted under this programme is 3041, and this vehicle is currently at Aldershot being due for completion on September 21st.

Service Developments

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

- 31A - Mondays to Fridays : two additional journeys to be introduced.
- 33 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn.
Saturdays : revised timetable.
- 70 - Mondays to Fridays : revised timetable during the morning and evening peak periods, one minor timetable change and one journey to be renumbered 70A.
Saturdays : four minor timetable changes.
- 95 - Revised timetable, and one minor route revision to a journey operating on Schooldays only.
- 95A - Revised timetable, and revised route via Latchingdon, B1010 and Althorne.
- 96 - Revised timetable.
- 96A - Revised timetable, and journeys operating via Maylandsea to operate via The Drive and Imperial Avenue.
- 97 - Revised timetable.
- 97A - Revised timetable, and certain journeys to operate from Bradwell (Green Man P.H.) to Bradwell (Power Station).
- 97X - Revised timetable.
- 98 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 98A - Service to be withdrawn.
- 98X - Revised timetable, and certain journeys to operate via Bradwell Village.
- 237 - Service to be renumbered 37A, and revised timetable.
- 300 - Revised terminals to be Bishop's Stortford (Havers Lane Estate, Ward Crescent) and Bishop's Stortford (Beldams Lane, Dimsdale Crescent). Revised route via Hallingbury Road and Beldams Lane (outward) and Beldams Lane and Linkside Road (inward), and revised timetable.
- 321 - Mondays to Fridays : one journey to be withdrawn, and one minor timetable change.
- 334 - Service to be withdrawn.
- 335 - Revised timetable.
- 338 - Schooldays : one additional journey to be introduced between Conrad Road (Rickstones School) and Witham (Collingwood Road) via Cressing Road, Braintree Road, Witham Rail Station, Chipping Hill, Highfields Road, Armond Road and Guithavon Valley. One journey to be withdrawn, and one minor timetable change.
- 353 - Mondays to Fridays : one additional journey to be introduced.
Saturdays : one journey to be withdrawn, and one minor timetable change.
- 403 - Weekdays : two journeys to be withdrawn.
- 431 - Service to be renumbered 437, revised timetable and revised route via B1021, B1020, Mayland, Latchingdon, B1022, Ferrers Road, B1012 and A132.
- 507 - Weekdays : one minor timetable change.
Schooldays : one minor timetable change.
- 795 - Minor route revision.

The Company has withdrawn its applications for revisions to services 152 (NS245) and 402 (in respect of one journey to operate on Saturdays and Sundays and also on Mondays to Fridays during School holidays - see NS245).

Short-term licences have been granted for 'Malbus' services 2/2A from August 2nd to February 1st, 1985 (Thursdays and Saturdays) (NS245), and for services 471/2 (first and third Tuesday in each month) from September 6th to March 5th, 1985 (see also NS245).

Following the recent division of the Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd. company, express services previously operated jointly with that company are now being operated jointly with Ambassador Travel (Eastern Counties) Ltd., Norwich, which is the company's new coaching division. Service 123 continues to be operated jointly with Eastern Counties O.C. Ltd.

Further development of the commuter services jointly operated with Grey-Green Coaches Ltd. has taken place, and various timetable revisions were introduced from September 3rd. Full details of these revisions are as follows :-

