

Sandaoling - Day 5 - Wednesday 12 December 2018



This sequence shows the spare loco from yesterday 8197 being warmed up and coaxed back into life to work today's trains. After sitting in steam in -5 to -16 degree temperatures for 24 hours, it takes a bit of effort.





The water drain cock for the air reservoir needed unfreezing before eventually the Westinghouse pumps kick into action.





Steam is released from the cylinder drain cocks to warm up the cylinders and clear any ice and water.



Passenger loco parked just where the boxcar passenger train used to park at Dongboli. Oh to be able to turn back the clock!



Down the pit. 8197 waiting to push back to the blue loader while a loaded train hauled by 8073 storms uphill.

The second train of the day with 8197 departs the blue loader.





I'm not sure about this one. It's one that Jun has been trying for but I don't think the location of the sunset and the track at this time of year quite work. Jun went even further round onto the unstable rim to get a slightly better angle. Personally, I think the sunset I semi-achieved 2 days ago (Day 3 last 2 photos) at a point down in the pit just in front of the loco in the photo above has more chance of working if the sunset and train coincide. More like this Photoshopped version?



Locos seen: 8073 (in use), 8195 (standby), 8197 (in use)

No trains going to the coal yard. The only time this was seen was Saturday, my first afternoon.

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