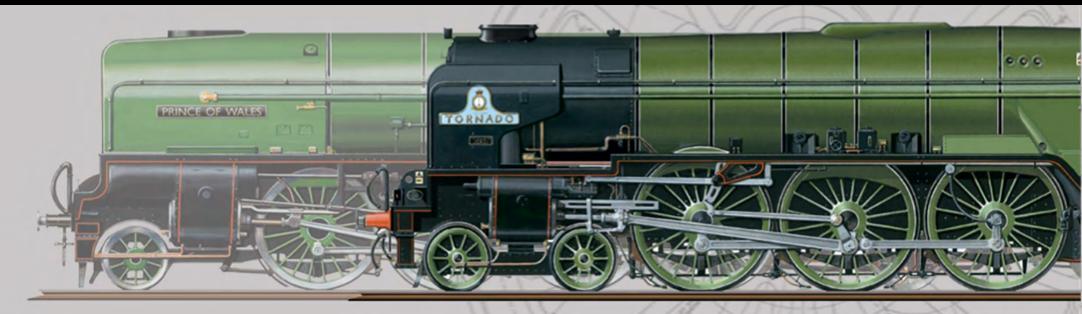






ASTT Conference 2022



The A1 Steam Locomotive Trust







A1SLT MISSION & VISION

Mission:

 To build and operate LNER designed locomotives for Main Line and Heritage Railway use.

Vision:

• To keep Main Line steam alive ("New steam for the Main Line")



New Steam for the Main Line





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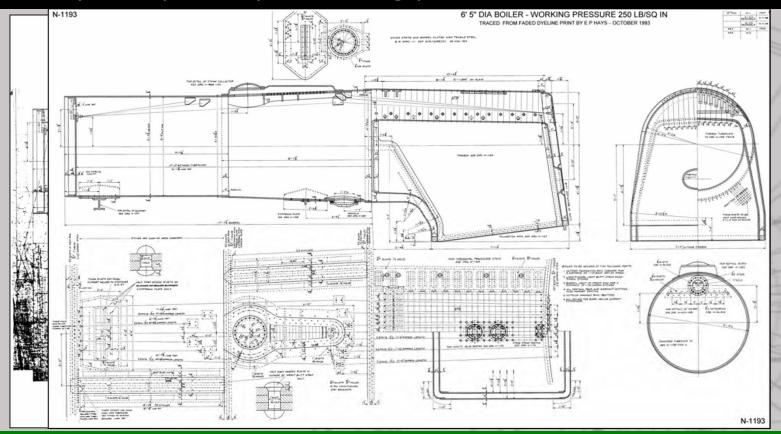
Slogan: Build a brand new AI for the Price
of a pint of beer a week!!! 1000 contributor should see it built less and it is a quicker build. This will work.







Poor original dyeline print... painstakingly traced









A1 60163 *Tornado*













2008 – first moves at Darlington













First Mainline Passenger Train - 31 Jan 2009











Naming Ceremony and First Royal Train 19 Feb 2009





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New Steam for the Main Line



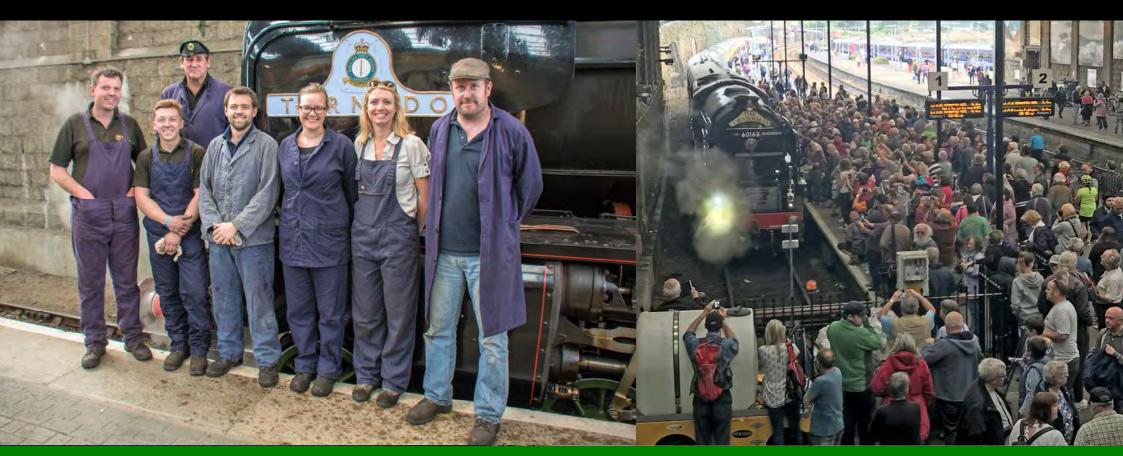
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'Great Race to the North' for 'Top Gear' 25 April 2009



