- 190 - NEW SERVICE (to be introduced from November 5th) from West Mersea (High Street) to Stanway (Beacon End, Lucy Lane South). Passengers will change coaches at Stanway to join the service 191 journey to/from Colchester (Highwoods), but if there is sufficient demand a through service between West Mersea and London will be operated. Journeys will depart from West Mersea (High Street) at 0600 hrs. and from Stanway (Beacon End, Lucy Lane South) at 1845 hrs.
- 191 - From March 5th, the departure point at Victoria has been Artillery Row (near junction with Victoria Street).
- 192 - Service now operates (from September 3rd) between Little Waltham (White Hart P.H.) and London (Victoria Street) via Broomfield, North Melbourne, Chelmsford, Writtle, Oxney Green, Stratford and Aldgate). The service departs from Little Waltham at 0645 hrs. and returns from London (Artillery Row) at 1700 hrs.
- 193 - Service now operates (from September 3rd) from Silver End (E.N. Depot) to London (Victoria Street) via Witham, Chelmer Village, Springfield, Chelmsford, Widford, Stratford and Aldgate. The service departs from Silver End at 0610 hrs. and returns from London (Artillery Row) at 1710 hrs.
- 194 - Journeys continue to operate to/from Tiptree (Maypole P.H.) with departures from Tiptree at 0600 hrs. and 0635 hrs. and from London (Artillery Row) at 1630 hrs. and 1720 hrs.
- 195 - Revised pattern of operation with certain services renumbered 196-8 (see below). From September 3rd, there are now service 195 departures from Braintree (White Courts Estate) at 0625 hrs. and 0655 hrs, from Braintree (Mountbatten Road) at 0647 hrs. and from Tye Green (Jeffrys Road) at 0705 hrs. All journeys operate via Braintree (Bus Station) to London (Victoria Street), and there are return departures from London (Artillery Row) at 1610 hrs. (Mountbatten Road), 1655 hrs. (White Courts Estate), 1705 hrs. (White Courts Estate) and 1750 hrs. (Tye Green).
- 196 - NEW SERVICE (introduced from September 3rd) from Silver End (E.N. Depot) to London (Victoria Street) via Braintree. The service departs from Silver End at 0608 hrs. and returns from London (Artillery Row) at 1715 hrs., and replaces a previous service 195 journey (to/from Witham).
- 197 - NEW SERVICE (introduced from September 3rd) from Fordham Heath (The Star P.H.) to London (Victoria Street). The service departs from Fordham Heath at 0600 hrs. and returns from London (Artillery Row) at 1625 hrs., and these journeys were previously numbered 195.
- 198 - NEW SERVICE (introduced from September 3rd) from Great Cornard (Kings Hill)/Halstead (High Street) to London (Victoria Street) via Bocking and Braintree. Journeys depart from Great Cornard at 0620 hrs. and from Halstead at 0600 hrs. with return journeys from London (Artillery Row) at 1640 hrs. (Halstead) and 1750 hrs. (Great Cornard). The Halstead journeys operate via Braintree (Bus Station), and these service 198 journeys were previously numbered 195.
- 199 - NEW SERVICE (introduced from September 3rd) from South Woodham Ferrers (Hamberts Road) to London (Victoria Street) via Woodham Ferrers, Bicknacre, Danbury, Great Baddow, Galleywood and Aldgate. The service departs from South Woodham Ferrers at 0635 hrs. and returns from London (Artillery Row) at 1700 hrs.

These services all operate on Mondays to Fridays (except Public Holidays), and Eastern National workings are now rostered for operation by Leyland Tiger dual-purpose vehicles.

From September 10th, two additional journeys were introduced on service 722 (Corringham-London). This service is jointly operated with London Country Bus Services Ltd., and the new journeys which start from Corringham at 0700 hrs. and from London (Victoria) at 1710 hrs. are being operated by Eastern National.

Other service revisions introduced during recent weeks have been as follows :- 70 - 3.9.84 (NS245); 31 - 9.9.84 (NS244); 88 - 3.9.84, and on Mondays to Fridays not Weekdays (see NS245); 106 - 3.9.84 (NS245); 126 - 3.9.84 (NS245); 156 - 3.9.84 (one minor timetable change on Mondays to Fridays); 303 - 8.9.84 (NS245); 402 - 3.9.84 (NS245); 403 - 3.9.84 (NS246). From September 9th, a number of revisions to services in the Basildon area were introduced affecting services 153/5, 232/4/6, 503-7/10/1, 520/1/4 and 545-9. Service 225 was withdrawn after operation on September 3rd, and full details of the Basildon area service revisions are contained in the new Essex County Council timetable booklet for the Basildon/Thurrock area (see above).

On the Late Summer Bank Holiday (August 27th) a Summer Sunday service was operated on all services with the exception of services 88 (1851 hrs. journey from Wakes Colne (Chappel Corner) - see NS243) and 89E.

Amongst the recent events within the Company's area, bus travel facilities (services 152-4) to the Orsett Show (September 1st) have been advertised.

Publicity News

New publicity material published during recent weeks has been as follows :-

General leaflets - a leaflet summarising the services (74/A, 78/A) serving the University of Essex, dated August 1984.

Timetable leaflets - new timetable leaflets for services 31/X (dated September 9th) and 402 (dated September 3rd).

Commuter services - new timetable leaflets for services 190-9 (eight leaflets), all dated September 3rd.

