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FMG SD90MAC-H 904 propels two compressor cars onto the rear of loaded ore car rake on FMG's Port Loop at Boodardie at sunset on shortest day of the year June 22nd.

Photo Mark Bennett

This is the 200th issue of West Australian Railscene e-Mag that saw the first free e-Mag issued on January 5th 2009 and in the ensuing 184 weeks 200 e-mags have been produced. This never could have been accomplished without the support of those people who supplied information of more importantly in a photo e-mag, photos. This e-mag has published photos taken in most Australian states also Canada and the USA of new locomotives destined for this state. Producing this magazine has been fun and I hope it has filled a need for those seeking information on railroads operating in this state. The first issue was four pages and has slowly increased in size over the years with it now usually 14 pages. This 200th edition will be a sort of special edition celebrating this milestone being 20 pages that I hope you all will enjoy. I hope to be able to continue producing this e-mag for the foreseeable future. Thanks for all your support Jim Bisdee Publisher.



CBH001 & CBH002 on 3A11 grain train loading at CBH Cranbrook July 10th.

Photo Stew Winston



6072 yard shunter Nelson Point hauling loaded ore rake to car dumpers June 29th.

Photo Mark Bennett



3078 & 3079 top and tail on side dump wagons at Boodardie on track upgrading 29/5. Photo Mark Bennett



SD40R 3079 at Boodardie on side dumper wagon works train May 29th.

Photo Mark Bennett



3091 & 3079 light engine from work train duty to Nelson Point for service with 4334 & 4302 on loaded ore train waiting for room in yard June 30th at Redbank Bridge Port Hedland. Photo Mark Bennett



NR57 stabled in West Kalgoorlie yard July 6th following failure on 5th. Photo Peter Donaghy



P2503, DBZ2308 & dead DD2358 on 3362 empty grain at Narrikup July 10th.

Photo Stew Winston



DBZ2308, AB1501 & DBZ2312 on an empty grain at Katrine June 26th.

Photo Alex Mackay



P2511 and DD2356 stabled at Albany workshop July 8th.

Photo Stew Winston



CBH005 on 1K05 wagon movement at Millendon July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



NR6 & NR15 on 1PS6 Pacific National intermodal at Middle Swan July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



ACA6010 & ACA6012 on 4035 empty iron ore train at Hazelmere July 4th.

Photo Mark Bennett



ACN4144 on 7873 alumina train at Brunswick July 7th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



CBH001 & CBH002 on 1A12 unloading at CBH terminal Albany July 8th.

Photo Stew Winston



P2509 & P2507 on 1759 empty grain at Millendon July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



Q4007 on 7430 empty sulphur at Brigadoon July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



NR117 & NR58 on late running 7SP3 at Binduli June 25th.

Photo Alex Mackay



NR84 & NR116 on 6MP4 intermodal negotiating the S bend departing Kalgoorlie 24/6. Photo Alex Mackay



NR61 & NR59 on 7MP7 express passing AC4306 & AC4308 on 1414 empty ore train waiting at Binduli for line clear to follow 7MP7 on the busy single line June 24th. Photo Alex Mackay



V5 hauling Hotham Valley Railway Etmilyn forest trip departing Dwellingup 12/7. Photo Trevor Hamilton



NR25 on 1PA8 Indian Pacific at Middle Swan July 8th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



DD2357 on 7923 caustic tankers at Waterloo July 7th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



S3304 & S3301 on 7853 caustic tankers on Brunswick triangle July 7th.

Photo Brendan Cherry



7067, 8171 & 7054 on loaded Robe River Deepdale line ore train Murray Camp July 7th. Photo Don Copley



7070, 7086 & 8174 on loaded ore train south of Galah siding on July 4th.

Photo Don Copley



Three old Robe River ore cars on road train at Kewdale being hauled to scrap yard 6/7.

