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FMG SD70ACe #703 being hauled around EMD Muncie plant following painting to the test area to undertake static testing prior to export June 2012.

Photo Overland Models Inc Brian Marsh

The first eight Fortescue Mining Group SD70ACe locomotives #701 thru #708 have been completed, painted, tested and tarped for export at EMD Muncie Indiana plant. First five of these locomotives were collected by NS on June 15th with final three collected on 18th. These eight locomotives with usual EMDX reporting marks were hauled out of Muncie on special train evening of June 18th for Fort Wayne Indiana to be forwarded to Norfolk Va for loading onto heavy lift ship and export to Port Hedland.

QR National intermodal woes continue with 5PM1 arriving about 12 hours late on June 17th then 2MP1 seeing LDP009 fail just west Naretha mid morning on June 19th and G516 haul the service into the loop. 2MP1 was then bypassed by two following services G516 then began the slow trek across the desert to Port Augusta and on to Adelaide that also saw it arrive some 12 hours late on 20th.

New P/ N Perth Freight Terminal shunter 8033 arrived at Kewdale behind NR86 & AN9 on 4MP5 23/06.



Trackmobile propels FMG SD70ACe #703 around EMD Muncie plant to position it for testing in June.



SD70ACe #705 outside EMD Muncie paint shop in June. Both photo's Overland Models Inc Brian Marsh



NS 2697 hauls tarped FMG SD70ACes over Bathgate Bridge Muncie on June 15th.

Photo Matt Lappin



CBH001 undertaking shunting/driver tuition in Wagin yard June 16th.

Photo Daryle Phillips



CBH001 & CBH002 on 2A11 unloading at CBH Albany terminal June 19th.

Photo Stew Winston



Five tarped FMG SD70ACs at Garvin Street Muncie Indiana June 15th.

Photo Matt Lappin



DBZ2308 & P2507 on 6303 grain train at Brookton June 15th.

Photo Stew Winston



Prospector railcars passing ACB4402 & ACB4401 on 1414 empty ore Binduli 17/6. Photo Peter Donaghy



DC2215 on 3C12 AK car inspection train at Redmine Kambalda June 19th.

Photo Wally Rowe



CBH001 & CBH002 on 6KO3 crosses DBZ2308 & P2507 on 6303 Brookton 15/6.

Photo Simon Barber



DC2215 on 7C19 AK cars on Midland suburban line at Woodbridge June 16th.