Paddington 2















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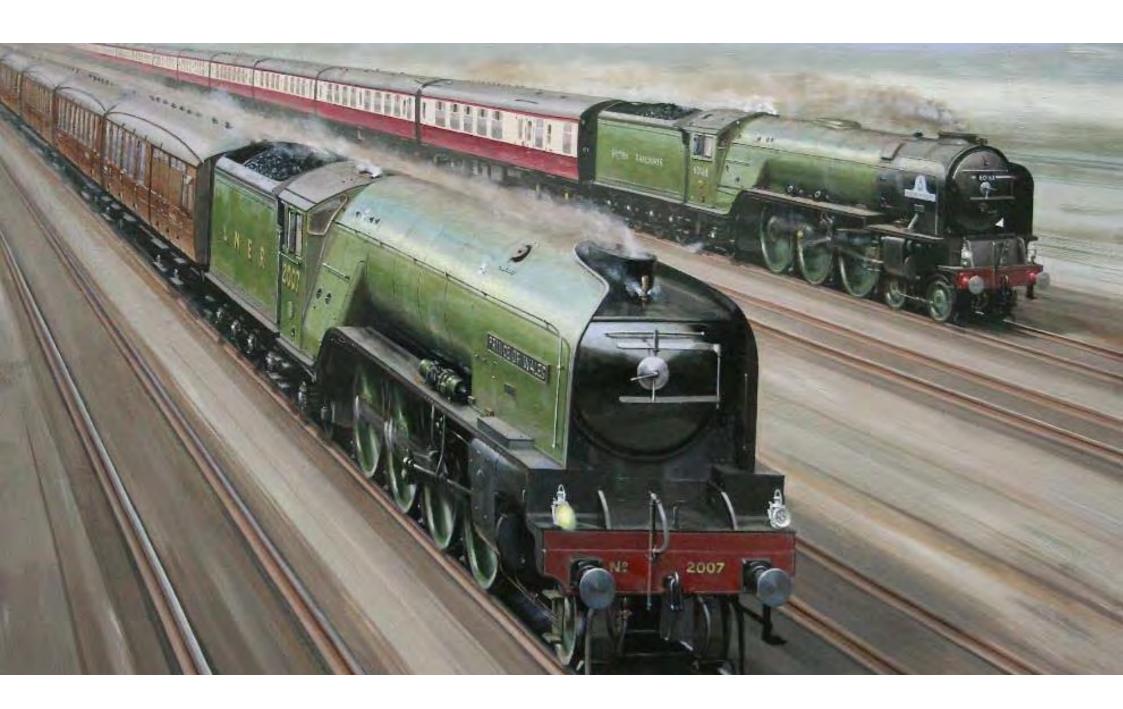






A1 60163 *Tornado*











Key design principles

- Aesthetically similar to No.2001Cock o' the North
- Whole locomotive to be drawn in 3D CAD
- Existing design to be used except:
 - Alterations to alleviate known problems with original design
 - Changes required to meet modern operating requirements
 - Equivalent Tornado design to be used where appropriate
 - Improvements to assist maintenance and life-cycle costs
 - Materials at least equal to and preferably better than original
 - Achievement of compliance with rail industry standards







It starts with the drawings...





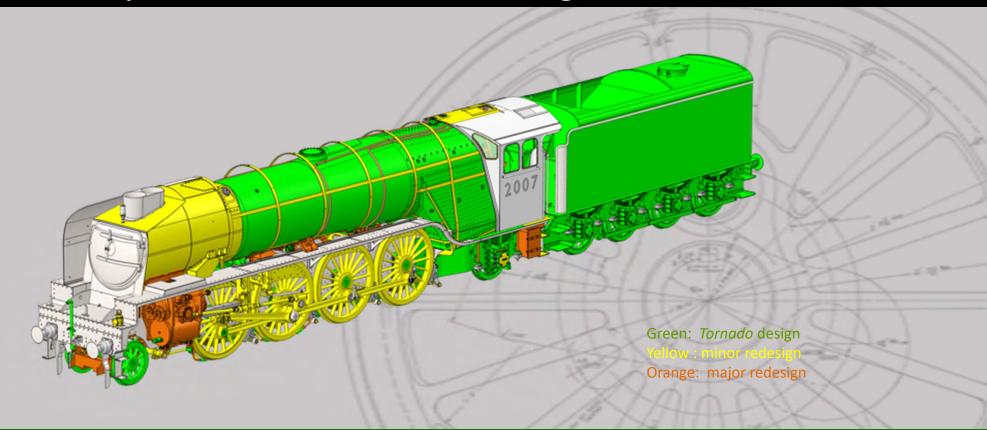
Gill and the late Tony Lord scanning P2 drawings at the NRM







