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NOTES FROM THE COMMITTEE

On the opposite page you will see that there have been one or two changes in the positions held by Committee members. Steven Sienkiewicz has decided to relinquish the job of Public Relations Officer, which has now been taken over by Allan Fawcett. Our thanks go to Steven for the hard work he has put in, and we still hope to see him on Society tours.

In order to take on his new post, Allan Fawcett has handed his old job of Bookings Secretary over to David Walby, whom we welcome onto the Committee. Please ensure that all bookings are in future sent to David, as any received by Mr. Fawcett will be returned.

We also welcome onto the Committee Paul Hooton, who is taking over from John Wade as Sales Officer. Many thanks are due to John for the long period in which he has served the Society in more than one capacity, which must have been very difficult for him.

Support for tours recently has been very mixed. Whilst most have been well filled the North West and West Midlands trip on 27th July had to be cancelled because of lack of support, and the West of England tour on 10th August had to be run using a 15-seater minibus. It is a pity that more people did not book for this tour, as all the shunters allocated to Plymouth Laira, Newton Abbot, St. Austell and Penzance were seen.

The membership drive launched in the last magazine did not have the desired result. The leader when the drive closed on 3rd August was Colin Andrews from Blackpool, who recruited 2 members - not enough to make him eligible for a prize. We should have thought that, with the incentive of a free overnight trip (worth £10), more interest would have been forthcoming.

Perhaps some members thought that they would be easily beaten and therefore didn't bother to make an attempt. We are therefore holding a second drive, to run from now until 30th November, which gives you plenty of time to recruit enough members to be eligible for a prize, as follows:

- If the winner recruits 10 or more members.....a free overnight tour.
- " " " " " " " " 5 to 9 " " ".....a free day tour.

Remember that at least 5 members must be recruited by the winner in order to be eligible for a prize, and that smaller prizes may be awarded to runners-up, if we can see that a real effort has been made.

Membership forms are available on Society tours, or by post from the Membership Secretary, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Do not forget to state the number of forms you require when ordering. Once again, we remind you for your own benefit to PRINT YOUR NAME AND MEMBERSHIP NUMBER CLEARLY ON EACH FORM YOU HAND OUT, as we cannot allow members to 'claim' new recruits as theirs after enrolment. The winner's name will be notified in the next magazine.

Paul Hooton, our new Sales Officer, would like to hear of any suggestions from members for new sales ideas. Please do not be afraid of coming forward with your ideas - those which seem the most outrageous at first light are often the most successful.

TOURS PROGRAMME

Coach picking-up points

Nelson	Bus Station.
Burnley	Outside El Greco coffee bar.
Bury	Heap Bridge (M66 Jnc. with A58).
Manchester	Victoria Railway Station (202/203 bus stop).
Sheffield	Railway Station.
Preston	Samlesbury (M6 Jnc. with A59).

Members may be picked up at other points, provided that these are on the route of the coach and prior arrangements have been made with the Bookings Secretary. The Society will not be held responsible if a member decides to get off the coach at a depot advertised, and the tour does not visit that depot.

Booking for tours

1. Always book as early as possible, by sending the required deposit, and remember to pay the balance at least 7 days before the tour.
2. Send your membership card and a stamped addressed envelope with all bookings.
3. Cheques and postal orders must be crossed "A/c Payee Only" and made payable to "N.C.T.S.". Do not make cheques payable to Society officials. Always retain postal order counterfoils and never send cash through the post.
4. Last minute bookings by telephone are accepted at the discretion of the Bookings Secretary.
5. Departure times are strictly adhered to unless a request for the coach to be held has been approved by an official. There will be no refund for non-attendance unless a medical certificate can be produced, or your place can be filled by another member.
6. All depots advertised are subject to the availability of permits. The Society has no obligation to inform members beforehand if any installations advertised are to be omitted from a tour.

Sat/Sunday 4th/5th October

London

Tour 80.21

Tour to include most major depots and stabling points in the London area.