Leisure Break Holidays - a leaflet with details of Leisure Break Holiday LB421.

Temporary Loans

Braintree (DE) vehicles are regularly operated on temporary loan to Silver End (SE) depot to cover maintenance requirements. During recent weeks a large number of Braintree (DE) vehicles have been noted operating Silver End (SE) workings on services 53 and 353, amongst which have been 1863 (between September 7th-17th), 1882 (August 16th-18th), 1902 (September 4th), 1924 (between August 25th and September 4th), 3002 (September 4th) and 3059 (between August 25th and September 3rd).

Unusual Workings

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

- 9.7-1712 BN observed on service 31.
- 22.7-1539 MN noted at Southend (SD) depot, with 1544 DE also present displaying Highwayman service details.
- 27.7-1713 BN observed on service 400; 3014 PL (P) noted on service 64.
- 28.7-1799 SD was noted operating National Express service 109 (Southend-London).
- 2.8-3072 SD (City 400 livery) observed on service 20.
- 8.8-1814 SD noted on service 251.
- 9.8-3071 SD (City 400 livery) was noted operating service 9.
- 17.8-Southend Transport 231/8 operated a rail replacement service between Southminster and Wickford.
- 20.8-London Country RB 96 (CY) noted on service 795; Southend Transport 202 and 364 both noted on service 63.
- 22.8-1939 CF (as the Great Dunmow outstation vehicle) noted on service 33, it being unusual for this vehicle to be allocated to Great Dunmow; 3070 SD noted on service 402; 3071 SD observed on service 9; 3075 SD noted on service 60.
- 23.8-3078 CF noted on an ASDA working at Wickford.
- 24.8-3073 SD noted on service 9.
- 25.8-London Country RS 141 (GY) operated a duplicate service 795 journey from Grays to Gatwick following the normal service vehicle - see NS245 (21.7); Southend Transport 215 (on hire to Eastern National) operated Highwayman service 801 from Southend to Grantham.
- 26.8-Southend Transport 207 noted on service 3B.
- 28.8-1654 SD observed on service 17; 1875 SD noted on service 251; 3040 MN noted on an ASDA working at Rayleigh; Southend Transport 364/94 operated a rail replacement service from Wickford to Southminster.

- 29.8-1885 CF was noted on temporary loan to Silver End (SE), and was observed on services 53 (29/30.8, 4.9) and 353 (1/7.9); 1897 CF operated a duplicate National Express service 085 journey as far as Colchester; 3055 SE noted on service 310, 31.8-3055 SE noted on service 70; 3079 MN observed on an ASDA working at Rayleigh; 3080 CF noted on service 42.
- 1.9-London Country RB 125 (CY) noted at Southend on service 795.
- 2.9-1417 BE, 1916 BS, 2383 L, 3078 CF, Colchester Borough Transport 101 and Southend Transport 249 all attended the Showbus Rally at Woburn Abbey, where Southend Transport 249 was an award winner. 2383 has attended most rallies in the South of England this summer and was an award winner at the Knebworth Park Bus and Vintage Car Rally on 29.7; 1837 BD observed on service 251; Southend Transport 229/40, 382/8 operated a rail replacement service between Southend (Central) and Shoeburyness; London Country SNB 185 noted on service 795 at Southend.
- 3.9-1117 DD noted on service 226; 1549 CF noted on service 11; 1846 DD observed on service 251; Southend Transport 372 noted on service 61A.
- 4.9-There was considerable disruption to rail services between Shenfield and Colchester from the evening of 4.9 to the morning of 5.9. Amongst the many vehicles used on rail replacement services during this period were Southend Transport 221/7/31/2/4/5/7/40/1/4, 368/9/84/91/5/7 (234/41 were operating on hire to Colchester Borough Transport) together with 228 and 393 being operated by Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet, Eastern National 3032 CR, Colchester Borough Transport 51, 73/8 and 89; Ensign Bus Co. DF 1680 (THM680M), DF 1682 (THM682M) DF 1720 (THM720M) and DF 2240 (OJD240R), London Pride Sightseeing MLH424/69L and Cedric Coaches DLB209J (Ford/Plaxton coach) and NRD 64M (Bristol VRT/Northern Counties). Other vehicles were provided by Boons Coaches, Boreham and W.H. Nelson Coaches, Wickford.
- 7.9-1930 BE noted on service 44.
- 8.9-1549 CF was noted on service 353, having replaced 1812 SE on this service; Southend Transport 334 (WRO433S) (on hire to Eastern National) operated a private hire excursion to Hampton Court.
- 9.9-London Country SNB 179 (CY) observed on service 795; Southend Transport 221/2, 230/2/3/6 and 368 operated a rail replacement service between Leigh-on-Sea and Shoeburyness.
- 10.9-1788 SD and 3021 CF both noted on service 11A; 3074 DN (City 400 livery) noted on service 232.
- 11.9-3014 PL (P) observed at Southend (SD) depot; 3051 MN noted on an ASDA working at Rayleigh; 3105 SD noted on service 400.
- 12.9-1654 CF (but without depot allocation plates) noted on service 44B; 1707 CF noted on service 353 (and again on 13.9).
- 13.9-Southend Transport 223 noted on a service 22 short working with crew operation.
- 14.9-1875 SD noted on service 9; Crosville CTL 40 (A40 SMA) observed at Southend (SD) depot.
- 15.9-UMBH International HEK911N operated a duplicate service 928 journey from Basildon to Birmingham.
- 16.9-1120 SE observed on National Express service 083; London Country SNB 185 (CY) noted on service 795; 3089 SD, 3099 HH, 3106/10/2 (all CF) and Southend Transport 335 noted on a rail replacement service between Southend (Victoria) and Rayleigh.
- 17.9-1051 BE noted at Ingatestone on National Express service 083 to London.