Commonality with Tornado and new design





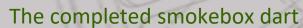




The first parts appear!



James May (from *Top Gear* and *The Grand Tour*) makes the first component at LEEDS Locomotive Works on 20th February 2014











The frame plate material is rolled 23rd April 2014









Sir Nigel Gresley's grandsons start the profiling on 21st May 2014



Ben and the late Tim Godfrey start the profiler









Frame plates



Frame plates CNC machined direct from CAD drawings by Boro' Foundry



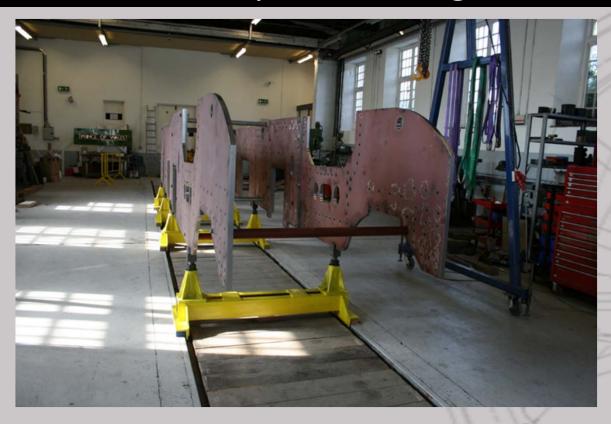
A flat pack arrives in DLW







Frame assembly and bending





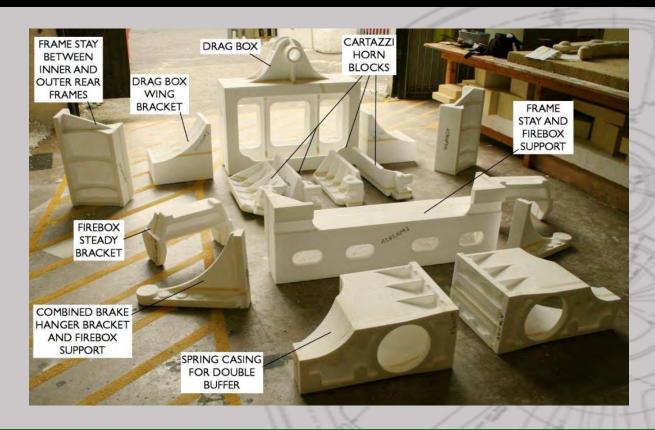








Polystyrene patterns for frame castings – castings completed









Frame progress

Last major frame stay nearing completion











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Frame progress







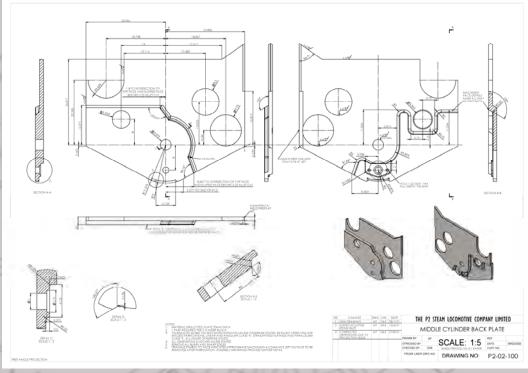






Cylinder block design – 3D CAD model, 62 drawings











Cylinder block 3D printed model and CFD study











The Cylinder Manufacturing Qub – Launched July 2021



- We estimate that the redesigned cylinder will cost around £250,000 to manufacture
- We are seeking 250 people each donating £1,000 (plus Gift Aid) in up to eight payments of £125pm by standing order
- Special benefits for members of The Cylinder Manufacturing Club







