

# The Ramble - Number 325

## **The Ramble**

The next Ramble will be Number 326 on August 23rd and 327 on August 30th. There will not be a Ramble on September 6th as I am away and there will be Ramble 328 on September 13th.

There will not be a Ramble then until Sunday 4th October as am on holiday. I would like to be in Belgium but it is looking likely that my holiday will be in the UK.

## **5528**

5528 is expected to move away from the Bocq after the Gala in September, perhaps returning with 5508. In the meantime it was there to be photographed at the Photo Safari on Friday 14th August 2020



Märklin Philippe via Facebook



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## Bombardier Brugge



This photograph was put on the HLE 13 SNCB & HLE 3000 CFL & HLD 77&78&62&63&55 LINEAS & CLASS 66 TRAXX on Facebook. There were no date or location details but a quick look on Google Earth saw the location to be the lawn at Bombardier Brugge. I assumed the four Alpha TRAXX are there for fitting with electric use meters.

The photograph had Märklin Philippe's name against it so I went to look at his Facebook page. There was the photo in a section of photos entitled "Activité de la semaine écoulée" [Activity of the past week]. So I asked if he knew the identities of the other two TRAXX as the Facebook photo does not have very good resolution. He replied "La photo n'est pas de moi".

I am assuming that all four Alpha Trains TRAXX are there for fitting with electric usage meters. 2836 was due to be returned to Alpha Trains and I am also assuming that it has remained with Lineas/NMBS to cover for other locomotives going into Brugge Works for the electric meter work to be done.

## HLE 11

The first movement took 1191, 1185 and 1190 from Stockem to Aubange on 11th August. There had been a large amount of publicity and there were problems.

There were a lot of people in Stockem who were not respecting the operational railway with people standing on the lineside etc. The remaining movements took the remaining eight HLE 11s to Aubange after the circus had departed. This photo montage was posted by HSL on Facebook.

The message had gone out that the ETCS screen on the 66 had broken and the loco was a failure. So people left and then the transports restarted.



The Class 66 was PB 13 and behind it were three flat trucks which I assume were there for braking purposes. Then came three HLE 11s and then four trucks to aid braking.

David Arnould's Album shows the procedure.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/154376151@N04/albums/72157715499878093>

## **HLE 28/29/186**

2836 / 186 228 has not gone off lease and I assume has remained with Lineas/NMBS/SNCB to cover for locos going to Bombardier Brugge to be fitted with electric use meters [see above]. The equipment does not have to be activated but installing it now means that it can be used very quickly.

As the electric meter program continues attention may move to 2802 to 2813 which will also come off lease in the future. Alpha may use an off lease loco to substitute whilst 2802 to 2813 go into Works.

I have also checked the spreadsheet details and the current Lineas TRAXX fleet is correct.

## **HLD 55**

5519 is looking very good after her re-paint.



Märklin Philippe via Facebook

## Bocq Photo Safari

The Bocq Photo Safari took place on Friday and there appears to have been a reasonable turn out. People are wearing masks and the event appears to have passed off well.



Photo Märklin Philippe via Facebook



Photo by Jean Pierre Lobet via Facebook



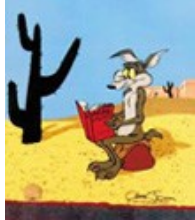
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## NS TRAXX



Graham reported on 13th August that 186 223 had been seen on Set 16126 with 186 033 on the other end.

Seen here at Breda on Friday 14th August 2020 with ICD 967 22:15 Breda - Amsterdam with Roland Koving not only taking the photograph but also driving the train as well!



## Other News

### These People Live Among Us



This photo was taken within 175 metres of home on a very busy road intersection. The speed limit here is 40 mph / 64 km/h or 18 metres per second. There are a large number of accidents and only two weeks ago there was a pedestrian hit on the crossing just past where the white van is.

From other reports I have seen, he may be suffering from a degenerative mental illness as he has been seen riding his scooter in a dangerous way in the area. Basically the Police need to stop him and take his scooter off him before he is killed.

For those who know Tingley Interchange will know this really is dangerous.



lost £68 million last year, and they're in danger of going bust if these losses continue. Their hacks have been saying it costs less than a coffee, and begging people to buy it.

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Have a nice week

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