Photo Jim Bisdee

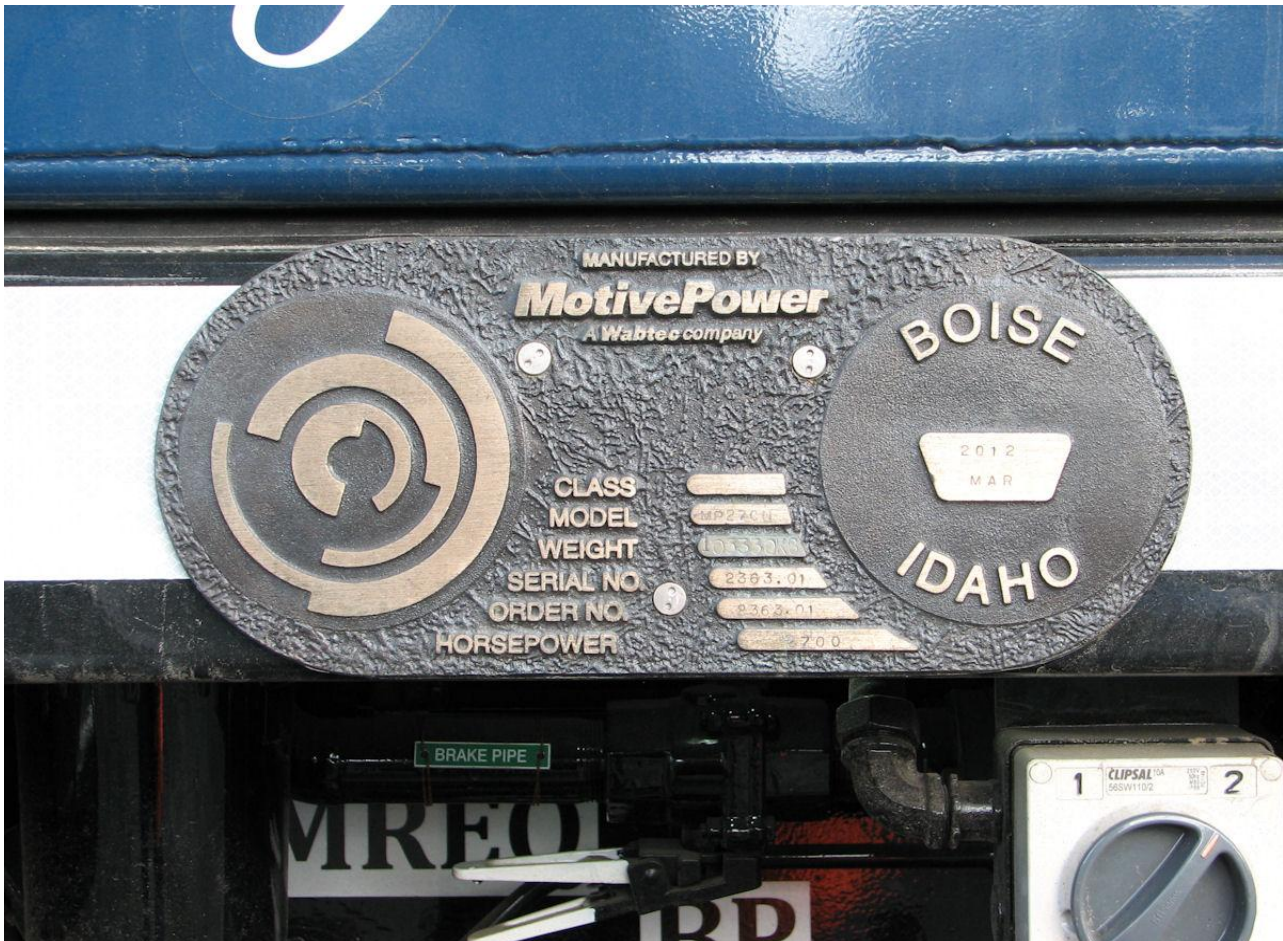


DD2358 on 3602 empty woodchips crosses P2509 on 3673 grain CBH Albany 19/06. Photo Stew Winston



P2509 on 7702 empty mineral sands departing Narngulu June 16th.

Photo Phil Melling



Builders plate on CBH001 taken at Albany Station platform 21st June.

Photo Stew Winston



P2510, DAZ1901 & DFZ2405 haul empty Perenjori ore train at Bringo June 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



DC2215 on 2C11 AK car track recorder train at Higginsville 18th June.

Photo Wally Rowe



DAZ1903 loading ballast at Tardun on Perenjori line upgrading June 15th.

Photo Phil Melling



7068, 7050 & 7049 on loaded ore train at near Ibis loop on Rio Tinto line June 14th.

Photo Don Copley



DC2215 on 7C16 AK car inspection train at a old station in Fremantle June 16th. Photo Brendan Cherry



8158, 7072 & 7047 on loaded ore train near Gull passing loop June 14th. Photo Don Copley



Q4006 on 7142 container train at Coogee June 16th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



SCT009 & SCT007 bypass ACB002 & ACB001 on 1414 empty ore Binduli 17/6.

Photo Peter Donaghy

Watco has commenced regular narrow gauge operations in the Great Southern hauling grain off Lake Grace line into Albany. The first train 1A12 ran from Wagin to Hyden on 17th to load, ran back to Wagin as 2A11 on 18th and on to CBH Albany terminal arriving in early hours of 19th. Following unloading CBH001 & CBH002 ran 3A12 empty grain north following 3602 empty woodchip train that departed Albany at 0830 while P2509 & P2514 had earlier arrived on 3673 grain and was standing on arrival road waiting to unload. These 60 wagon Watco trains are a tight fit at CBH Albany terminal blocking truck access at eastern end of the yard during final stages of unloading.



Q4009 & LZ3106 on 1175 empty salt train at Thornlie on June 17th.

Photo Brendan Cherry

Prior to commencing regular operations Watco held driver tuition in Wagin yard on June 16th also running CBH001 light engine to Woodanilling as part of the tuition. ZB2120 has been used to conduct driver tuition to learn the road between Marchagee and Geraldton over the last two weeks as Watco prepares commence operations in the Mid West.

The US Ambassador to Australia Jeffery Bleich and US Consul General Aleisha Woodward visited Gemco Rail plant in Forrestfield on June 12th to inspect the second Motive Power built locomotive CBH002 being commissioned. The Ambassador and Consul General were given a tour of the locomotive and also spoke to Motive Power staff from US that are at Gemco assisting in commissioning the CBH locomotives.