

NORTH EASTERN LOCOMOTIVE PRESERVATION GROUP

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'J27' WORKS OVERHAUL

As we go to press, it is expected that '5894' will be entering the N.C.B. Philadelphia Locomotive Works in early September. Once inside the works she will be given a loiler examination that may necessitate a steam test, after which the motion will be taken down for closer examination of the worn parts, The N.C.B. will then give us an itemised report on the locomotives mechanical condition including the cost of each item for repair. With these facts at hand, your committee will be able to instruct the N.C.B. as to which repairs are to be undertaken, having regard to the Group's financial position.

OBVIOUSLY, THE MORE MONEY WE HAVE, THE BETTER OVERHAUL THE
ENGINE WILL RECEIVE.

By helping our Locomotive to receive the MAXIMUM attention NOW whilst such excellent facilities for the repair of steam engines still exist, we can ensure that '5894 will be seen and heard in 'action for many years to come.

However, we have only £325, the majority of this money having come from a very active sales department, thus showing that a more substantial effort is required by ALL members.

Please therefore send YOUR donation for this urgent appeal, without delay, using the enclosed form.

SALES

With the formation of the sales committee in July the sales side of the society has undergone rapid expansion. We now have shops in Newcastle, Carlisle and London selling our photographs and booklets so we must ask our members to support these shops as much as possible.

DRINGS - Saville Row, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Nel 8.J.S.
DRINGS - The Crescent, Carlisle.
HAMLINGS - Cecil Court, Charing Cross Rd. London. W.C.2.

A new range of mounted 8" x 10" prints on 10" x 8" card has been introduced and these will be on sale at future meetings price 7/6 each. We also hope to have available early in September badges and sets of colour slides all of which can be purchased at our meetings. The following items can be ordered through the post and are available from:- MR. P.J. WOODHOUSE, 38 TOM LANE, SHEFFIELD S10. 3PB.

COLOUR SLIDES

SET 1. - Locomotive portraits.

J27 No. 65894 standing at Sunderland M.P.D. in the late afternoon sun on September 6th 1967.

Q6. No. 63395 in immaculate condition stands outside Tyne Dock M.P.D. on August 18th 1968.

SET 2. - Action.

J27 No. 65894 storms up the 1 in 45 seaton Bank in spotless condition and in sunshine with a load of empties on September 7th 1967.

G6. No. 63395 battles its way up Seaton Bank making jet black exhaust, with a load of empties for South Hetton on September 7th 1967.

Each set of two slides are 5/6 each (post free)

B/W PHOTOGRAPHS

The sales committee have now produced a 4 page leaflet giving details of all the photographs we can offer. This comprehensive list contains pictures of many types, from locomotive portraits static shots of trains, to classic action photographs, so we are sure that whatever type of locomotive or photograph you are looking for you will find something of interest. Copies of this list are available by sending 6d. (in stamps) to Mr. Woodhouse.

Photographs of both 65894 and 63395 are still available, and can now be purchased in two sizes, postcard at 9d. each and whole plate at 2/- each post free.

"RAILWAY FORUM"

This magazine is the official journal of the Association of Railway Preservation Societies (of which we are a member) and gives up to date news of both locomotive and railway preservation Societies throughout the country. This excellent magazine (it contains a photo of 63395) is a "must" for all keen preservationists and is price 2/6 post free.

Besides the above items, the following two booklets are available from Mr.P.Proud, 21 SILKSWORTH LANE, SUNDERLAND, Durham.

"TYNESIDE STEAM 1968 - the complete guide to the industrial railways of North East of England giving details of where to find all steam locomotives still at work.

"S.N.C.F. STEAM 1968 - this excellent booklet gives details of where to find all the steam passenger workings in France this summer. Each booklet costs 5/6d, post free.

BOOKLETS - FUTURE PLANS:- Because of the continuing success of the above booklets a number of new booklets are under consideration.

We would therefore be very grateful for any information of continental steam during this summer. All information should be sent to Mr. R.M. WHEELER, "ASHLEIGH", SOUTHFIELD ROAD, BURLEY - in Wharfedale, YORKSHIRE.

Q6 MOVEMENT

63395 will very shortly be moving from Tyne Dock to Thornaby for the first part of its journey to Gromont on the N.Y.M.R.

In preparation for this trip the mechanical lubrication has been fully examined making sure that the cylinder oil reaches the piston valves and cylinders. All the oil bones have been completely cleaned and the trimings renewed to make sure that plenty of oil reaches the axle boxes. Although no exact date has been fixed further details will be sent to all those interested if they write to the Treasurer at 2 Highfield Gardens, Eaglescliffe, Durham. enclosing a small donation for postage.

END OF B.R. STEAM

To commemorate the ending of B.R. steam a film show was organised by M. A.G. Cattle on August 10th in the Ribbleshead Inn and produced a good income for the Group. The show called "Never Again" was highly entertaining, the collection for the fund raising £9 2s. 3¹/₂d.

NEXT MEETING - SEPTEMBER 6th 1968, BRIDGE HOTEL, NEWCASTLE.

As it is twelve months since the end of North East steam on B.R. we shall commemorate this event with a special slide and film show depicting both our engines during their last weeks of service ending with a spectacular shot of 65894 on the last steam working to Silksworth.

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Also, on display will be the $\frac{3}{4}$ " scale model of '5894' kindly presented to the Group by Mr. N. Downing of Stockton-on - Tees.

We hope you will make every effort to attend this special meeting.