Coach departs Saturday evening and returns Sunday evening as follows:

Barnoldswick 1650 (2200), Colne 1700 (2150), Nelson 1710 (2140), Burnley 1720 (2130), Bury 1800 (2100), Manchester 1830 (2030), Sheffield 2000 (1900).

Cost will be £10.00. Minimum deposit £5.00.

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Sat/Sunday 18th/19th October Glasgow and Edinburgh Tour 80.22

Tour to include Eastfield, Haymarket, Hamilton, Motherwell, Grangemouth, Polmadie, St. Rollox Locomotive Works and others as time permits.

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Sat/Sunday 8th/9th November Swindon and Eastleigh Tour 80.23

Tour to include Swindon, Eastleigh, Westbury, Bristol, Gloucester, Swindon Locomotive Works and installations in the Birmingham area.

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Saturday 15th November East Midlands Tour 80.24

Tour to include Derby, Toton, Nottingham, Burton, Westhouses, Coalville, Leicester, Derby Locomotive Works and other installations in the Sheffield area as time permits.

Coach departs Saturday morning and returns the same evening as follows:

Barnoldswick 0600 (2200), Colne 0610 (2150), Nelson 0620 (2140), Burnley 0630 (2130), Bury 0700 (2100), Manchester 0730 (2030), Sheffield 0900 (1900).

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Sunday 14th December

Crewe Works Only

Tour 80.CW

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Cost will be £0.30.

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North East

Tour 80.26

Tour to include Gateshead (view only), Blyth Cambois, Sunderland, Hartlepool, Thornaby, Darlington, Hull Botanic Gardens, Goole and York.

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TOURS REPORTS

The following lists show the locomotives seen on recent Society trips. In a number of cases, where permits were not available, the lists were obtained from other sources, e.g. Foreman's lists, binoculars and other spotters' notes.

Midlands : 7/8 June 1980

Tinsley: 08022/024/260/335/507/510/539/543/866. 13001/002/003.
20010/041/057/060/061/066/078/096/098/112/129/131/172/212/228.
31233/235/246/292/308/309/312/319. 37081/123/200/226.
40088/163/164/183. 45006/009/012/019/021/027/028/029/030/039/
041/047/146. 46032. 47168/173/177/279/301/309/334/372/419/485.
56003/012/016/077.

Workshop: 08197/331/824/869. 20005/008/021/054/055/056/065/103/127/154.
47174/304. 56008/015/019.

Lincoln: 03026/034/149/389. 08060/101/277.

Peterborough: 08139/324/406/412/549/713, 31165/191/224/236. 37035/054/252.
40197. 47020/457/523.

March: 08027/095/096/100/180/209/230/258/272/889. 25308/325.
31162/193/204/207/270, 37010/023/041/057/075/090/097/102/109/
170/174/219. 40040/092. 47124/232. ADB 966507.

March Station: 08256. 31229.

Bedford: 08457.

Wellingborough: 08697. 25320. 45044/046. 47203. 56053.

Northampton: 08702/808. 86012.

Rugby: 08629. 83008. 85030. 86248.

Coalville: 08623. 20077/081/090/134/168/173/194/199. 56055/061/063/066/
068/070.

Leicester: 08028/472/609/618/619/692/699/842. 25094. 45138.

Nuneaton: 08182. 25133/276/319. 82002.

Saltley: 08103/134/405/740/742/807/919. 20167/174. 25040/167/208/259/299.
31176/243. 40014/155. 45071/103. 46009/013/038. 47059/134/326/
348/353/356/455/488/511/520/531. 56036/056.

Duddeston: 08647.

Tyseley: 08067/784/928. 25164/268. 45109. 47113/358/439/474/486.

Stourbridge: 08177/673. 25273. 47068.

Wolverhampton: 08585/783. 25038. 47151/451. 87009/018.

