

Friends of the 502 Group

Press Release (December 2010):

Group launch '£5.02 for the 502' fund-raising appeal:

The Friends of the 502 Group is pleased to announce the start of its new fund-raising scheme - '£5.02 for the 502'.

It is now more than 30 years since the class was withdrawn from mainline BR service, and over 20 years since the unit performed in preservation. The aim of the Friends' scheme is two-fold - not only to raise funds for the Group, but also to raise awareness of the unit.

Although the 502 is still officially part of the National Collection, the National Railway Museum have placed the unit on long-term loan to the Group with a view to eventual transfer to a 'Class 502' Trust, which will secure its future.

To allow as many people to contribute as possible, the Group is looking for both individual donations of £5.02 and subscribers to give £5.02 each month via a Standing Order.

Duncan Reed, Chairman of the Friends of the 502 Group, said:

“The numbers of the unit's cars are 28361 and 29896, so if we receive a donation of either £283.61 or £298.96 this will be recorded with a brass plaque fitted to the respective car, detailing the donor's name and the date of the donation.

However, every single donor will receive a certificate detailing their name and donation amount, while subscribers will also be automatically given membership of the Friends of the 502 Group for as long as their donations continue (minimum 12 month duration).

The Group is also happy to receive corporate donations from companies - for which recognition will be given in the form of a link from our website and a listing in our quarterly newsletter”.

For individual donations, payment can be made via www.class502.org.uk/donate or cheques (made payable to the 'Friends of the 502 Group') can be sent to the Group Treasurer. A Standing Order form is also available to download and print off from the website.

For more information, please go to www.class502.org.uk, www.facebook.com/502group or www.twitter.com/class502.

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