Cylinder block construction – steam port castings









First sections of inside cylinder block machined & fabricated













Well on the way – trial assembly









Fabrication complete





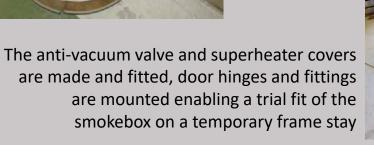




Smokebox



Thanks to generous sponsorship from The Gresley Society Trust the smokebox has taken form starting with a kit of parts which are profiled and rolled from CorTen steel to improve corrosion resistance













Smokebox



Beading for the smoke lifting plates is formed and the lifting plate joint strip made and fitted









Smokebox door pressed from CorTen steel





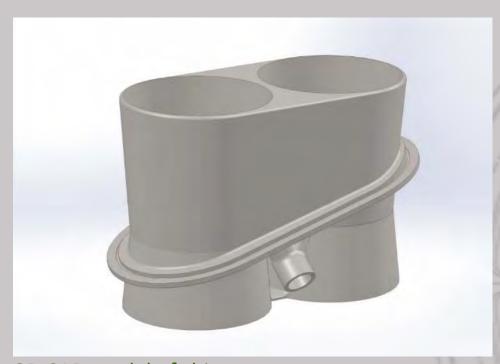








Double Kylchap chimney



3D CAD model of chimney



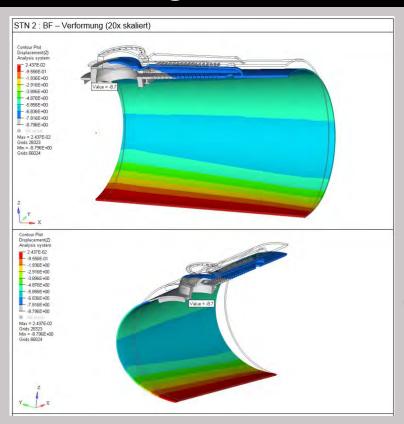
Chimney casting from Spheroidal Graphite Iron

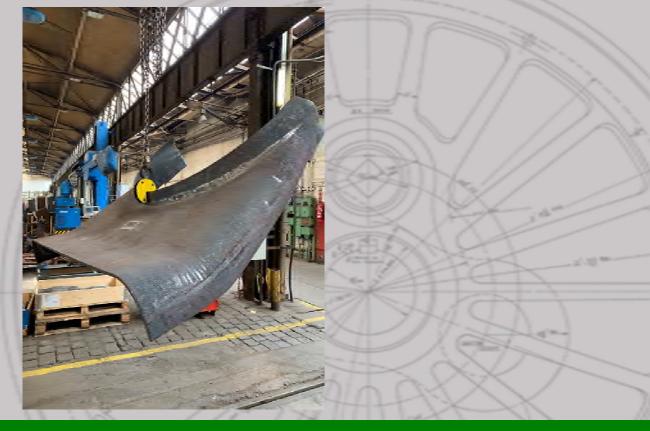






Boiler design and construction











Boiler Progress













Boiler under construction at DB Meiningen

- Covid-19 has been a factor in Germany as it has in the UK
- Progress has been delayed by around nine months
- The first new boiler has passed dimension and X-ray checks – fit out underway
- Second boiler components all to hand ready for assembly
- Boiler one will arrive in late 2022, and boiler two will arrive in 2023









Motion

- The coupling and connecting rods on the original class P2s were of a lightweight design using high tensile nickel chrome steel. These proved to be prone to fatigue fracture
- The rods for No. 2007 are based on the post war design for the class A1s using a durable manganese steel and incorporating BR standard rod bushes









Motion progress





Arthur Stephenson Engineers at Atherton forging and machining a full set of heavy motion







Coupling rod forgings









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We have a 'Mikado'









Valve gear

- No. 2001 was at first equipped with Lentz rotary cam poppet valve gear
- Originally with continuously variable cut-off
- Modified to stepped cams providing limited cut off settings following excessive wear
- Resulted in reduction in economy due to wide steps in cut-off and continued problems with high wear rate
- Investigated an improved version of Lentz/Franklin, Walschaerts or British Caprotti
- Major design study has confirmed selection of improved Lentz/Franklin valve gear