Bescot: 08019/083/294/327/474/588/590/613/614/672/700/703/765/901.
20026/030/048/050/058/139/143/170. 25081/093/139/215/260/263/
272/282/289. 40120. 47298/337/351/363/366/487/489/533. 56069.
85037. 86218.

Derby: 08333/625/899. 20013. 25137/243. 31106. 45045/106/116/135.
47485.

Toton: 08018/021/292/293/330/334/685/829/856/858/894. 20044/047/060/
071/072/073/097/140/142/157/158/159/162/165/166/177/178/188/
190/192/193/197. 25092/114/118/121/125/135/147/242/248/252/
257/315. 37018. 40038/076/091. 44007. 45008/034/052/061/075/
101/106/120/124/140/147. 47204/323/329/490. 56047/048/052/054/
058/059/060/064/072. ADB97201.

Beeston: 08275/617.

Nottingham: 08332/536/610/741. 20045/070/082/086/087/151/181/185/198.
25060/073/140. 45055/105/107/111/129/133/139. 47003/231/281/
325/343/552. 56065.

Westhouses: 20006/043/076/080/088/113/135/136/150/153/155/161/164/180/182/
195/196. 56039/042/050.
Shirebrook: 08255/263/285/429/560/867. 20022/046/064/092/105/213. 31214/306.
37136/209. 47316/371. 56001/002/004/005/007/010/013/017/018/020/
075/076/078.

Total : 466

Tinsley Open Day : 15 June 1980

Rochdale: 08524.
Tinsley: 03129. 20017/034/048/057/066/078/112/131/133/139/186. 25101/253.
31147/292. 37103. 40085/183/187. 45006/009/019/021/027/028/029/
030/039/043/063/132/144. 46020/041. 47168/174/312/319/331/412/510.
55013. 56005/007/019/077/078. 76033.
Rotherwood: 31228/235/306/312. 76008/021/032/034/037/046/049.
Beighton: 08260.
Barrow Hill: 08141/186/509/868/871. 20001/003/004/019/023/096/098/128/130/
145/209/210. 47294/302/348/353/374. 56005.

Total : 89

London : 28/29 June 1980

Toton: 08018/021/027/292/293/320/685/741/829/856/858/894. 20006/016/037/
040/041/045/048/063/070/072/073/084/087/135/140/153/172/177/185/
189/192/195/198. 25092/252/254/258/265/271/279/289. 31146. 40091.
44004/007. 45004/008/061/066/068/072/106/111/139/141/147/148.
47109/281/329/369/454. 56047/053/055/056/060/065/068/069/072.
97201.
Cricklewood: 08603/606/768. 25053/054/095/099/116/117/176/181/183/256.
45033/044/074/103/119/120/121/123/124/131. 47359. 56052/054.
Euston: 08886. 25310. 81012. 86018/032/034/207/214/252/261. 87023/033.
Waterloo: 09024. 33002/028/110. 73120/142.
Stewarts Lane: 50010/031. 73002/123/124/126/128/133.
Clapham Junction: 09017. 33006/033.
Selhurst: 08152.
Norwood Junction: 08384/556/648. 09001. 33054.
Hither Green: 08374/378/383/760. 09006. 33035/038/039/044/052/059/064/201/207/
209/211. 56058. 73129/140.
Bricklayers Arms: 09007.
Kings Cross: 46019/055.
Liverpool Street: 08528. 31126/148. 37012/037/054.
Channelsea: 08232. 37089.
Thornton Fields: 08531. 37014/090. 47005/523. 968000.
Temple Mills: 08552/724.
Stratford: 03160/161/168. 08231/239/262/408/417/418/422/482/494/498/521/527/
554/698/715/930/957. 31006/015/125/138/151/169/190/199/202/255/
291/403. 37022/025/037/049/051/085/086/092/099/102/107/110/194/
199/245/246/262/263. 46030/050. 47003/005/066/118/155/156/162/
170/255/265/274/402/406/430/580/681. 56023/067.
Ilford: 08233. 31108. 37118. 47189.
Ripple Lane: 08519/521/542/958. 31019/109/110/185. 37120/122/215/264/266/283.
47006/115/122/158/183/276/363/566/571.