Service Vehicles

The Ford D0710 stores lorry BAR316T was sold during August, and was collected from Central Works on August 22nd. Details regarding its new owner will be published as soon as they become available.

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COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Acquired Vehicles

Former Tyne & Wear P.T.E. Leyland Atlantean 53 (MVK548R) had not yet entered service at the time of writing. It remains at the Magdalen Street depot, and will carry advertisements for the Colchester Evening Gazette (Essex County Newspapers). Similar vehicle 52 (MVK546R) has also been out of service since mid-June following accident damage. It was noted at the depot on September 9th, but had been removed

by September 15th, presumably for repairs at an unknown location.

Vehicles On Hire

Leyland Leopard coach 102 (DHK102T) remains on hire to Southend Transport, and two Southend Transport Leyland Fleetline's are currently operating at Colchester. 234 (MRJ234W) remains on hire (see NS245), and is used almost exclusively on service 8. This vehicle was joined by similar vehicle 241 (MRJ241W) on September 3rd, but, at the time of writing, this vehicle had not been noted in regular service, with the exception of the rail replacement service between Shenfield and Colchester on September 4th/5th (see under Unusual Workings).

The Borough of Preston Leyland Olympian 3 (A33 MRN), which carried temporary fleet number D17, has left Colchester after its period of hire from Leyland Bus Ltd.

General

During early-September, Bristol RELL6L's 18-21/3-5 were all noted in service on the 9/9A, 19/19A group of routes. They are also used for some peak hour workings on services 2/2A/2B, 5/5A/5B and 10, together with some schools services. Similar vehicles 26 and 28 were noted in use on services 5A and 10 during late-August and mid-September, whilst 16 and 22 have both been out of service at the Magdalen Street depot during recent weeks, having last been noted in service during mid-July.

As a correction to last month's news sheet, Leyland Atlantean 63 (NNO 63P) was not given a complete repaint, having already been painted with black window surrounds. Similar vehicle 55 (JHK495N) has been repainted however, and during mid-September this vehicle was awaiting mechanical attention prior to returning to service. At the time of writing, Leyland Atlantean's 57 (JHK497N), 75 (TPU 75R), 77 (YNO 77S) and 78 (YNO 78S) were also out of service at the Magdalen Street depot.

Leyland Atlantean 82 (YNO 82S), which has been repainted in an overall advertisement livery for British Telecom, left Colchester during late-August, and it is understood that it has gone to Ipswich Borough Transport for M.O.T. preparation.

Former London Transport Daimler Fleetline DMS 2005 (KJD 5P), which is now owned by the Post Office Corporation, Eastern Region H.Q., Colchester, was noted at the Magdalen Street depot on September 9th, and this vehicle will be launched as a mobile post code information centre on September 25th.

