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Norfolk Southern yard switchers 5257 & 2430 haul five ex Union Pacific SD90AC-H units on October 1st into NS Juniata Shops in Altoona Pennsylvania where SD90s will be rebuilt for FMG. Photo Lance Myers

The 80kmph crosswinds that blow on ARTC line on Nullarbor Plain especially in Rawlinna to Cook section are up again this month with freights dropping from 110kmph to 80kmph or even less. These winds play havoc with timely crosses and maintaining traffic flow on this long single track line.

Its ironic that the final steam locomotive at old Midland Workshops was not a WAGR locomotive but B6 a former Midland Railway Company of WA locomotive. B6 was trucked to Walkaway that in Midland Railway Companies days was the end of the line on October 14th to be preserved.

ALZ3208 is temporally stored out of service at Forrestfield pending assessment of its mechanical condition.

Fortescue Mining Group former Union Pacific SD90AC-H locomotives #8522, #8527, #8539, #8541 and #8554 entered NS Juniata shops for rebuilding as SD70ACs on October 1st.



GTLX #8539 ex Union Pacific SD90AC sold to FMG in NS Altoona Yards October 1st. Photo Lance Myers



GTLX#8522 SD90AC sold to FMG in NS Altoona Yard on October 1st.

Photo Lance Myers



W920 & F40 turn back the clock to scene in 1976 of W920 and F class running Hotham Valley steam tripover Scarp Road on Dwellingup line a wet October 10th.Photo Justin Brown



NR41 & AN9 run 5MP5 intermodal service through South Guildford on October 17th. Photo I

Photo Evan Jasper



NR71 & NR101 run 6SP5 intermodal from Sydney through Bodallin on October 17th. Photo Don Copley



6004 & CLP11 run 7PA1 QR National intermodal out of Forrestfield on October 16th. Photo Evan Jasper



1874 runs 2C12 AK car inspection train through cutting outside Avon Yard Northam on October 10th.



LQ3121 runs 6442 freight ex Esperance about to enter Grass Patch on October 15th. Both photos Jim Bisdee



1874 runs AK inspection train out of Gibson on Esperance line October 15th.

Photo Jim Bisdee



DBZ2303 & P2503 on grain train at Wagin on September 22nd.

Photo Daryle Phillips



NS8765 on five ex Union Pacific SD90AC-H with 5257 & 2430 remote control locomotives on other end in Norfolk Southern Altoona Yard October 1st. Photo Lance Myers

Services on Armadale line were cancelled between Cannington and Thornlie and Cannington and Armadale from Friday evening October 22nd till final service on Sunday 24th to enable upgrade of Beckenham Station be undertaken. Australind service to Bunbury terminated at and commenced from Armadale on 23rd and 24th. Rail replacement road coaches conveyed Australind passengers from East Perth Terminal to Armadale.

215 new pay parking bays have been available at Kwinana Station from October 18th that until November 1st will be free to enable passengers to get use to new arrangements. A \$2 parking fee will apply with PTA car park monitored by car park attendants between 0700 and 2100 each week day. Kwinana will now have over 600 parking bays with this 50% increase in capacity.