

Monthly Gen Update – July 2009

Date	Information
04/07/09	<p>For the 2nd week running, 90029 did the following trains today for Virgin West Coast:</p> <p>1G07 08:03 EUS-BNS 1B12 09:50 BNS-EUS 1G18 11:43 EUS-BNS 1B23 13:30 BNS-EUS 1G30 15:43 EUS-BNS 1B35 17:30 BNS-EUS</p> <p><i>1G30 terminated at International due to fatality. The return service (1B35) started at International at booked time of 17:39.</i></p>
05/07/09	<p>West Coast sleepers diverted via ECML as booked. Loco gen movements shall be posted here soon. The Virgin Trains MK3 set was on standby at Euston with 90029 - it never worked and so went ecs to Crewe.</p>
06/07/09	<p>The DBS class 90 on the MK3 Set on hire to VWC was swapped today - 90028 replaced 90029 after detachment at Crewe. The stock ran ecs to Euston to work 1G06 as booked for a Monday morning.</p>
07/07/09	<p>The main news to report today (having only just found out) is the unveiling of the new livery for Virgin Trains MK3 Set (known as WB64) was displayed at Doncaster works on 01/07/07.</p> <p>In addition, anybody who went for the 90 turn tonight (like myself who turned up at International for 1B74), the set had a defective door on 1G30. This resulted in the service being capped at Coventry, and the stock going ecs back to Euston.</p>
11/07/09	<p>The Mk3 Set & 90028 came out to play today for the 3rd Saturday on the trot since the new diagram commenced in April. It operated the following trains:</p> <p>1G07 08:03 EUS-BNS 1B12 09:50 BNS-EUS 1G18 11:43 EUS-BNS 1B23 13:30 BNS-EUS 1G30 15:43 EUS-BNS 1B35 17:30 BNS-EUS</p>
12/07/09	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>21st Birthday Celebrations</i></p> <p>The class 90s entered their 21st year of operations today. A full report of the days events can be found here The following 90s worked today:</p> <p><i>Anglia:</i></p>

12/07/09	<p>90005, 90008, 90009, 90011, 90012 and 90014 worked passenger services. The birthday engine (90003) was blocked in on platform 11 at London Liverpool Street due to engineering work with its pan up, but never worked today unfortunately.</p> <p>Other movements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90028 was on standby at Euston on the MK3 Set for VWC - it never worked a pax service, and so went ecs back to Crewe in the afternoon. • 90036 and 90021 worked the two northbound sleepers from Wembley via the ECML - 90029 had taken the trains to Wembley. • 90039 pulled 1M11 from Glasgow Central, again via the ECML. • The big question of the day refers to the deployment of 90026 to the MK3 set - did it go on the set before or after midnight. • No freightliner 90s turned a wheel today.
13/07/09	<p>A big day today - 90028 on the MK3 set was replaced with 90026. The deployment of 90026 was a significant event as this 90 had not pushed-pulled a passenger train since the infamous day of working 1G80 from Manchester to Birmingham on July 18th 2007 which terminated at Stockport due a malfunction with the DVT.</p> <p>In addition, since the MK3 set came back (pre & post-December 2008), 90026 was the only serviceable DBS engine that had not been deployed to work the MK3 Set. There was some flapping going on the on the first day it worked in TDM mode, but happy to report everything went swimmingly :-)</p>
14/07/09	<p>90026 on hire to VWC with the MK3 Set did not work 1G18/1B50 today due to ongoing complaints by NR ironically that the 110mph running is impeding on the reliability of the Pendolinos.</p> <p>Train of thought - Hold on wasn't it NR who derailed 390006/390008 at Wembley in March resulting the return of loco-haulage to the WCML!</p>
15/07/09	<p>The MK3 set with VWC did not work 1G06, 1B35, 1G18, or 1B50 due to ongoing issues with the buffet car i.e. unable to serve hot food etc.</p>
16/07/09	<p>90026 on 1G18 was diverted via Northampton today (much to my joy) due to a 'bump' being reported on the mainline.</p> <p>Owing to running 35mins late, 1G18 was terminated at Birmingham International on platform 5 in order to get the train back on time for its backward working. 1B50 started at International due to the above at its booked departure time of 13:39.</p>
17/07/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MK3 set was out all day today on the WCML with no issues other than with the buffet car i.e. no hot food service able to be provided. • The Anglia region was in a mess for a short while during the mid-morning. • 90024 moves to Crewe having been on hire to NXEA in Anglia - another