Franklin version of Lentz gear with infinitely variable cams

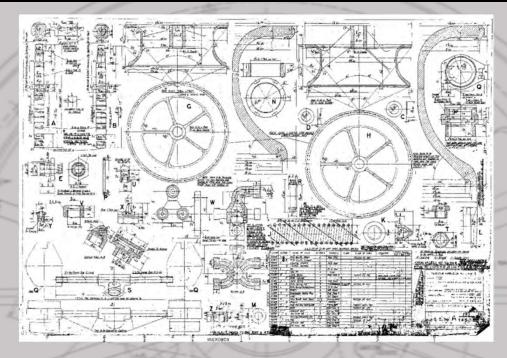






Shortage of original class P2 Lentz valve gear drawings





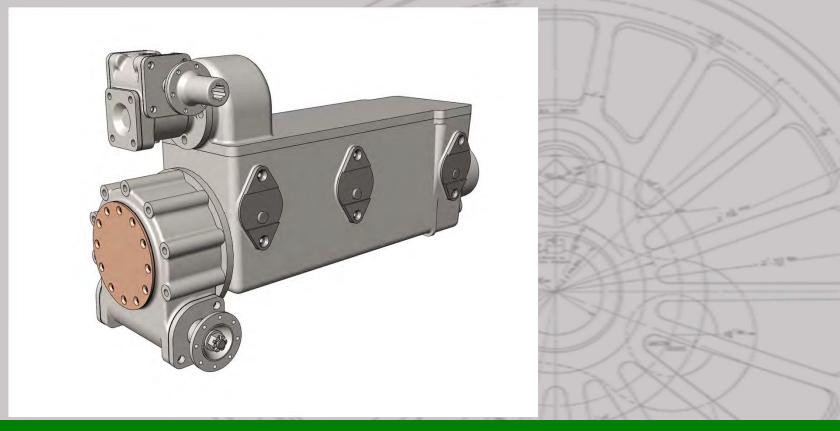
South African 15E class similar in size and built in 1934/5 with Lentz valves







A look round the cam box

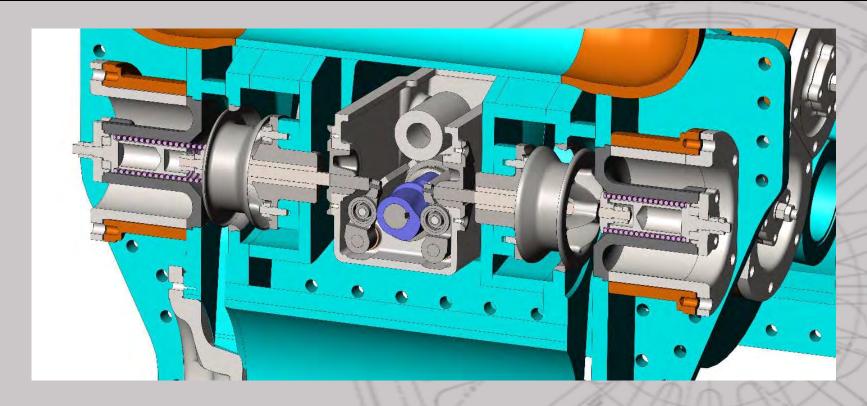








How it drives the valves (exhaust valves shown)

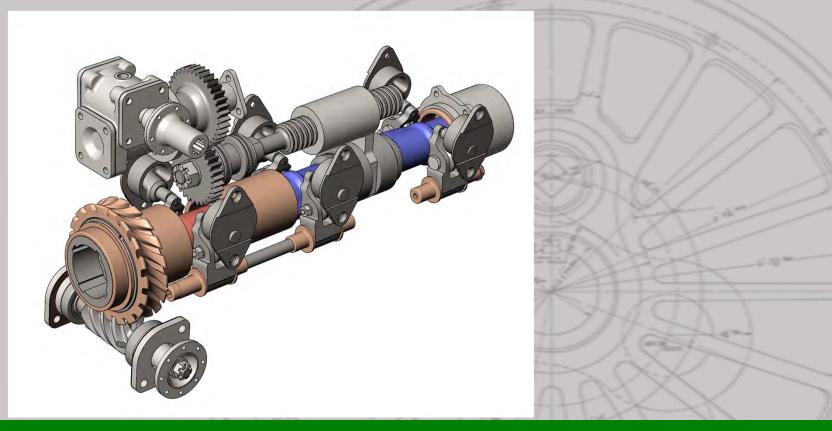








Now with it working!

