EASTERN NATIONAL ENTHUSIASTS GROUP

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EDITORIAL

Group Membership

The Groups 300th new member was enrolled recently, he is Mr. B. C. Wood of Southgate, London N.14.

New Publications

The following new publications are now available :

E.P.2	Fleet list of Southend Transport	price ... 5p
E.P.3	Fleet list of Colchester Transport	price ... 5p
E.P.4	Fleet list of Ipswich Transport	price ... 5p

Postage is extra on the above items, alternatively orders may be dispatched with the next published news sheet at no extra postal cost.

Thamesdown Tour, Sunday September 26

Bookings for this tour have been particularly heavy with the result that some late applicants could not be accommodated, our condolences to the members concerned. Our tours are now becoming so popular that we again emphasise "book early to avoid disappointment".

Eastern Counties fleet list

Published by the Eastern Counties Omnibus Society, this fleet list gives full details of all Eastern Counties vehicles and also includes service vehicles and staff cars. Copies may be obtained from The Secretary, E.C.O.S., 50, Constitution Hill, NORWICH, Norfolk NR3 4BT, price 15p (post free).

Ilford & West Essex Model Railway Club exhibition

The Group will not have a stand at this event this year, we hope to attend next year.

Vacations 1976

Will members please note that the Secretary and the Tours Organiser will both be on holiday during the period 2 - 17 October and hence correspondence received during this period will be subject to delay.

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EASTERN NATIONAL OMNIBUS CO. LTD.

New Vehicles

1776 PEV688R Leyland National 03660 Leyland National B49F

Delivery date: 1776 - 9.76

This is the first vehicle of the 1976 vehicle order, the chassis type will be reported later.

Withdrawn Vehicles

9.76

2710 (90 TVX)	2713 (93 TVX)	2743 (EOO 585)
2711 (91 TVX)	2722 (803 WVW)	2745 (EOO 587)

The above six Bristol FLF's have been acquired by United Automobile Services Ltd., Darlington, Co. Durham, to whom they were previously been on loan.

Re-built/Re-seated Vehicles

8.76 2834 (LWC660C) to FLF6G

9.76 2939 (BVX669B) to FLF6G

2937/40 (RWC 608, KN0949C) have now entered service.

Allocations & Transfers

9.76 1402-D/L(D), 1405-SD, 1748-D/L, 1767-BN, 1772-BN, 2700-CF, 2701-LWA(S), 2705-BD, 2720-LWA(S), 2723-D/L(D), 2725-LWA(S), 2755-LWA(S), 2769-D/L(D), 2831-CF, 2834-BS, 2835-D/L, 2841-D/L, 2937-HH, 2940-SD, 3061-HH.

LWA(S) - licensed awaiting allocation, surplus to requirements after service reductions on 5.9.76.

Service Revisions

The following revisions to services have recently been applied for :

3B NEW SERVICE : CANVEY(Point Road E.N. Garage) - CANVEY(Dovervelt Road/ Miltsin Avenue) via High Street, Mitchells Avenue and Dovervelt Road, schooldays only.

26 To be extended from Basildon (Bus Station) to Pitsea (Broadway) via Southernhay, Broadmayne, Ashlyns and Pitsea Road.

38 NEW SERVICE : CHELMSFORD (Bus Station) - MALDON (Bus Station) via Springfield, Boreham, Hatfield Peverel, Nounsley, Langford and Heybridge (Weekdays only).

40 Revised terminals to be Brentwood (White Horse) and Grays (Bus Station), section of route between Grays and Tilbury to be withdrawn.

94 Revised terminals to be Maldon (Bus Station) and South Woodham (Victoria Road), section of route between South Woodham and Basildon to be withdrawn, replaced by new service 233.

95-8 To be withdrawn between Chelmsford and Maldon, replaced by new service 38.

233 NEW SERVICE : BASILDON (Hospital) - SOUTH WOODHAM (Victoria Road) via Nethermayne, Roundacre, Basildon Bus Station, Southernhay, Broadmayne, Eastmayne, Nevendon, Wickford, Swan Lane, Church End Lane and Runwell (Weekdays only).

245 Monday to Friday mid-day journeys withdrawn, revised period of operation to be Monday to Friday when Bata Factory is open.

257 Section of route between Bulphan (Church) and Orsett (Village) to be withdrawn.

321 To be extended from Braintree (Goldingham Drive) to Black Notley (Hospital). Revised route to be as existing to Goldingham Drive, then Milton Avenue, Masefield Road, Notley Road and Hospital Road.

The following new/revised services were introduced on 5 September 1976, reference is given to the appropriate news sheets for further details :

19 (NS146/7), service between Southend and Maldon is reduced to 4 journeys on Weekdays and 2 on Sundays.

115 (NS147)

245 (NS150)

257 (NS150)

316 (NS148), these journeys have been transferred from service 33 (Chelmsford to Howe Street Corner section). This new facility is being subsidised by Essex County Council and has been introduced at the request of Felsted Parish Council.

General

0668 (BVX668B) the Driver Recruitment Vehicle ("I'm Blue") has been repainted into normal driver training blue livery, i.e. less special embellishments, and is now re-classified as a Driver Training Vehicle. (9.76)

The maintenance bay at Hadleigh (HH) garage is to be rebuilt, the work will last for about 4 months and will commence in October. During this period maintenance work will be performed at Canvey (CY).

Some reconstruction work has recently been undertaken at the London Country Bus Services garage at London Road, Romford. The former canteen has been demolished and a new bus bay constructed, which is used by Eastern National vehicles laying over on service 151. Whilst on the subject of London Country, Green Line route 721 (Brentwood - Romford - London, Aldgate) is to be reduced in frequency on Weekdays to a basic 30 minutes from 2 October. Since Eastern National already provide 4 vehicles per hour between Brentwood and Romford no change to the parallel Eastern National services may be envisaged.

Two notable unusual route workings, both involving Bristol RE saloons have recently been reported. 1515 (FWC438H) was observed operating on National Express Service 095 on 11.9.76 whilst 1506 (EPU187G) was noted on Eastern National service 251 on 18.9.76.

COLCHESTER TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

6.76	9 (ABC195B)	11 (GBC199D)

There are now no acquired vehicles left in the fleet.

General

An application for revised fares has been made, 4p to 11p fares are to be increased by 1p, and 12p and 14p fares by 2p. Fares of 16p and above are to remain unchanged.

SOUTHEND TRANSPORT

Withdrawn Vehicles

1.76	327 (7091 HJ)
4.76	323 (7087 HJ)
6.76	332 (7096 HJ)

These vehicles have been out of service for some months but their withdrawals have not actually been reported as such in the news sheet. There are now only two Albion Lowlanders available for passenger service, 326/8 (7090/2 HJ).

General

Withdrawn vehicles at Tickfield Road works, in the disposal area, in early September were 306/24/5/9/30/2/7 (OHJ 76, 7088/9/93/4/6 HJ, CJN437C) (additional notes to NS147)

A bew Bus Washer has been installed at London Road garage.

201/2 (LBN201/2P) have recently been noted on hire to Grey Green on a number of occasions, they were used on Essex Coast Express services.

KINGS CROSS COACH STATION

It has been reported in the trade press that Britannia Airways are to take over the lease of Kings Cross Coach Station in October. The terminal is to be remodelled to give improved passenger facilities, and it is reported that National Travel express services will continue to use the station until 1978.

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