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NJ1605, AB1534, DAZ1905 & DBZ2308 all Clyde/EMD units run 7303 empty wheat train under the Great Eastern Highway Bridge through Swan View on December 19th. Photo Brendan Cherry

In a tradition that dates back over half a century which commenced with steam trains hauling Santa Special trains on the original suburban system of Fremantle, Midland and Armadale lines for Boans department store in Perth. Steam locomotives, Boans and locomotive hauled suburban trains have all long gone but EMU services with Santa and his helpers on board have run on all lines. Two afternoon services ran from Thornlie and Midland on December 21st, Rockingham [on Mandurah line] and Fremantle on 22nd, Clarkson and Armadale on 23rd, to Perth. These were regular services and unlike the earlier specials they had no distinctive headboards or markings.

5MP9 SCT Melbourne Perth service had SCT003 fail at Stewart in Kalgoorlie Koolyanobbing section during night of December 19th was then detached and left in the loop. SCT006 then hauled the full length, over 5,500 tonne train without assistance about 500km to SCT Forrestfield. SCT006 hauled 1PM9 return service about 2,750 tonne out of Forrestfield for Adelaide on evening of 20th. The standard gauge Perth Kalgoorlie line is a modern railway, built in 1960s with a ruling grade of 1in150 that allows single GT46C locomotives or equivalents to haul heavy trains without assistance. ARG fitters from Kalgoorlie went to Stewart on 21st to repair SCT003 to enable it to be driven to Kalgoorlie loco.



2355 runs alumina train through Brunswick on December 3rd crossing another alumina service at this busy junction of the lines to Collie and Pinjarra. Photo Mike Forster



Still with same road numbers it had when it was ADK682 on Perth suburban system now heavily modified as 682 for use in Auckland approaches Meadowbank station on December 1st. Photo Justin Brown



With body shape the same as when in Perth but with altered front end railcar 808 approaches Sylvania Park station on Auckland suburban system on December 1st. Photo Justin Brown



685 now over 40 years old and has seen extensive use in Perth and Auckland New Zealand suburban systems in the underground Britomart Auckland Central Station on December 1st. Photo Justin Brown



803 approaches Meadowbank Station on Auckland suburban system on December 1st these former Perth ADL railcars have now run longer in Auckland than they did in Perth. Photo Justin Brown



S3308 on alumina train continues the round the clock procession of alumina trains from Alcoa or Worsley as it runs through Brunswick on December 3rd. Photo Mike Forster



Q4012 hauling dead 2819 at Ashfield siding on December 18th about to cross Railway Parade on way to United Group Rail Bassendean works to be converted back to narrow gauge. Photo Jim Bisdee



Q4012 hauls 2819 onto United Group Rail private siding on December 18th as they pass Rail Heritage WA Bassendean museum that is also connected to this private siding. Photo Jim Bisdee

Avonlink railcars were not stabled over Christmas at Avon Yard Northam but ran back to PTA Kewdale depot on December 24th to be stabled till the next Avonlink service operates on Tuesday 29th.

New Transperth EMU set #88 was attached to 7WP2 at Port Augusta on December 21st arriving at Pacific National Kewdale early morning on 23rd. 8039 hauled EMU set #88 to old workshops Midland on afternoon of 24th to have its power bogies fitted.

Following repair at Stewart SCT003 was driven to Kalgoorlie loco and attached to lead of 4MP9 ahead of SCT002 & SCT014 in West Kalgoorlie yards on morning of December 24th then ran the service interstate.



L3113 hauls dead CLP10 through Welshpool on 4158 Kwinana shunter on December 18th on a ride trail following repair to leading bogie at ARG Forrestfield workshop. Photo Jim Bisdee

DBZ2303 hauled DD2359 and NJ1602 with empty woodchip fleet on December 23rd working 4306 out of Albany to Avon Yard. While on 24th Xmas Eve P2502 long end leading hauled DBZ2303, DD2359 & NJ1602 on 5306 empty woodchip wagon movement to run through RailBam at Millendon from Avon Yard to Forrestfield. DBZ2303, DD2359 and NJ1602 were detached at Forrestfield for workshop attention with P2502 hauling empty wagons wagon to Avon to stable as 5305.

WISHING EVERYONE A HAPPY NEW YEAR
MAY 2010 BE ALL YOU WISH IT TO BE

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