

22nd Anniversary of Class 90 Passenger Operations – 12th July 2010



On this day 22 years ago, 90003 (pictured above at Euston on 12th July 1988) worked the class 90s first ever passenger service. The train involved was the 13:43 Blackpool Nth to Euston having been attached to the service at Preston following the failure of a class 86 according to reports – worth noting that the 90 was routed via the West Midlands area.

Jumping forward somewhat to the present day (12th July 2010), I can report on the following known movements and highlights for the 22nd anniversary. Special thanks go out to a handful of people who provided me with information on this special day (they know who they are) as well as the pictures and video footage that I managed to record on the UK network.

Anglia Region

Passenger Operations

There were 12 class 90s out today on passenger services working the following diagrams until disruption arose in the late afternoon (see below):-

90001 (1p13), 90003 (1p04), 90004 (1p02), 90005 (1p09), 90007 (1p11), 90009 (1p03), 90010 (1y01), 90011 (1p15), 90013 (1p01), 90014 (1p07), 90015 (1p00), 90018 (1p99)

At Crown Point we had 90006, 90008 and 90012 spare - note that 90008 was on a set of stock at the start of service, but was swapped with 90005.

As is often the case on the GEML, chaos loomed for the class 90s in the afternoon when 90014 was involved in a fatality at Marks Tey whilst working the 16:00 NRW-LST. This resulted in the job being stopped for around 2hrs causing much disruption. Alterations to the service spec included 90001 being terminated at Colchester on the 17:00 NRW-LST as well as number of other delays and cancellations.

The day finished with a single 4-car cl.321 working the 22:00 NRW-LST (1p67) following the mishaps earlier. There were also signalling issues reported in the Ipswich area according to the station monitor

at Manningtree, but I am unable to confirm. During the day in Anglia I filmed a number of the passenger 90s in action – this included the following:-

- 90003 at Stratford <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HRVsx5dEgOg>
- 90018 at Manningtree <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N0v-IXr3kWo>
- 90014 at Manningtree empty stock <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R1u5nGPRHPU>
- 90015 at Manningtree <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q60ETSEfmso>
- 90011 at Liverpool Street <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7QJeFxRaQwE>
- 90001 at Stratford http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XjBdQ_T3_6E
- 90004 at Stratford http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UW5bzFExG_I
- 90005 at Manningtree http://www.youtube.com/user/class90loco#p/u/1/SWC_IBXFPE8

Freight Operations

The most significant freight working on the 22nd anniversary involved 90049, which performed its last ever service in grey prior to going to Crewe for a repaint into a new livery for Freightliner. I captured 90049 at Stratford <http://www.youtube.com/user/class90loco#p/u/19/2WeDDwvUD1Y> which was working 4M88. Other freight 90s that worked included 90016, 90041, 90043, 90044, 90046, 90047, and 90048. Some other Youtube clips featuring Freightliner engines below:

- 90044 & 90047 at Stratford http://www.youtube.com/user/class90loco#p/u/0/cptNpu_a1No
- 90041 at Stratford <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q1TtgJScOz8>

Scotrail Sleeper Services

- The Up Caledonian sleeper 1m11 was worked to Wembley from Glasgow via Edinburgh & the ECML by 90039. On arrival at Wembley 90024 dragged the train forward to Euston with 90039 DOR;
- The Up Highland sleeper 1m16 was worked to Wembley from Edinburgh via the ECML by 90029. On arrival at Wembley 90036 dragged the train forward to Euston with 90029 DOR;
- The Highland Sleeper 1s25 was operated by 90024 as far as Wembley with 90020 taking the train forward to Edinburgh via the ECML;
- The Caledonian Sleeper 1s26 was operated by 90036 as far as Wembley with 90026 taking the train forward to Edinburgh & Glasgow via the ECML - the portions i.e. 1b26 did not run tonight.

Some video footage was taken of 90039 & 90024 whilst operating 1m11 between Glasgow Central and Wembley/Euston. See Youtube clips below:

- 90039 passing York <http://www.youtube.com/user/class90loco#p/u/10/reAYgqr9JVA>
- 90039 on the NLL incline http://www.youtube.com/user/class90loco#p/u/11/4mtyUZz_CmU
- 90024 approaches Euston <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KtozNPGHFLA>

Known Class 90s moving at Midnight on the day of the anniversary (Sunday Night)

- ❖ 90001 on the 22:00 London to Norwich (1p70) Stowmarket area
- ❖ 90039 on the 21:39 Glasgow to Euston sleeper (1m11) Berwick Upon Tweed
- ❖ 90026 on the 22:32 Euston to Glasgow sleeper (1s26) Stevenage area
- ❖ 90020 on the 20:07 Euston to Highland Scotland (1s25) Doncaster area

Summary of all 90s that turned a wheel on the 22nd anniversary

NXEA

90001, 90003, 90004, 90005, 90007, 90008, 90009, 90010, 90011, 90013, 90014 and 90015

DBS

90018, 90019, 90020, 90021, 90024, 90026, 90029, 90036, and 90039

Freightliner

90016, 90041, 90043, 90044, 90045, 90046, 90047, 90048, and 90050

Snapshot of some of the 90s seen on the 22nd Anniversary - 12th July 2010