Stepney: 31004.
 Finsbury Park: 08493/545/551/555/709/859/873. 31189/217/218/219/223/225/
 242/402. 46046/053. 47009/011/426/527. 55006/009/013.
 Old Oak Common: 08630/678/785/787/793/794/850/936/947. 31131/135/231/257/
 260/413/414/416. 46036. 47015/056/059/070/090/091/107/149/
 486/500/508/513. 50001/008/021/024/028/033/034/050.
 Willersden: 08036/511/535/680/681/682/926. 25249. 81013. 85005/009/018/
 022/027. 86010/012/031/035/219/223/224/232/235/237/249/256.
 87001/014/015/017/030/034.
 Stonebridge Park: 08903/904/905. 25051/067/081/141/180/193/222/236/243/309/313/
 326. 81010/021. 82008. 85024/030. 86009/015.
 M1: 25181. 86214.

Total : 389

Carlisle and Newcastle : 12/13 July 1980

Workington: 08104/419. 25185/191/200. 40120/186. 47202.
 Carlisle Station: 08844/912. 81006. 86224.
 Carlisle Kingmoor: 08910. 25056. 40144. 47490. 86238.
 Carlisle New Yard: 08450/759. 25064/142/148/202/203. 37053/160. 40002/006/036/
 107/175/185/193. 45037. 47198/440/444. 85032. 86239. 87023/026.
 Consett: 08053.
 Tyne Yard: 08147/373/671/775. 25186. 31139/155/187/215/244/266/280/288/
 299. 37197. 40052/187. 46046. 47311/403.
 Low Fell: 08127.
 Central Station: 03059/094. 31418. 47162/257.
 Gateshead: 03056/064/078/107. 08085/148/164/176/254/274/325. 25167.
 31196/289/408. 37057/059/095/098/106. 40016/031/055/058/115/
 141/183/184. 45003/010/026/054/065/126. 46037/040/042/049.
 47082/402/406/407/409/410/412/413/416/417/419/426/519. 55007.
 Tyne & Wear NCL: 03066.
 Carville: 03170.
 Heaton: 08512/747/872/888. 46038. 47413.
 Gosforth: 08170.
 Blyth Cambois: 08370. 37005/007/048/062/065/066/068/073/078/079.
 Simonside Works: 08058.
 Monkwearmouth: 08116.
 Sunderland Shed: 08217/562/708. 37016/029/045/076/163/212/242.
 Sunderland Stn: 03079.
 Hartlepool: 08389/608. 37009/042/193.
 Thornaby: 08059/174/211/212/215/251/255/502/504/632/770/772/774/860/864.
 31101/129/134/141/143/152/153/167/168/184/186/201/275/276/277/
 278/282/283/285/287/292/324. 37001/008/010/015/055/061/070/
 077/096/119/141/149/161/165/216. 40073. 47287/288/289/295/303/
 315.
 Dinsdale: 03067.
 Darlington: 03080. 08120/225/445/506. 31122/174/246. 37067/074/167.
 45010/021. 46053.
 Shildon: 08004/063/268.
 Etherly Tip: 03072.
 York: 08062/169/245/252/336/339/388/453/516/525/559/707/769/771.
 31113/149. 37019. 40003/028/037/038/056/075/088/156/160/169.
 45001. 46051. 47404/421/422/522. 55002/013/014/016/018.
 Knottingley: 08056/064/405/444/773. 56021/022/024/026/027/028/029/032/
 073/074.

Tinsley

08208/219/260/335/485/507/601/749. 13001/002/003. 20001/008/
029/058/060/066/071/097/112/131/158/163/168/210. 25175.
31117/147/228/271/302/303/308. 37003/025/064/134/209.
40081/133. 45009/015/031/040. 47165/168/264/307/319/372/507.
56005/079.