Photo Jim Bisdee



SD40R 3094 & 3078 on top and tail empty ballast to Walla to reload at Bing July 3rd. Photo Mark Bennett



Damaged Rio Tinto ore car not worth repairing at Kewdale on its way to a scrap yard 6/7. Photo Jim Bisdee



5637 & 5634 top and tail a cradle wagon of the rail set at Bing from Flashbutt Yard to Nelson Point 3/7.



SD70ACe 4325 light engine arrives at Nelson Point from Boodardie July 2nd. Both photos Mark Bennett



P2515, DAZ1901 & P2501 unloading ore train at Port of Geraldton with new third track on the left under construction to the two car rotary dumper being installed for Gindalbie June 28th. Photo Phil Melling



LZ3119 & L3110 on 1034 ore train to Kwinana at Kewdale June 24th. Photo Jim Bisdee



8107, 9428 & 7088 on loaded train east of Gurdy Pool siding July 5th.

Photo Don Copley



VL361 & VL357 on 1S56 Watco grain arriving at Kwinana July 8th.

Photo Michael Forster

Two more CBH locomotives arrived this week with CBH006 arriving on 9th and was railed at North Port on July 10th then hauled to Gemco Forrestfield to be commissioned. CBH003 was railed on July 13th following arrival by sea from Savannah Ga then hauled to Gemco Forrestfield to join CBH006 in being commissioned. CBH003 was the locomotive that would always arrive out of sequence as it spent some time at the DOT Pueblo Colorado Railroad test centre late April into May being hauled to and from Bosie Idaho under cover as WAMX2703. CBH003 underwent a test programme fitted with powered standard gauge bogies then returned to the builder for forwarding to Savannah for export.



VL361 & VL357 on 1S56 Watco grain train at Thornlie July 8th.

Photo Michael Forster

42209 has been returned to workshop Forrestfield from outside the old tubs where it had been stored for sometime to have more parts removed as it continues to be slowly stripped.

GM30 under the previous ownership of the ARG was to be the prototype of a proposed GM rebuild that had been partially rebuilt before QR bought ARG and suspended the rebuilding. GM30 was stored, then offered for sale as is last year but failed to sell. Some parts had been removed earlier in the year but in the last week it was removed from the old tubs shed where it was stored hauled to the Forrestfield workshop and stripped. The shell of GM30 is now stored outside the old tubs pending decision on its disposal.

More CM40-8 locomotives have arrived from Dampier for overhaul with 9417 and 9420 having been hauled from where they were stored in LIA Karratha to UGR Bassendean during week ending July 13th.

P2505 & P2517 damaged when hit by a truck at Mooliabeenee on May 17th and derailing remain stored near old narrow gauge service shed adjacent to Forrestfield workshop.

P2503, DBZ2308 hauling dead attached DD2358 ran as 3362 empty grain train out of Albany July 10th to Lake Grace that saw DD2358 being dropped off at Wagin to be hauled to Avon yard. DD2358 ran as 6376 light engine Avon yard to Forrestfield on July 13th.



ZB2120 hauls WAMX2702 [CBH003] on 6KO5 light engine movement to Gemco Forrestfield out of Fremantle on dual gauged bi directional line through the port City July 13th. Photo Jim Bisdee

NR57 failed with front bogie wheel set problems on 3SP7 at Bonnie Vale evening of July 5th was then hauled back to West Kalgoorlie by NR84 at 30kmph and stabled in West Kalgoorlie yard. NR84 then turned on Binduli triangle and ran light engine back to Bonnie Vale to run 3SP7 Express service to Kewdale with NR119 third unit that had remained on 3SP7. NR57 was driven slowly from West Kalgoorlie to Kalgoorlie loco for repair on July 6th.

ALZ3208 has been spare unit at Kalgoorlie recently but ran 5442 fuel train to Leonora on July 12th owing to Q4017 failing at 168km on 4029 sulphur that saw Q4016 on 4478 nickel having to rescue Q4017 and cause some disruption on Leonora line. 5443 empty tankers were also worked back to Kalgoorlie by ALZ3208.