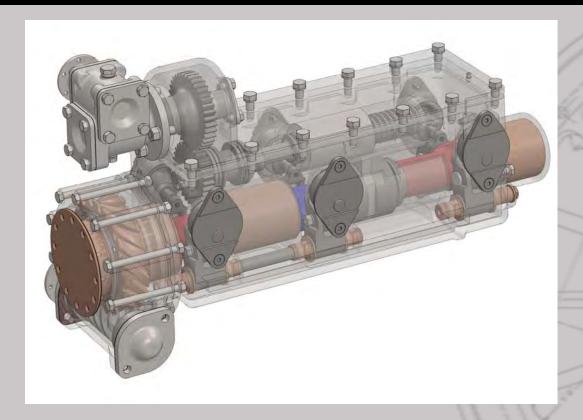


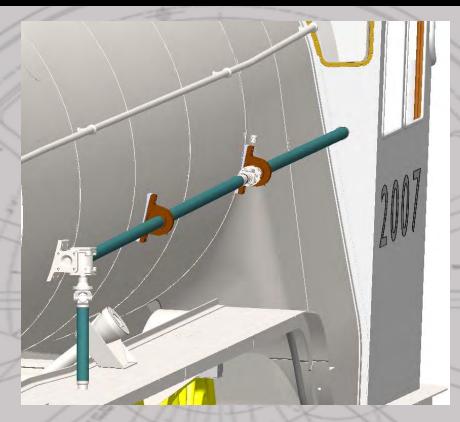






Valve gear design – several 3D assemblies











Valvegear design – one-third scale 3D printed model of cambox





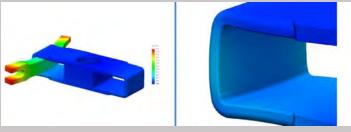


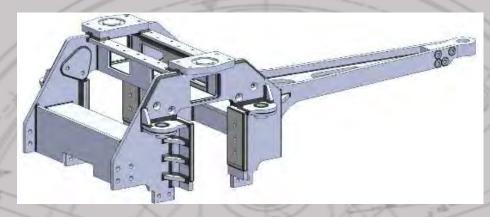


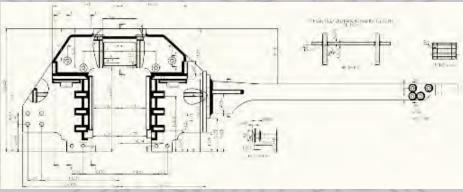
Pony truck design

Pony truck crosshead fabrication with side control spring crossbar FEA









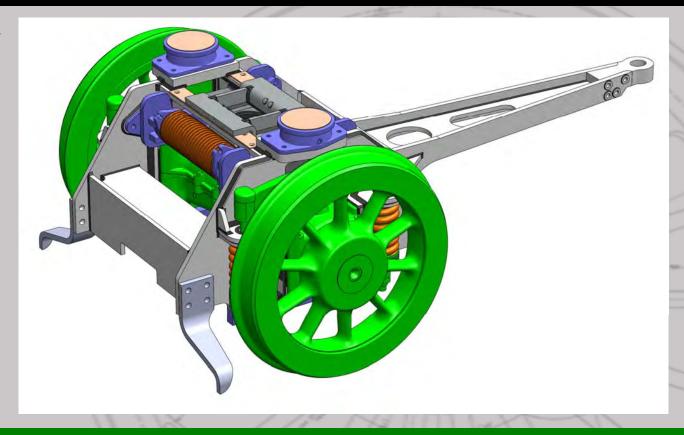






No. 2007 pony truck solution

Further modification of Gresley class V2 design for greater side travel and use of roller bearings

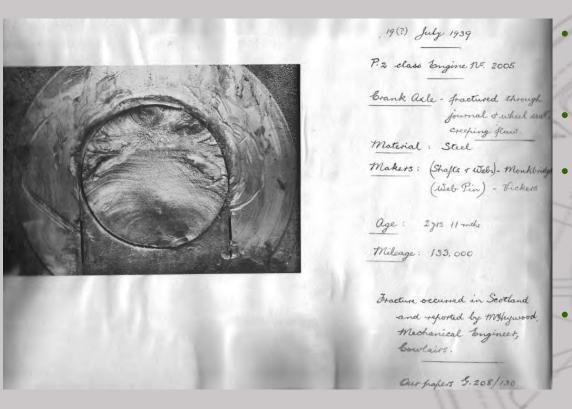








A design issue – crank axle



- Five crank axles known to have broken in a class of six locomotives in less than ten years
- Design was same as crank axles on Gresley A1/A3 'Pacifics'
- Two possible causes identified:
 - Higher piston forces with class P2 (larger cylinders)
 - Eight coupled engine less likely to slip at high starting tractive effort
- Proposed solution based on Timken axle design for Peppercorn class A1 modified to incorporate BR BASS 504 principles.

