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Eastleigh 100



A class synonymous with the Southern region are the Class 07s. So it was fitting that one of the class was present. [Class47](#)

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Love it or hate it
Class 50 135 certainly made the
news at Eastleigh. [Steve Madden](#)

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From The Editor

Welcome to this special edition of Railtalk Magazine ,Eastleigh 100. Firstly, can I say what a day, an excellent tour down to Eastleigh with our good friends at Spitfire Railrouns, and then a spectacular event, what more could anyone have hoped for, well apart from more sun!! It was a pity for those who went on the Saturday that they were not rewarded with some sunshine, like those lucky ones who went on the Sunday were.

All credit has to go to the team at the works for putting together such a great collection of locos, and stock.

Although it was a long day for many people, we have had great positive response to the event, and I've heard nothing but good feedback, only the odd one or two complaints about there being no Class 58s or 56s, that are stored only round the corner, to which I personally think is justified, but as I don't know why, I can't comment. The other surprise that wasn't there was "Royal" Class 47 799, which again was just round the corner on Eastleigh Depot.

I do have to complain as to how some of the exhibits were placed though, meaning certain shots were nigh on impossible to get. The three day event saw nearly five thousand people visit, and with the majority visiting on the Saturday, however the works coped really well and didn't look overfilled at any point.

There were many stars at the event but the one that stood out personally for me, was Class 50 135 in Load Haul livery, an excellent job has been done on the loco, and its a livery that I really like, and one which I think works well on any loco.

Anyway enough of me rambling, here's hoping that you like our selection of photos from the event.

Andy Patten

This issue would not be possible without:
Richard Hargreaves, Steve Madden, Brian Battersby
Steve Andrews and Derek Elston.



Class 73's 73 006, 73 109 and 73 109 were lined up in the works yard. Like the Class 07, it would be hard to think of the Southern region without them. [Steve Madden](#)



Left: Another Class 73 was to be found inside the works. This was Class 73 136, looking rather smart with white window surrounds and a white roof. *Richard Hargreaves*

Above: Class 37 308 was almost hidden from view in this shot. The loco is in pale blue undercoat, part way through restoration, although the window surrounds look like they have the familiar EWS red on them. *Brian Battersby*



Looking good, although it doesn't work, was Class 37 411, still wearing its BR Green livery that was originally applied when it still worked on the Rhymney's. Next to it is DRS Class 37 059. [Steve Madden](#)



37 516

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In shiny new West Coast Railways livery is Class 37 516, a recent returnee to the West Coast mainline fleet. [Steve Madden](#)





Class 59s were well represented at the open day with three types on display.

Top Left: Recently reliveried into corporate DB Schenker livery Class 59 206 "John F Yeoman". [Richard Hargreaves](#)

Bottom Left: Wearing the colours of the Hanson company is Class 59 103. [Richard Hargreaves](#)

Above: The loco that started it all off, Class 59 001, and after all these years it still carries the bell and modified front end lights. "Yeoman Endeavour" was a pioneer for many and certainly the beginning of a success story for GM, the builders. [Richard Hargreaves](#)









Above: D1015, Class 45 060, 55 022 and 47 580 are lined up at the works entrance.

Steve Madden

Left: First GBRf sent Class 66 730 to the event.

Andy

Right: The much travelled Class 31 108 from the Midland Railway Centre, was somewhat hidden from the main line up.

Richard Hargreaves





Looking very smart was DRS Class 47 712, together with one of their Mk3 coaches finished in the new "Ocean Liner Express" livery. Now that's how many brandings on these Mk 3's??. [Richard Hargreaves](#) (Inset: [Brian Battersby](#))



Three Class 33s at the event all in different liveries.

Above: Class 33 103 "Swordfish" wearing the EH shedcode in the destination blind, this machine has been repainted in BR Blue livery. [Richard Hargreaves](#)

Top Right: Carrying the Civil Engineers livery, of which this class worked many trains for, Class 33 002 "Sea King". [Andy](#)

Bottom Right: Undergoing overhaul and carrying BR green livery is D6515 "Stan Stymes" (Class 33 012 in new money!). The loco is owned by the 71A Locomotive Group and is normally operated on the Swanage Railway. [Brian Battersby](#)



Class 25 D7612 stands in the glorious sunshine. The observant amongst you will have noticed that Steve and Derek went on the better day and saw plenty of sunshine. [Steve Madden](#)



Bullied West Country Pacific loco 34028 "EDDYSTONE", normally based at the Swanage Railway certainly attracted the crowds. [Richard Hargreaves](#)





Bullied Merchant Navy pacific loco 35005 "CANADIAN PACIFIC", stands next to Battle of Britain Class Locomotive 34070 Manston. [Richard Hargreaves](#)





Eastleigh is currently servicing several Class 20's for DRS and as I write this more are on the way to the works.

Above Left: Class 20 309 and 20 301 are seen in the works undergoing various repairs. [Brian Battersby](#)

Above Right: Another shot of Class 20 301 "Max Joule" with bonnets open, having engine repairs. [Derek Elston](#)

Left: In the yard can be seen three more Class 20s, DRS 20 305 and 20 314 along with 20 110. [Class47](#)



Slam door stock with 3-CIG 1497 "Freshwater" and 4-VEP 3417 "Gordon Pettit" side by side. [Richard Hargreaves](#)





Above: The classic lines of a Wessex Unit. Currently stored at Eastleigh, these units are surely far too good to scrap?. 5-WES 2415 awaits an uncertain future.

Brian Battersby

Left: Another stored unit on site is ex Silverlink Class 508 301. Originally thought to be heading back to its Merseyrail roots, the unit awaits its fate.

Brian Battersby



Above: Undergoing overhaul for First Great Western is Class 143 coach 55652. The front is filled and sanded down ready for repaint, will it emerge in "Dynamic Lines" livery?.

Brian Battersby

Top Right: One of the many other things to be seen at Eastleigh was this, MPV DR98916, another MPV can be seen directly behind it.

Brian Battersby

Right: DR 98305 was outside, this is an earlier version of the DR989XX MPV's that can be seen in the picture above.

Brian Battersby





Above: One of the many light engine movements that occurred in the run up to the event was this. Class 47 580 works 0247 Totnes to Eastleigh on May 21st, conveying Class 33 002, 20 110 and Class 25 D7612. [Steve Andrews](#)



Right: One of the railtours to the open weekend was the Spitfire operated "Wessexman" from Crewe. Here we see DRS Class 37's 069 and 602 heading back to Crewe. [Brian Battersby](#)