Total: 342

RAIL NEWS

Southern Region

19.07.80 Waterloo: 33040 (passenger), 33057/204 stabled. 50019/036 (passengers),
50021/043 stabled.

Western Region

24.05.80 Old Oak Common: 37138/178 stabled.
08.06.80 Old Oak Common: 31419, 47195/418/518 stabled.
14.06.80 Old Oak Common: 31130 stabled.
15.06.80 Old Oak Common: 08850, 46036, 47012/342/401/409 stabled.
19.07.80 Paddington: 31191 (parcels).
06.08.80 Leamington Spa: 56036/042/049/053 (merry-go-rounds).

Eastern Region

27.05.80 Stratford: 31196/235/319/324, 47550 stabled.
18.05.80 York: 25309/320, 40082/132, 47122 stabled.
28.05.80 Finsbury Park: 31238, 40030 stabled.
29.05.80 Finsbury Park: 31134/214, 40061, 47086 stabled, 33018 (car flats), 37170-
(sand train), 37088 (oil).
31.05.80 Doncaster: 03069 40024 stabled (Stn.)
01.06.80 Finsbury Park: 31215 stabled.
04.06.80 Stratford: 31008 (parcels), 31130 (passenger).
07.06.80 Finsbury Park: 40047 stabled.
08.06.80 Stratford Works: 08498, 31253, 37199, 40092, 46030/050, 47297, 56067.
11.06.80 Stratford: 31115/119 stabled.
11.06.80 Liverpool Street: 31130/277 (passengers).
29.06.80 York: 31204, 40177, 45046, 47230/444 stabled.
05.07.80 York: 40002, 47009/183/205/339/443/475/500/535 stabled.
19.07.80 Kings Cross: 31416 (parcels).
19.07.80 Liverpool Street: 31223, 37059 stabled.
20.07.80 Scarborough: 25166/169, 40118, 45041 (specials).
28.07.80 Leeds: 47166 (passenger).
28.07.80 York: 46018, 47284 (passengers), 40061 (freight), 25301, 37051, 40024/162,
47131/317 stabled.
07.08.80 Sheffield: 47508 (passenger).
07.08.80 Normanton: 31166 (freight), 37067 (p.w.).
07.08.80 Wakefield: 25254, 47276 (cars).
07.08.80 Sheffield: 40006 (parcels).

Midland Region

- 09.06.80 Cricklewood: 20151/181 stabled.
- 15.06.80 Cricklewood: 25180, 47315/422, 56058/061 stabled.
- 28.06.80 Crewe: 25115/225, 40049, 46002, 47106/137 stabled.
- 28.06.80 Bletchley: 25283 stabled (Stn.)
- 28.06.80 Willesden: 47417 stabled.
- 29.06.80 Stalybridge: 47477 (passenger).
- 28.07.80 Stockport: 24081 (light engine).
- 02.08.80 Crewe: 47123/140 (passengers), 25222, 40067/183, 47076/142 stabled.
- 02.08.80 Derby: 47220 (passenger).
- 02.08.80 Nottingham: 47509 (passenger).
- 03.08.80 Birmingham New Street: 56052/062 piloting electrics on diversion.
- 03.08.80 Crewe: 46028, 47035/117/406 stabled.
- 03.08.80 Deansgate: 47142 piloting 86235 on diversion.
- 03.08.80 Bamfurlong: 25195/226 (light engines).
- 03.08.80 Preston: 47285 (light engine).
- 03.08.80 Wigan Springs Branch: 46050 stabled.
- 03.08.80 Stafford: 40098, 47232/419/485 piloting electrics.
- 03.08.80 Birmingham New Street: 40030, 47319/523 (passengers).
- 04.08.80 Willesden: 33056, 37012, 47455.
- 04.08.80 Manchester Victoria: 40078 (light engine), 47509 (newspapers).
- 04.08.80 Crewe: 47059 (parcels), 47313 (m.g.r.), 40008/012/016 stabled.
- 04.08.80 Saltley: 31228, 40037, 47207 stabled.
- 04.08.80 Derby: 31135 (empty stack), 31318 (freight).
- 04.08.80 Loughborough: 31153, 31318 (freights).
- 05.08.80 Manchester Victoria: 47509 (passenger).
- 05.08.80 Preston: 47513 (freight), 47423 stabled.
- 05.08.80 Wolverton: 47032 (stone train).
- 05.08.80 Crewe: 25311, 40083, 47222 stabled.
- 05.08.80 Leicester: 31124 (freight).
- 05.08.80 St. Pancras: 47425 (passenger).
- 06.08.80 Crewe: 25107/191 (passengers).
- 06.08.80 Bletchley: 47083/088 (stone trains).
- 06.08.80 Wolverhampton: 47482 stabled.
- 07.08.80 Longsight: 47081 (freightliner).
- 07.08.80 Syston: 47288 (short freight).
- 07.08.80 Derby: 37058, 40106 stabled.
- 08.08.80 Nuneaton: 47224 stabled.
- 08.08.80 Chester: 40192 (cement).
- 08.08.80 Saltley: 31417, 47172 stabled.

