



Press Release

Friday 17th February 2012 – 58016 Progress report

It is now over 18 months since the Class 58 Locomotive Group secured 1984-built 58016 as the first ex-British Rail Class 58 heavy freight locomotive to enter preservation, with recent weeks having seen significant milestones reached in the full rebuild and renovation being undertaken on the locomotive.

Since arriving at Barrow Hill, the restoration of 58016 has been focussed on the cooler group area; with progress by early November 2011 meaning various refurbished components could begin to be installed back in to the refreshed radiator tunnel. By late January 2012 parts such as the hydraulic motors and radiator fans had been reinstalled, together with sections of associated pipework; with the radiator framework and elements now fitted to the B side; given a very completed appearance.

Following the announcement back in July 2011 that 58016 will be finished in Trainload Coal triple grey livery; Sunday 4th September 2011 saw the first application of top coat paint applied to a section of the locomotive, with the inside of the cooling fan recess and top of the B side radiator framework duly treated. Since then a wide variety of other fixtures and fittings have been repainted; with the weekend of 15th & 16th October 2011 seeing the top coat completed to the inside of the radiator tunnel.

At the group's Annual General Meeting in November, where a new structured committee was appointed, it was confirmed that once work to the cooler group area is completed attention shall turn to overhauling the compressor area and pipework towards the power unit, which itself shall be pressure tested and re-sealed, before an overhaul of the electrical cubical and concluding with refurbishment of the cabs and bodywork.

The next opportunity for the public to have access to the locomotive's cab will be during Barrow Hill Railway Centre's 'Fab 4' steam gala, from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th April 2012; when a C58LG sales stand will also be in attendance. Admission to the cab will be free; although a collection to support the engine's on-going restoration shall be operating, with all donations (however small) gratefully received.

For more information on the Class 58 Locomotive Group please visit our website www.c58lg.co.uk, join our official Facebook page or follow us on twitter @C58LG.

Kind regards

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