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SCT014 on hire to ARG runs afternoon shift #1 standard gauge shunter long end leading hauling empty fuel tankers from Forrestfield to BP Terminal Kewdale for loading on March 13th. Photo Jim Bisdee

The SCT class locomotives on short term lease to ARG saw their first use on March 13th when SCT014 ran #1 standard gauge shunter that included shunting Forrestfield yard, making up 6025 Kalgoorlie freighter and shunting fuel tankers into and out of the BP Terminal Kewdale.

Final nine SD70MACe locomotives numbered 4347 thru 4355 on order by BHPBIO are reported to be now under construction at EMD plant in London Ont. Canada. MJR



SCT014 on #1 standard gauge shunter hauls two loaded fuel tankers for the mines at Kalgoorlie along the bi-directional line between Kewdale and Forrestfield on March 13th. Photo Jim Bisdee



There are also two SCT G class on hire to ARG but they rarely lead trains here G515 & Q4014 run rake of empty iron ore cars out of Esperance port to the ARG yards on October 15th 2008. Photo Jim Bisdee

DC2206 ran 6M21 Cook fuel train from Kalgoorlie to Cook on March 13th. Single DC locomotives have been the motive power on this service lately. Jo B

PTA drivers held an unauthorised stop work meeting to discuss rostering and employment conditions [especially length of time from commencing duty to a break] was held from 1200 to 1400 on Sunday March 15th that caused disruption to train services on all lines from around 0930 till well after 1500.

7365 empty wheat train reported a fire adjacent to up main at 56km peg between the remote bypass/loops of Jumperkine and Moondyne in the Avon valley about 1900 on March 14th. Fire brigade attended to fight fire with 7058 wheat train and 5SP5 intermodal held at Toodyay West while 7025 Kalgoorlie freight was held at Jumperkine. The fire was eventually bought under control with services resuming 2210 with 5SP5 and 7025 departing having a temporary 25kmh speed restriction in place between 50 and 60 km. The speed restriction remained overnight with water bombers still fighting the fire on morning of 15th. The speed restriction was lifted about 1020 but fire fighters remained at the site most of the day. The track suffered no damage.



SCT005 as MGC shunter is unloading a wheat train at CBH Metro Grain Centre Forrestfield March 15th following unloading will be loaded with export grain and run to CBH Kwinana for export. Photo Jim Bisdee

SCT005 ran 2051 empty wheat train out 0820 on March 16th returning long end leading in the evening with a giant 68 wagon train of some 6400 tonnes. SCT005 was turned on Forrestfield turntable and had DC2213 attached for the run to Kwinana later in the night.

L3116 ran 6050 wheat train that also loaded at Avon Yard Northam on March 13th where it attached ALZ3208 that had been the standard gauge yard shunter at Avon and ran to Forrestfield. LQ3122 was attached to front of 6050 that saw unusual triple headed wheat train run to Kwinana.

With CFCLA locomotives EL60 and EL51 being deleased by QR National during the week the opportunity to see EL units running AP1/PA1 intermodal trains appears is over. This service will now be run by QR National G class and CLP/CLF locomotives. NP



SCT005 runs ARG 2050 wheat train out of Avon Valley at Brigadoon just before sunset with the rear of the huge 68 wagons train still out of sight around the curve leading into the valley. Photo Jim Bisdee

A further seven rail train wagons built by Gemco Forrestfield classed RTW were observed on semi trailers as they were hauled through Geraldton on March 15th on their way to Hamersley Iron in Dampier. These wagons are for a new Rio Tinto rail train not as previously reported for FMG in Port Hedland. PM