Service revisions are proposed for service 2, where two additional journeys will be introduced on Schooldays, service 5A and services 9A/19A. The proposed revisions to service 5A will involve some journeys being renumbered 5 on Sundays, and will restore a Sunday service to Straight Road, Lexden, whilst it proposed to divert services 9A and 19A via Bridgebrook.

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SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

New Vehicles

As a correction to NS243/4, the chassis numbers for the six new Leyland Tiger coaches (246-51) are 8400012/6/83/5/134/45 respectively. At the time of writing, 251 (D100XTW) had still not entered service in its overall advertisement livery (see also NS244/5).

Acquired Vehicles

Four vehicles have recently been acquired, and details are as follows :-

314	GHV 29N	Daimler Fleetline	CRL6	60214	Park Royal	H45/28D	59116	New	-/75
315	GHV 15N	Daimler Fleetline	CRL6	68199	Park Royal	H45/28D	59102	New	-/75
316	GHV 8N	Daimler Fleetline	CRL6	60163	Park Royal	H45/28D	59095	New	-/75
352	DAX452V	Leyland Leopard	PSU3E/4R	7902389	Plaxton	C53F	8011LX503	New	-/80

314-6 were new to London Transport (314-DM1029, 315-DM1015, 316-DM1008), and 314/5 had been on loan from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet to South Midland Ltd. (fleet numbers 800/988 respectively), prior to acquisition by Southend Transport. 314/5 are currently in red livery and were delivered on September 4th entering service on the following day. 316 was painted in blue and cream livery by Ensign Bus Co., being delivered to Southend on August 20th and entering service on August 22nd.

352 was new to Hills (Tredegar) Ltd., Tredegar and carries Plaxton Supreme IV Express coachwork. It was delivered to Southend on September 11th and entered service on the following day. It is painted in white livery with a yellow waist band, similar to the livery carried by 328/9.

Withdrawn Vehicle

9.84

369 (WJN369J)

This vehicle was withdrawn from service on September 6th, having operated the rail replacement service between Shenfield and Colchester on the previous day.

Former Southend Transport open-top Leyland PD3/6 312 (PHJ 951), which was latterly owned by Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet and used in that company's operational fleet, was sold during September to Vogel Seats, West Germany for preservation.

Re-built Vehicles

Some further information is now available regarding the five Daimler Fleetlines (374-7/9) currently being re-bodied by Northern Counties. It is understood that the vehicles will incorporate tinted windows and a two piece upper deck front window. It is anticipated that they will be returned to Southend Transport during the next two months, but, at this stage, it is not possible to confirm whether the vehicles will be re-registered and re-numbered.

Vehicles On Hire

Fylde Borough Transport 35 (GCK 35S) was returned to Lytham St. Annes on August 13th.

The current situation is that Burnley & Pendle Transport 13 (WRN 13R) and Colchester Borough Transport 102 (DHK102T) are on hire to Southend Transport, but the Burnley & Pendle vehicle is currently out of service with accident damage. As reported above, Leyland Fleetlines 234 and 241 are currently on hire to Colchester Borough Transport.

On September 5th, for that day only, a further former London Transport Daimler Fleetline was on hire from Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet and details are as follows :-

— GHV106N Daimler Fleetline CRL6 68361 Park Royal H45/28D 59183 New -/75

This vehicle was numbered DM1106 in the London Transport fleet, and had latterly been on loan from Ensign Bus Co. to South Midland Ltd. (fleet number 989). It was used on services 9B, 10A and 12 on September 5th. The seating capacity is subject to confirmation.

General

Van Hool Astromega 244 (JEV244Y) has now had its offside X1 signwriting removed in addition to the nearside signwriting previously reported in last month's news sheet.

Leyland Leopard coach 342 (YWW359S) was delivered to Southend on August 13th, and entered service on August 16th in white livery with a yellow waistband (see NS245).

Leyland Fleetline 225 (XTE225V) was involved in an accident in the Queensway underpass in Southend on September 4th and is currently out of service for repairs.

Leyland Leopard coach 321 (CMJ447T) was repainted in the yellow and blue coach livery during August. 333 (AYF864T) is currently in the paintshops for repainting into the coach livery and it is anticipated that this vehicle will be followed by 322 (CMJ450T).

