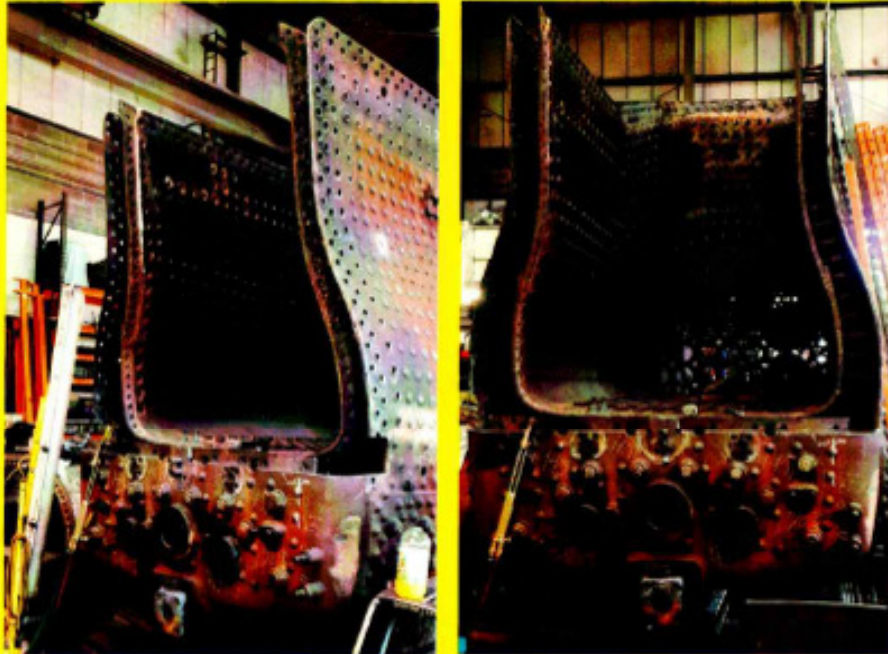


NEWSFLASH

By 12th August, 2018 and following the removal of Standard Class 4 75069's boiler from the boiler shop, work had restarted on 13268's boiler. The lower portion of the firebox backplate, which the ultrasonic detection had shown to be cracked, has been cut off and sent to the South Devon Railway where a replacement will be made from new steel. The photos show the lower (towards the top of the photos) three-quarters of the backplate removed by cutting away from the top quarter and by removing the rivets to the firebox sides. The similar part of the inner firebox has also been removed, in this case entirely by drilling out rivets. Note that the boiler is inverted.

News of further progress will appear in March 2019 SMF News.

Jim Norman



Photographs: James Cooper