PRESERVED COACHING STOCK OF BRITISH RAILWAYS

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One Hundred and out?

It is nearly fourteen years since the first Amendment Sheet appeared and the next will be the one hundredth, but will there be a one hundred and first? Like with many things, one sets off with great enthusiasm not knowing where it might lead, and what rods for ones own back might be created. If you are not sure what I mean, ask anyone who has started an enthusiast related website! For a couple of years now I have been debating in my own mind whether or not to call it a day with these sheets, but had decided to put off the final decision until the one hundredth. Now is the time to make that decision and thus the reason for these ramblings.

So why am I considering calling it a day? It is certainly not that I no longer have the enthusiasm—the thrill of the chase in hunting down the carriages that go missing and the travelling around keeping my lists as up to date and accurate as possible is still very much there. Probably it is more that I think that although my efforts are appreciated by most sheet recipients, others no longer have the interest in the minutiae of the subject that I have. What I found particularly interesting in this respect was the response to my comments in sheet 94 and the making available of updated lists of 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways part one – BR Design Stock'. Although a few recipients of these sheets requested updated lists, it was few in comparison to the number of sheets despatched and even fewer made comment. Also, although I regularly receive snippets that find there way onto the sheets from several recipients, it is from fewer than it once was which does make me wonder! Thus, I probably do need convincing that it is worth my while carrying on with the sheets, at least in the current form.

Having taken slightly longer than intended, I am now in a position to make available the updated listing based on 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways part two – Grouping Design Stock'. This is basically an updated version of 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways Part Two – Pre-Nationalisation Stock' with condensed narrative, but including all locomotive hauled Pullman Cars. As with part one, the listing is on A4 sheets of paper with the layout the same as in the books. If you are interested in acquiring this listing or of course an updated version of part one please get in touch.

MYSTERIOUS CARRIAGES!!!

LMSR MCV (CCT) 37008 This was never included in 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways Part Two – Pre-Nationalisation Stock' as by 1996 I was of the opinion that it no longer existed, I had though never been able to confirm this. It entered pseudo preservation at Solent Rigging Services, Redbridge, Southampton in the late 1970's along with BR Mark 1 BSKs 34042 & 34742. All three moved with the company to Shamrock Quay, Southampton in the very early 1980's where they were joined by BR Mark 1 BSK 34644(DB977086). It is then reported that 37008 was sold to a "Kent haulier" in 1987 who removed it from Shamrock Quay. What then became of it? Was it scrapped? Was the body removed for a store or similar and the chassis scrapped or used for another purpose? Does it still exist as a complete vehicle hidden away somewhere? Do you know what became of it?

BR FISH VAN 87702 (body) Further to Amendment Sheets 93 & 94 the observer of this body at Fair Oaks (Tyn-y-pwll), Gwern-y-Steeple, Peterston-Super-Ely, Vale of Glamorgan on 16th February 2000 has come forward. Thanks Mike! Mike has also forwarded a picture taken at the time of the visit and says, from memory, that although on land owned by Fair Oaks it was a couple of fields away in the direction of the River Ely next to woodland. This suggests possibly around ST 071758. Anyone local to the area fancy going and investigating? If so, let me know and I will forward Mikes picture which should help in pinpointing the exact location and confirming whether or not this body still exists.

ABERDEENSHIRE BODIES It is well known that the railway workshops at Inverurie, Aberdeenshire sold off many carriage bodies to local agriculturalists and industrialists and that many survive to this day in the surrounding area. Although some of these bodies were to grouping designs, none were included in the listing of 'Bodies of Non Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock' on pages 103-4 of 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways Part Two – Pre-Nationalisation Stock' although those subsequently located have been added through these Amendment Sheets. The above mentioned 'Preserved Coaching Stock of British Railways part two – Grouping Design Stock', in addition to the bodies of non passenger carrying coaching stock, now also includes known passenger carrying coaching stock bodies from the era, the majority of which are located in Aberdeenshire. Unfortunately it has not been possible to numerically identify many of these, but I do understand that those that have been before me hunting these bodies have had more success. The problem is that, despite being told on

numerous occasions that various carriage restoration groups have comprehensive listings of bodies in the area including type, number and precise location details, getting hold of these lists is like getting blood out of the proverbial stone! Why this should be I do not know! All I wish to do is establish what survives and then keep tabs on its continued existence! Thus I am appealing for any one who can provide detailed listings of the Aberdeenshire bodies to please do so or do you know someone who can.

PRESERVED LOCOMOTIVE HAULED COACHING STOCK

Further to section 1)d) in Amendment Sheet 79 it has been established that the identity of the Fish Van body at the Dartmoor Railway, Okehampton is **87554**. Previously this was located at Woking Yard.

1) Additions

a) British Rail Mark 1 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock

FO 3049 DB977389 Keighley & Worth Valley Railway underframe only remains

SK **25079** DB975080 Embsay & Bolton Abbey Railway BSK **35109** DB975465 Reid Freight Services, Stoke-on-Trent

b) British Rail Mark 2 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock

TSO 6077 72608 Reid Freight Services, Stoke-on-Trent

TSO 6163 Humberside Fire & Rescue Service, Scunthorpe Training Site BFK 14080 17080 35516 Railfilms, Crewe Stored at Rail Restorations North East, Shildon

c) British Rail Coaching Stock Built to Wagon Lots

MLW 900917 96452 MoD COD Bicester Military Railway
MLW 900926 96453 MoD COD Bicester Military Railway
SALOON 999503 Rampart Carriage & Wagon Services, Derby

SALOON 999509 Rowden Mill Station, Herefordshire

2) <u>Deletions</u>

a) British Rail Mark 2 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock

BFK 14163 17163 Disposed of for scrap to C. F. Booth, Rotherham

3) Movements

a) Pullman Car Company Stock

3 **BALMOREL** John Watts Farm, Rye Farm, Wishaw

b) Great Western Railway Stock

TK 3631 Camping Coach 9880 West Somerset Railway
BTK 5131 DW150246 West Somerset Railway
TK 5929 TDW150030 West Somerset Railway
SLF 9084 Severn Valley Railway

SALOON **80970** DW80970 Gloucestershire-Warwickshire Railway

c) London, Midland & Scottish Railway Stock

BG 31407 XDB31407 Rail Restorations North East, Shildon

d) London & North Eastern Railway Stock

RF 42969 **9007** ADE320947 North Yorkshire Moors Railway

e) <u>British Rail Mark 1 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock</u> CK **16232** 7232 Gwili Railway

BCK 21249 A1 Locomotive Trust, Hopetown, Darlington

f) British Rail Mark 3 Sleeping Cars

SLE 10727 St. Modwen Properties, Long Marston

4) <u>Detail alterations</u>

a) British Rail Mark 1 Passenger Carrying Coaching Stock

BFK 14019 17019 now in use as 70013 Support Coach based at Carnforth

BFK **14025** 17025 45690 Support Coach

MULTIPLE UNIT VEHICLES

1) Movements

a) British Railways DMUS

Class 108 DTCL 56274 54274 Stainmore Railway, Kirby Stephen East

UNCLASSIFIED 79963 North Norfolk Railway

b) Pullman Car Company EMUS

DMPBT CAR No. 91 S291S North Norfolk Railway

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