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Since my last article I had managed to whittle my locos down to 1, that being 73101. I had done this with N.C.T.S. tours plus the help of John Wade and Graham Barlow in their cars, and Persil tickets which took me up to Thurso for 26015 and 26039. The previous week to the railrover Graham had taken me by car to Eastleigh to see 73101 but, alas, it was on the Works, so I was hoping to see it on the first day of my railrover.

The railrover started really on the Friday night, by bus (!) from Colne to London. With me were two local spotters, Podge and Dave, who often go on trips with me. Graham met us at Victoria Bus Station at 6 a.m. with his usual beaming smile. Our first object was, of course, 73101. We went to Stewarts Lane first and were informed that it was off the Works and on Eastleigh depot. On Stewarts Lane depot were 6 Class 73's, 2 Class 33's, and 1 '08'.

So off we went to Eastleigh in the car, calling at Clapham Junction on the way. Noted there was 08929, 09017, 3 Class 33's including 33008 "Eastleigh", and 2 Class 73's. We also called at Basingstoke where there was 2 Class 33's, a '73' and 09026. We arrived at Eastleigh depot at 08.45 where the foreman duly obliged and took us to see 73101. I was very relieved as it meant that every loco I would see on the railrover I would cop. The depot had about 30 locos on - empty compared to Sunday morning when there are some 60 locos present.

From Eastleigh we went to Fratton, where there was 4 Class 08's, 1 Class 47, 2 Class 33's and 1 Class 73. Next was Brighton - 4 Class 73's, 3 Class 33's and 09001. Next Newhaven - 09012. Then Three Bridges - 08387, 09020 and 73001, Redhill - 08379, and Norwood Junction, where there were 5 Class 08's, 4 Class 33's and 2 Class 73's. Selhurst held 08157, 09009 and 09015, whilst Hither Green held 3 Class 08's, 9 Class 33's, and 8 Class 73's. 33201 was seen at Lewisham. At New Cross 08837, 09002, 2 Class 73's and a "33" were stabled well down the yard. 08374 and 33060 were at Bricklayers Arms. By this time it was 6 p.m., so we decided to go to Stratford, before going back to GB's house for the night. There were 85 locos recorded on Stratford, including 08498 (HS) and 46030 (GD). On our way to Bishop's Stortford Graham took us to a stabling point I'd never been to before - Harlow Mill NCL, where 08440 (SF) was present.