Members may be interested in the following summary of liveries, seating capacities and other detail changes regarding the seven former London Transport Daimler Fleetline's (314-20) :-

- 314 GHV 29N Park Royal H45/28D - red livery.
- 315 GHV 15N Park Royal H45/28D - red livery.
- 316 GHV 8N Park Royal H45/28D - blue/cream livery - engine shrouds removed.
- 317 SMU926N Park Royal H44/28D - blue/cream livery.
- 318 TGX822M Park Royal H44/24D - red livery - engine shrouds removed - has AFC cabinet.
- 319 KUC949P Metro-Cammell H44/24D - blue/cream/red livery - engine shrouds removed - has AFC cabinet.
- 320 TGX820M Park Royal H44/24D - currently at Ensign Bus Co. for repaint into blue/cream livery, and seating capacity may change.

318 will be the next vehicle to be sent to Ensign Bus Co., Purfleet for repaint into

blue/cream livery. The seating capacity of these vehicles has been checked in each case, and the information published above differs in some cases from the transfers displayed on the vehicles.

There have been many unusual workings by Southend Transport vehicles during recent weeks. On August 18th, Leyland Fleetline's 224/9 operated a rail replacement service between Grays and Upminster, and a similar service was operated between Pitsea and Grays on August 23rd by Leyland Fleetline's 222/31, Leyland Leopard 333 and Daimler Fleetline's 368/9/80/2/5/91/2/4/6. Leyland Leopard 212 (CHA443K) unusually operated service X21 on August 22nd. Leyland Tiger coaches 247-9 (A247SVW etc.) were hired to National Travel (London) on August 22nd and operated private hire journeys from Chadwell St. Mary to Walton-on-Naze.

EASTERN NATIONAL DISPOSALS

Subsequent Disposals

- 348 (YBD 201) - Withdrawn by Lockwood Foods, Long Sutton, by 5/84. (additional information to NS227).
- 356 (10 DLY) - Still with dealer, Middlewich, 9/84, but being cannibalised for spares and registration may be transferred to another vehicle.
- 361 (00 9549) - Dealer, Middlewich, 7/84, ex. Atomic Power Constructors, Dungeness (Contr.). Subsequently to breaker, Carlton, by 8/84.
- 403 (AVX964B) - Miller, Horsham, by 5/84, ex. Dotesio International, Winsley. Not used by Miller and subsequently to unknown private owner, by 7/84, and believed to have been scrapped.
- 407 (YHK724F) - Still with Cardinal Griffin School, Cannock, 8/84, and noted at the Midland Red (North) Cannock garage.
- 419 (GVW981H) - Still with Dack, Kings Lynn, 8/84. (additional information to NS227).
- 421 (GVW983H) - Breaker, Coneyhurst Common, by 7/84, ex. Miller, Horsham.
- 1201 (DNO687T) - Gray, Church Village, 6/84, ex. Cropley, Fosdyke.
- 1212 (DNO698T) - Buchanan, Stretton Sugwas, 5/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
- 1213 (DNO699T) - Buchanan, Stretton Sugwas, 5/84, ex. dealer, Potters Bar.
- 1324 (1262 EV) - Allocated to the Pipeline and Mechanical Services section of Cementation Construction Ltd. (additional information to NS244).
- 1329 (1267 EV) - Dealer, Bolton, 4/84, ex. Gingerbread Trust, Salford (N-PSV).
- 1356 (MOO 177) - Still with 5th Bradford South (Horton Grange) Scout Group, 7/84. (additional information to NS183).
- 1511 (FVX613H) - Still with Nightingale, Budleigh Salterton, 8/84, and used on a service from Budleigh Salterton to Exeter. (additional information to NS242).
- 2381 (WNO 482) - Still with Abel International, Watton (N-PSV), 9/84.
- 2821 (JHK453C) - In use as a mobile restaurant in the Dublin area, with Eire registration 717 KZL. (additional information to NS207).
- 2837 (LWC663C) - The Working Together Project (N-PSV), Halberton, 5/84, ex. dealer, Weymouth.
- 2866 (RVW392D) - Dealer, Salisbury, 6/84, ex. Cumbernauld Development Corporation, Works Department. Was acquired by Cumbernauld Development Corporation in 2/81. (additional information to NS221).
- 2920 (LFS299F) - Top Deck Travel Ltd., London, S.W.5, 7/84, ex. Gwent Probation & After Care Service, via dealer, Weymouth.

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