

# November 2007 - EUROPEAN NEWS

## **24 November 2007**

### **'Christkindlexpress'**

It's 95% certain that 103245 will work this years "Christkindlexpress" from München to Salzburg on a set of double deck stock, times as follows:

München 8:52

Rosenheim 9:36

Traunstein 10:20

Freilassing 10:40

Salzburg 10:46

ECS to Freilassing at 11:13

Returning from Salzburg at 18:04

Train runs on 1, 8 and 15 December, It's an additional RE train so normal tickets are valid.

## **11 November 2007**

### **France**

Six of the Rail Unions have called for another strike starting 20.00 on the 13<sup>th</sup> November. In theory this is for 24hrs, like the last one which went on for a few days. The fact this strike coincides with Eurostar new service from St. Pancras on 14/11 is entirely coincidental.....

### **Germany**

The Sonderzug to Hamburg Hafenfest planned for 10/05/2008 has "Growler" **221116** as planned motive power, some 221's are silenced, but 116 is not!. The trip starts from Bochum & tickets are priced at Euro75 & Euro 65 (1st/2nd Class) with a reduction for full compartments of 6, & a further 10% for booking by end Dec 2007. Is shown on website: <http://www.eisenbahnfreunde-onwheels.de/55601.html> as being in "Vorbereitung" (preparation), so presumably further details will be shown there soon.

Nice snap of **232453** on the return Brilon Wald to Freiburg special is availabl on <http://drehscheibe-online.ist-im-web.de/forum/read.php?4,3533639> and another here on <http://drehscheibe-online.ist-im-web.de/forum/read.php?4,3533307>

### **Hungary**

Last month MÁV published a list of 21 lines on which it proposes to withdraw services in December. Not to be outdone, the Ministry of Transport then published a list of 38 lines on which it will no longer support passenger services. An announcement was due to be made on or after 7th November, but so far there has been a deafening silence - only a month before the timetable change. The MoT requires that train- km are reduced by 10%, but the closures would achieve only 3%, leaving a further 7% to be achieved by thinning out services on lines that will remain.

A knowledgeable source has emphasised the current degree of disorganisation within MÁV. In his view they will rush through as many of the proposed closures as they can, irrespective of local/national reactions and any lack of road alternatives. In other words, it looks as though the closures will not be postponed in the way they were last year, the "Dec 2006" closures not taking place until 4th March this year.

You have been warned!

### **Lithuania**

Hard to believe but Lithuania are having 2 (maybe more?) of their TEP60's overhauled! So they should be around for a long time yet. Following the links you will find **TEP60-0992** looking wonderful in Daugavpils works, the TE3 in the background belongs the works and normally stays there within the complex:

[http://parovoz.com/newgallery/pg\\_view.php?ID=102211&LNG=EN](http://parovoz.com/newgallery/pg_view.php?ID=102211&LNG=EN)

and **TEP60-0927** in process of stripping:

[http://parovoz.com/newgallery/pg\\_view.php?ID=102215&LNG=EN](http://parovoz.com/newgallery/pg_view.php?ID=102215&LNG=EN)

### **Portugal**

Most of the next batch of exports for Argentina are being/have been loaded at Setubal. Included are 1201, 1207, 1224 plus maybe another 2 unknowns, 1421 and 2 others, presumably 1405 and 1425, 3 more Nohabs and at least 2 more EMUs.