The following day we were treated to an East Anglian cas bash. Cambridge was first stop - 10 locos. Then Chesterton - 08862/863, and Ely - 08108 and 31293. There were 43 on March depot, including strangers 40061 (HA), 40083 (YK), 25129 (TO), 25143 (TO), and 25274 (BS). Kings Lynn brought 03017/081, 08097/205 and 47115, and Norwich 19 locos. 03397 was at Great Yarmouth and 03370 at Lowestoft. At Felixstowe ex-B.R. shunter 08449 was seen. There were 22 locos present at Ipswich, including 40064 (HA) and 37216 (GD). Parkeston Quay held 7 locos, whilst Colchester held 17. On to Ripple Lane we drove (27 locos), and then to Paddington for a meal and a pint, and to start the rover proper. In a couple of hours at Paddington we saw 27 locos including 8 Class 50's.

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as we were too beggared. We then went to Chester where there were 15 locos on the depot. From there we went down to Euston. Luckily for us we saw 08160 outside Wolverton Works. We then crossed to Waterloo, and went to Woking, Basingstoke, Eastleigh and Portsmouth. We then went to the Isle of Wight to see 05001, but for the first time ever we didn't see it. It was locked up at Ryde and there was no way it could be seen. I was "pig sick". Podge was "spitting blood". We made our way back via Eastleigh, Basingstoke and Reading to Paddington. Our second day had netted us 166 locos.

From Paddington we caught the overnight sleeper which we had already booked. Our haulage was 50006 and 50028. The attendant woke us up half an hour before arriving at Par, with coffee and biscuits. Feeling very refreshed we went round St. Blazey depot. There were 12 locos on shed. The Class 08's were 08377 and 08952. The Class 37's were out but we saw 37142 later. Penzance was our next stop. There 08641/644, 50013/021/026/028/049 were present. Then we went up to Plymouth. We took a taxi to the depot and a bus back (wonder why -Ed). Laira held 31 locos including 10 Class 50's. Next stop was Newton Abbot (11 locos), then Exeter (14, including 6 Class 50's working Exeter-Waterloo services). Taunton gave us 08238/638/795/800. Then we went on to Bristol where we got 27 locos, including 4 Class 50's. From there we went to Swindon. The Works were on holiday and all the shunters were lined up. We saw every Swindon shunter plus 6 foreign shunters, including 08121 (WN). The "Red doofa" has now gone. Also at Swindon PWM653 was noted, together with 13001, 25111/147, 31117 and 37256. And so back to Bristol to catch the 9 p.m. sleeper to Motherwell.

We arrived at Motherwell at 5.30 a.m. The depot was packed, with 44 locos present. These included 26040 (IS). We then went via Hamilton to Glasgow Central and then out to Ayr. There were only 10 on shed but we saw plenty in the area. Our next call was Eastfield where 43 were on shed, and fire-damaged 27043 was in the yard. We then boarded the push-pull to Haymarket behing 47703, where we arrived at 2.30 p.m. 55007/011/012 were lined up to greet us, these being amongst 35 locos including a host of Haymarket Class 40's. Our next stop was Berwick (03111) and Newcastle, for Gateshead depot. It was a case of viewing there but we saw 41 locos in the 90 minutes we spent at the depot. It was then back to Edinburgh to catch the 11 o'clock sleeper to Inverness.

47461 hauled us all the way to Inverness. Locos observed on the way were 26018 at Stirling, and 26031/033/037 at Perth. We arrived at Inverness at 05.20 and promptly did the depot. Podge needed 26015 and Dave needed this and 26039. 26015 was on but 26039 was due in from Thurso around 9.30. So we left Dave to wait for it and Podge and I carried on with our timetable, to meet Dave later in the day. 27003 hauled us to Aberdeen via Elgin where 25321 was shunting. Aberdeen held only 9 locos but we had a good breakfast here at the station. At Dundee we saw 5 locos. 47268 hauled us through Perth to Stirling, where 08561 was the shunter. At Mossend we changed loco to an electric, 86322. In 15 minutes there we noted 24 locos passing or stabled. We got off at Motherwell and did the depot again. Although 25 locos were on, only 5 were different. From there we did Polmadie, where there were 36 locos. Podge now needed 1 "08" off Scotland so we went up to Hyndland, and there it was - 08348, with 08693. We then went back to Eastfield where there were 65 locos either on shed or passing, 21 of which were different from the previous day. Back at Queen Street Station we met up with Dave and again went by push and pull to Edinburgh, with 47709 in charge.