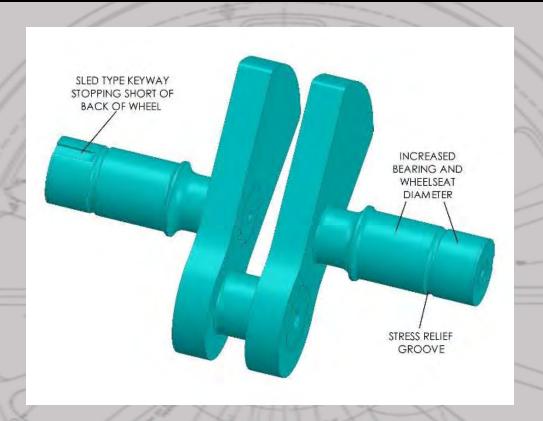






Crank axle – the solution

- Current practice BASS 504 design used for axle/wheel interface
- Strongest available A4T axle material used instead of standard A1T
- Wheel and bearing seats increased by 3/8in in diameter
- Crank sweep material upgraded from EN8 used on *Tornado* to EN19 (approx. 25% stronger with improved fatigue performance)
- The solution provides a crank axle with a life well in excess of the 250,000 miles at which LNER/BR renewed them









From 3D models the driving wheels are cast

















Completed crank axle and axleboxes









Wheelset assembly











A full set!











The Injectors Qub – Launched June 2021



- We estimate that the live and exhaust steam injectors will cost around to acquire, manufacture and install
- We are seeking 50 people each donating £1,000 (plus Gift Aid) in up to four payments of £250pm by standing order
- Special benefits for members of The Injectors Club







S team fittings under way



Injector control valve machining



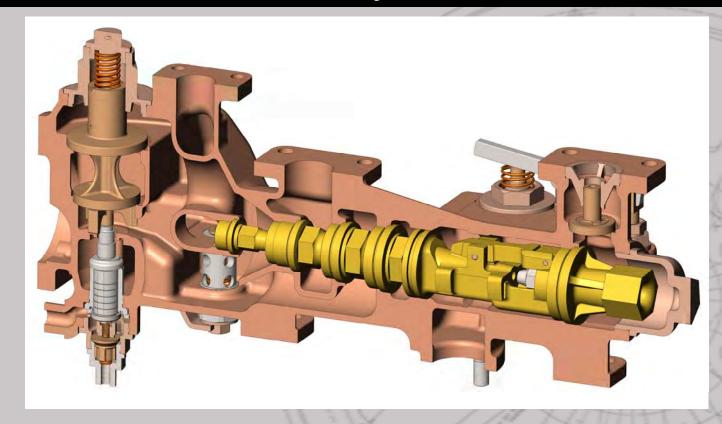
More bronze components cast







Fittings – Class K exhaust steam injector









James May and the Slacking Cock Flange





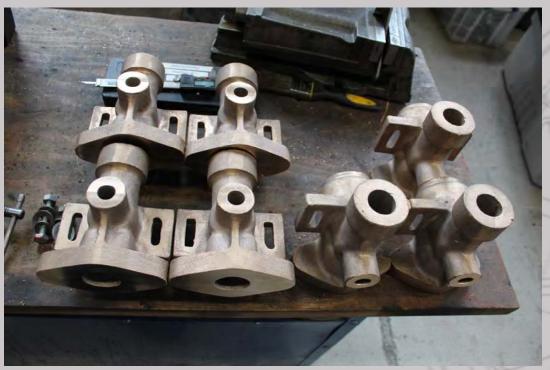
James May visited Darlington Locomotive Works to make another piece of the locomotive – the "Slacking Cock Flange"