	DBS replace it which is likely to be 90035.
	<p>The MK3 set out for VWC for the 4th week on the trot. The diagrams were:</p> <p>1G07 - 08:03 EUS-BNS 1B12 - 09:50 BNS-EUS</p> <p>However, on arrival at Euston the MK3 set went ecs back to crewe, so the set did NOT work the rest of the days diagram due to a technical fault with the stock i.e. CDL problems in the buffet car despite being isolated. In addition, the train arrived late off 1B12 into Euston, further hampering the situation.</p>
19/07/09	The West Coast sleepers are routed via the ECML as usual.
20/07/09	The Virgin Trains liveried MK3 Set (WB64) leaves Doncaster works at 15:46 bound for Wembley behind 57302 being routed via the ECML as far as Copenhagen Junction, and then NLL arriving Wembley depot at 19:30.
21/07/09	Commissioning of the overhauled VT liveried MK3 set (WB64) began at Wembley today with the deployment of 90035.
24/07/09	<p>A few things to note for today. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90028 replaced 90035 at Wembley on the refurbished MK3 set during commissioning tests. • 90026 operated the final day's proceedings with the Cargo-D MK3 Set on the Birmingham to Euston diagram for Virgin. On arrival at Euston on platform 18 off 1B74, the stock + 90026 went ecs to Crewe where it was game over due to WB64 entering traffic which was its direct replacement. • 90024 runs light engine to Wembley in readiness for deployment to Anglia replacing 90019.
25/07/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Virgin Trains liveried MK3 Set + 90028 made its debut passenger run by working the 17:43 Euston to Birmingham New Street (1G36). Ironically the train departed from platform 18 which is where the other MK3 set finished two days prior off 1B74 on its final day of operations under the current arrangements. See 'featured article' for pictures and news on the debut run on main website. • 90024 ran light engine to Norwich for hire to NXEA - it went there under its own power, but a very strange route. Diverted via the NLL to reach the ECML, then northwards to Hitchin where it diverged onto the Royston Branch (first time for a class 90). At Cambridge, the driver changed ends and so it proceeded to Stratford, and then onto Norwich.
26/07/09	The West Coast sleepers are routed via the ECML. Due to a shortage of 90s, 1M16 was a class 66 no.66037 from Wembley to Euston on the Monday morning.
27/07/09	The Virgin trains liveried MK3 set (WB64) was deployed to working a new

27/07/09	<p>diagram today on the Birmingham route. Its first service was 1G04 07:03 EUS-BNS, but due to a door being on the latch it was terminated at Birmingham International following late running.</p> <p>On the return leg at two separate locations the DVT de-configured – firstly at Weeden and then Handslope Junction causing much chaos. Eventually the driver was able to get the DVT going again and so 1B29 was terminated at Milton Keynes.</p> <p>This you might think was the end of the matter, but more operational issues arose as 90028 needed to run round to the south end of the train which required the slow lines to be isolated for about 30minutes.</p> <p>Just after 11am, the train departed Milton Keynes for Euston. On arrival at Euston, the set was dragged to Wembley by a 57. Pictures of the event in question will be posted on the site ASAP</p> <p>90024 entered traffic in East Anglia for NXEA following its long light engine run to Norwich on the Saturday due to engineering works.</p>
28/07/09	The Virgin Trains MK3 Set is not today due to the riots from yesterday – attempts will be made to fix the set.
29/07/09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90029 replaces 90028 on the Virgin Trains MK3 Set (WB64) • WB64 + 90029 came out to play today on a revised diagram starting with 1G04 and 1B29.
30/07/09	NXEA on strike today with a limited services running between London and Norwich with class 90 traction.
31/07/09	<p>The big news story for today is the working of two loco-hauled MK3 Sets on the West Coast for Virgin Trains.</p> <p>90029 is on the usual Birmingham turn with the refurbished set (WB64) and 90026 on the Cargo-D set (WB65) having come ECS from Crewe and shall perform the Friday's Only diagram to Preston – 18:46 EUS-PRE 1P05.</p> <p>The inclusion of two loco-hauled trains on the WCML in 2009 is extremely rare and one must make the most of it as it will not happen for very long. A featured article of the day of the two MK3 sets will be added soon. Other news:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NXEA again on strike today with a limited number of services operating.