We then caught the overnight train to Kings Cross, hauled by 47409. At Doncaster we passed 56080. At Kings Cross we again met GB for another day of car bashing. First we did Liverpool Street, where 08528 was pilot. Then Tonbridge (10 locos),

Paddock Wood (08811) and on to Ashford, where there were 9 locos at the station, together with 08380/385/830 in the Yard. 08381, 09013/019/021, 33049 and 73113 were on Chart Leacon depot. Dover brought us 09008/022/023, 33044 and 73126/131. We then went via Ramsgate, Faversham, Gillingham and Rochester to Hoo Junction, where 08760 was present. We were fortunate to have permission to go round Slade Green works, which contained 08600, 33031/062/118 and 73132, under collision damage repair. Then we went to Hither Green where 6 of the 18 locos on shed were different to the previous week. After visiting New Cross Gate, where there were 7 locos present, it was back to Graham's for a bath and a good sleep.

Our last day, Sunday, was just London. My feet were killing me. First we went to Finsbury Park where we saw 24 locos including 5 Deltics. Stratford held 88, incl. 31120, 37199 and 56023 in the Works. Ripple Lane had 25 present, and Stewarts Lane 7. At Old Oak Common there were 30 on shed, including 6 Class 50's. We finished off with Willesden (34), Stonebridge Park (12) and Cricklewood (15) and that was it. We caught the 4 p.m. train from Euston, bidding our farewells to GB, as we had done 1000 miles in the car with him over the 2 week-ends - some going! We finally arrived home at 9 p.m.

In all I had copped 1315 locos - not a bad start to my 6th time round. Next year I'm doing just a Western Region railrover the first week in July, not an all-line, it's too much like hard work!

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OVERNIGHT AT CREWE (by S.Worthington,
Warrington, No. 3990).

At 8 p.m. on Thursday 7th August I decided to do a Crewe "all-nighter". With a pitying look from the wife I set out in my "Mini", with rain bouncing off the bonnet and mist shrouding the headlight's beams, I eventually reached Crewe. I don't know why, but you never see a signpost for the place until you're about 200 yards from the town centre.

Having parked and wrapped up for insulation against the August North winds, I walked to the station. With platform ticket in the bag I proceeded to the barrier only to be interrogated by a couple of "Mego's" as to where I was off to for 6p. with a bag in tow. I explained that the bag only contained the bare essentials for spotting, i.e. tripod, camera, film, binos and butties, so they eventually let me through. Locos noted on Crewe Station and M.P.D. were:

08088/416/701/843/913, 25027 (LO), 25089 (BS), 25159 (CD), 25163 (CD), 25166 (CD), 25219 (CD), 25245 (CD), 25290 (CD), 25291 (CD), 31242 (IM), 40057 (GD), 40185 (SP), 46021 (LA), 46054 (GD), 47035 (LA), 47105 (CF), 47113 (BS), 47145 (CF), 47194 (CD), 47227 (CD), 47340 (CD), 47349 (CD), 47433 (BS), 47436 (CD), 47450 (CD), 47452 (CD), 47455 (CD), 47462 (CD), 47547 (CD), plus about 50 electrics.

It was getting a bit nippy (brilliant Summer weather again) so I decided to shoot off to Chester to try to find 08490. Noted on the station were 08069 and 25294 (CD), and on the depot 08078/079/490, 25306 (CD), 40090 (SP) and 47350 (CD). I copped 4 locos in all including my last Crewe and Chester "08's", not bad when night photography was my main reason for going.