Cylinder Drain Cock casting testing



Preparation of cylinder drain cock castings for hydraulic test









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Fittings













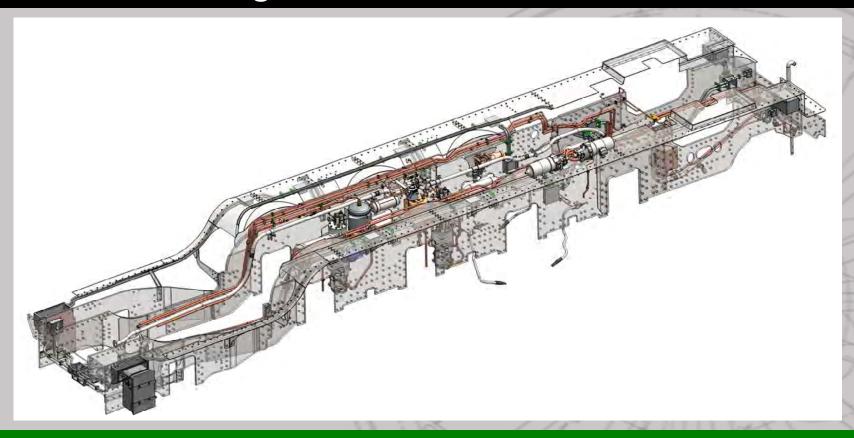






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Pipework and trunking



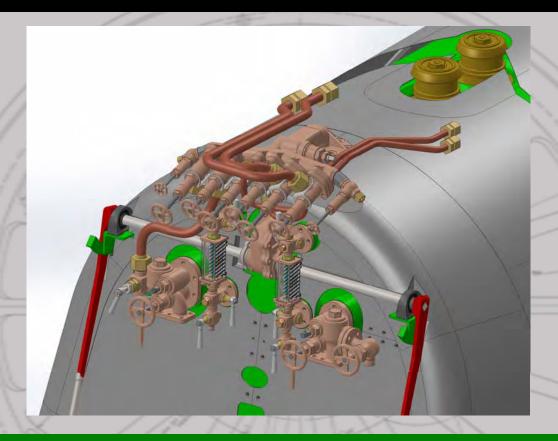






Backhead fittings and pipework

- Steam stand installed on boiler, valves modelled and fitted to stand
- Water gauges, combined steam and delivery, and blower valves installed on boiler
- Pipes to air pumps and turbogens routed









Cab









With the delay to the wheelsets, cab construction was brought forward







Recreating Gresley's last design

Cab



















Electrical System Principles

- Based on the successful A1 electrical system
- Dual redundant power supplies and electronic battery management
- Steam turbine and axle-driven generators
- Structured trunking system for wiring
- Military components for maximum reliability.

















Auxiliary Lighting System

- As with the A1, all the lighting will be LED
- The A1's instrument and frame lighting has worked well and we'll be installing similar systems on the P2
- There may be some additional innovations you'll have to wait and see what these will be!













Head, tail and marker lamps



- The class P2s had distinctive headlamps with a flared hood around the front lens
- We'll make replicas of these lamps and fit new LED luminaries inside
- The P2s didn't have Stones marker lamps, so we need a combined head, tail and marker lamp within the same housing
- On the rear of the tender we'll fit recessed marker/tail lamps and lamp brackets for headlamps if needed on preserved railways











The Tender Club – Launched In April 2019



- Constructing the tender will cost around £450,000
- We are seeking 250 people each donating £1,500 (plus Gift Aid) in up to 15 payments of £100pm by standing order
 - Special benefits for members of The Tender Club

Tender tank now complete!



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Tender frame











Tender frame – detail components















Where we are now?

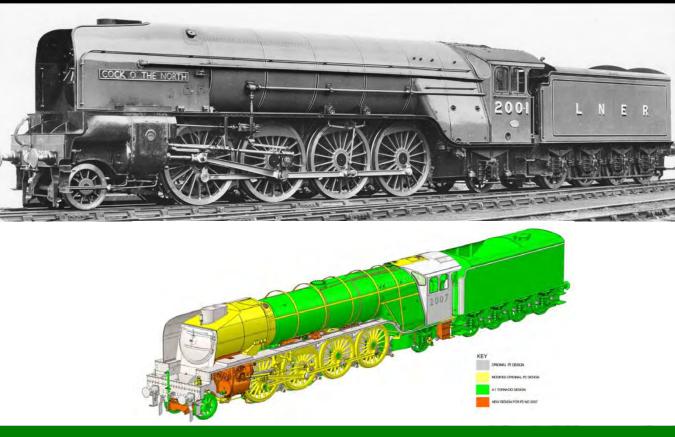








P2 2007 Prince of Wales





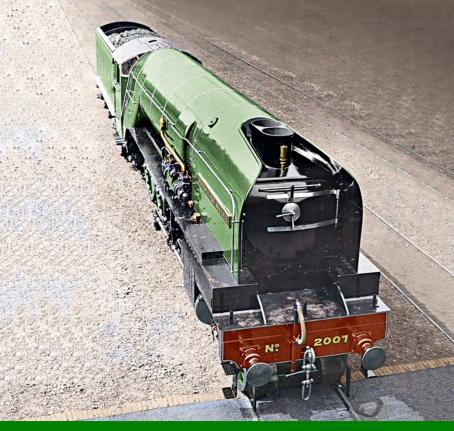






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Any Questions?