COWLAIRS 1993 TIMETABLE

Introduction

This timetable must be operated in the 'Old Cowlairs' Sim era option.

This timetable is a combination of the 1993 passenger and freight working timetables. The 1993 WTT did not contain coal trains, these being planned weekly, so the 1999 coal timetable has been used instead. The timetable runs from 0000 to 2700 (ie 0300 next day) and generally uses trains running on a Thursday. To avoid a rush of seed trains, the last few late night service trains are not included at the start.
Short distance ECS movements have been invented to match stock requirements. A few alterations were also needed to the stock diagrams to suit the sim, notably to cope with multiple docking in the station.
It is the same as the Central Scotland 1993 timetable

Passenger Services

At Glasgow Queen Street platforming will be seen to be more predictable than is the case today, for example platform 6 was the 'Edinburgh Express' platform. The Cumbernauld line has just had new stations added, and the service extended into Queen Street. However the Cowlairs chord has not yet opened, so these trains reverse at Eastfield loop.
At this time the depot at Eastfield had closed, and all that remained on the site was a few stabling sidings which saw limited daytime use.
A small number of conventional loco-hauled services remain, but these just run through the area. Most notable is the summer West Highland service which lays over at Eastfield and then departs via Queen St low level.
http://tracksrevisited.smugmug.com/Other/West-Highland-Memories/9039847_Wx7RJH#777512198_8PnaX-A-LB

The sleepers are to a quite different arrangement to that of the current day, although similar in the area of the sim.

Freight Services

With most coal for Longannet coming from Fife, there are relatively few coal trains in the area. The main freight activity is based around the Grangemouth refinery traffic. These are only seen passing through Cumbernauld.

Manual Intervention & Care Needed

The following are some of the manual interventions or situations where care is needed in order to run the timetable smoothly and without penalty.

Engineers trains and single line working.
To work the service around the engineering trains (8Kxx) without penalties you will need to use some single line working. The sim allows wrong line running, although the headcode has to be replaced manually.

Interpose Reporting Numbers
During all divisions at Queen St the trains will need their new description(s) interposing manually.

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