

Monthly Gen Update – September 2009

Date	Information
02/09/09	<p>The noticeable working today was the test run of 90007 which worked 6L48 to Wembley on its own, and returned back north to Crewe on 6X41 with 90018. It is not uncommon for NXEA 90s to work the DBS freight once they have had their major overhauls to/from Wembley. Once CE depot are happy that the 90 has had a successful test run, the next stage is for the NXEA 90 to be sent to Ipswich inside a Freightliner service from Crewe.</p> <p>In addition, 90018 worked 5S96 into Euston with 90019 taking 1S26 to Glasgow. Nothing else to report.</p>
04/09/09	<p>Today the following interesting movements took place with the class 90 fleet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 90009 terminated at Ilford due to dragging brakes on the stock - all passengers de-trained. 2. 90036 replaced 90024 in Anglia for NXEA after a long period working for the TOC. 3. The Fridays Only to Preston (1P05) was performed by 90020 after a late attachment to the stock.
05/09/09	<p>Class 90 no.90007 returned from Crewe today after its major overhaul - it was dragged to Ilford behind a DRS class 37 which is very unusual as Freightliner who normally has the contract to move overhauled NXEA class 90s to/from Ilford/Ipswich.</p> <p>All focus for today in Anglia where many farces occurred which included the failure of a DVT door having fallen off prompting the 18:30 Norwich to Liverpool Street being capped (it is unclear where the door fell off).</p>
07/09/09	<p>The key news for today was the storing of 90024 into the WNTR Pool. It looks like that it will be repaired (Wheelsets).</p> <p>In addition the future of 90035 is also looking doubtful as this is suffering the same issue as 90024 (Wheelsets again).</p>
08/09/09	<p>Today 90001 began its journey back to Crewe tucked inside 4M88 with 90016 providing the power to the train. This means that 90001 will be out of traffic for about 3 months which appears to be the general timeframe. The previous class 90 to have an overhaul (no.90007) returned from Crewe on Saturday 5th September behind a DRS class 37 as far as Ilford.</p>
09/09/09	<p>Nothing to report for this special date in the calendar</p>
11/09/09	<p>90029 + the Virgin Trains liveried MK3 Set expected on the 18:46 EUS-PRE (1P05) today.</p>
12/09/09	<p>Strike action in the Anglia region was found out today. It is proposed to last for 6 days commencing on 21st September - an emergency timetable is being drawn up and should appear on NXEA web site on Tuesday 15th September.</p> <p>Nothing else to report.</p>

13/09/09	<p>Key thing to note for today was the reinstatement of 90024 back into traffic after being stopped for wheelsets. One suspects the saga of wheelset issues for the class 90 fleet particularly used by DBS will continue unfortunately.</p> <p>Also, engineering work in Anglia resulted in trains only operating to Shenfield from Norwich making extra stops at Ingatestone where passengers changed for a bus service to Newbury Park for onward connections.</p>
16/09/09	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Two news stories for today: An obstruction was placed on the GEML around 16:30 today causing chaos & disruption to all services including those operated by class 90s. 2. The NXEA was announced as being suspended at 14:58 <p>http://www.nationalexpresseastanglia.com/about_us/news/proposed_strike_called_off</p>
18/09/09	<p>Today 90020 worked the Virgin Trains 'Friday Only' service to Preston (1P05). No other news to report.</p>
19/09/09	<p>The usual loco-hauled diagrams took place today in Anglia. A sample of the 90s that were out included 90008, 90036, 90012, 90003, 90009, and 90015. The early afternoon Great Yarmouth to London Liverpool Street was cancelled from Norwich (14:00 departure) due to no train crew being available resulting in 90013 + stock going ecs to Crown Point.</p> <p>In addition, 90010 did the usual weekly run to Ilford where MK3's are taken for maintenance the previous day, and returned to CP on the Saturday. Finally, 90014 + stock was stabled at Colchester for the weekend, although it did get pressed into action on the Sunday.</p>
20/09/09	<p>Owing to Engineering work between Stratford and Shenfield, all loco-hauled services between London and Norwich were terminated at Shenfield with services stopping at Ingatestone for replacement bus services to Newbury Park.</p> <p>An hourly service was in operation today on the GEML resulting in a handful of 90s being out. This included 90036, 90004, 90009, and 90014. Incidentally, the deployment of 90014 was not expected as this was the Colchester standby and stayed out all day having worked the first Shenfield to Norwich service (09:32).</p> <p>To compensate for the use of 90014 from Colchester, an extra ecs movement took place on Sunday morning from Norwich in the form of 90006 in readiness for Monday morning to form 1P00.</p>
21/09/09	<p>Nothing to report other than the following 90s were out in Anglia today:</p> <p>90002, 90004, 90006, 90008, 90009, 90010, 90012, 90013, 90014, 90015, and 90036.</p>
25/09/09	<p>The Virgin Trains MK3 Set operates a test train today to Northampton with 90020 at the helm. This is meant to be a weekly diagram in order to keep driver knowledge on the stock and 90s. In addition, on arrival at Euston the MK3 Set again with 90020 performed the 'Friday's Only to Preston.</p> <p>Over Anglia the usual loco-hauled stuff was going on - some notable 90s out were 90008, 90026 and 90036.</p>

26/09/09	<p>Nothing to report other than today was the last day of loco-hauled operations to Great Yarmouth direct from to/from London. A number of 90s were out and this included:</p> <p>90003, 90008, 90009, 90026, and 90036.</p>
27/09/09	<p>Owing to Engineering work between Stratford and Shenfield, all loco-hauled services between London and Norwich were terminated at Shenfield with services stopping at Ingatestone for replacement bus services to Newbury Park.</p> <p>An hourly service was in operation resulting in a handful of 90s being out. This included 90006, 90010, 90012, 90015, 90026, and 90036 (2nd week running). The use of 90026 on the Shenfield shuttles stopping at Ingatestone is likely to have been a further '1st' for this engine.</p> <p>The good news is that there are still two DBS 90s on hire to NXEA, with 90026 having been here for 6wks now.</p>
29/09/09	<p>The engineering work schedule for Inter-City services between Norwich and London has been amended after checking the NXEA website for updates. The Ingatestone/Shenfield arrangement due to end on 18/10/09 is now planned to finish this coming Sunday 04/10/09.</p> <p>The three Sunday's thereafter i.e. 11th, 18th and 25th October, loco-hauled operations will ONLY operate between Norwich and Ipswich for a connecting bus to/from Marks Tey for a local EMU service to/from London Liverpool Street.</p> <p>For a 4wk period commencing 1st November, services to/from Norwich revert back to the Ingatestone arrangement, but this time terminate at Ingatestone and not continue onto Shenfield. This means a reduction in the number of loco-hauled sets required to do the diagrams compared to previous weeks. More gen shall appear in the 'Traction & Rolling Stock' Diagram section nearer to the time.</p>