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Editorial:

Welcome to Coupe News No: 3.
Your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

To those who have forwarded material included within this edition, thank you for sharing your information with fellow readers.

All I ask of you for the time I spend in production, is for you to forward on, either e-mail or printing a copy, to any one you may know who will be interested.

Information is for sharing - not gathering dust.....

If you have any material for inclusion in No.4, please forward by 29th May.
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Preservation News:

National Railway Museum. York.

On Monday April 7th, I visited the NRM and noted S/No.59 TOPAZ, still located in a poorly lit area, But still looking resplendent in Crimson Lake with Gold Lining.

Not such the case in relation to S/No.326 EMERALD (11), sat forlornly on a siding at the rear of the Museum complex, in need of some TLC.

North Yorkshire Moors Railway.

On Saturday April 12th I visited the Grosmont and noted CAR No.79, ROBIN & OPAL in the Dining train formation for the 12.50 "Moorlander" to Pickering & return.

Over the winter period CAR No.79 has had the seat covering replaced in the larger of the two saloons, to match that as fitted during restoration in the smaller saloon.

The covering removed from the larger saloon was original; the smaller saloon was gutted by the Slag Reduction Company after the car was purchased to be broken up circa mid 1960's.

But Slag Reduction used the car as a boardroom, and to fit the board table in, they removed the seating and tables from the small saloon which is located nearest the brake end.

This is the only reason why CAR No.79 survived into preservation. But a twist of fate, I am advised that Slag Reduction had already earmarked a wooden built 12 wheel Pullman Car for the board room and for a reason not known decided to use CAR No.79 instead, and so the 12 wheeler was burnt out for its scrap metal parts. the identity of the 12 wheeler is also unknown.

Look Back at Pullman:

1928.

1st May(i) Ex-Harrogate Pullman, (Edinburgh Pullman 1923-1925). The Queen of Scots extends

to Glasgow.

Down working: 11.15 depart Kings Cross, arrive Leeds Central 14.40, arrival at Glasgow Queen Street 20.45.

Up working: 10.05 depart Glasgow Queen Street, depart Edinburgh 11.15, depart Leeds 16.15, arrive Kings Cross 19.35.

1953.

May(ii) Due to the withdrawal of all Merchant Navy class locomotives for checks, the South of England returns to the days of the 1948 exchange trials.

12,13,14th. 4-6-2 7MT Britannia No.70029 "Shooting Star" working the Bournemouth Belle.

15th 2-6-2 7P6F V2 No.60916 working the Bournemouth Belle.

16th D1001 working the Bournemouth Belle.

Ex-LNER V2 2-6-2 working the Bournemouth Belle until the end of May.

Look Back at Pullman ctd:

V2 60893 was forced to stop at New Milton on the "up" Belle, as no water was Taken-on at Bournemouth.

20th V2 No.60896 working the Bournemouth Belle, 7 cars & 2 parlour brakes.

22nd V2 No.60916 working the Bournemouth Belle.

28,30th V2 No.60893 working the Bournemouth Belle.

1978.

5th May* Final working of the "Yorkshire Pullman" 17.04 Kings Cross – Harrogate.
Class 47 No. 47433 KX - Leeds then 47411 Leeds - Harrogate Pullman cars
E318E (Robin), E315E (Heron), E326E (Emerald II) & E319E (Snipe).

Final working of the "Hull Pullman" 17.10 Kings Cross – Hull.
E313E (Finch), E317E (Raven), E328E (Opal).

20th May* "East Coast Pullman Farewell" 08.30 Kings Cross – Kings Cross 21.45.
Peterborough, Grantham, Doncaster, Wakefield, Leeds, Harrogate, York, Malton,
Scarborough, Filey, Bridlington, Beverley, Goole, Doncaster then ECML to KX.

Information Sources.

- (*). T.Bye records.
- (i). Railway World June 1978.
- (ii). Steam World May/June 1993.

In last months Coupe News under 1928 & 1978.
Greg Child of Watford supplies the following information:-

1928.

3rd April. State visit of the King of Afghanistan no other details known of Pullman train).

The special train was to convey King Amanollah of Afghanistan from Waterloo to Portland and return. At Portland he witnessed Royal Navy exercises.

The train consisted of Pullman cars MONTANA, PAULINE, SAPPHO, MEDUSA & FLORA.
SAPPHO acted as the Royal car. HRH Queen Soraya of Afghanistan remained in London.

On the "State Visit" itself, The Royal Party arrived at Dover on the 13th March and traveled by special train to London Victoria. The return journey was made on April 5th at c11.40 from Victoria.

1978.

8th April. Pullman Car E314E (HAWK) noted as part of the formation of the "Seagulls Special" conveying Brighton Football Club and supporters to Blackburn.

Schedule No.314 HAWK was regularly used by Brighton & Hove Albion A.F.C. from September 1976 to May 1978. I.e. for two seasons.

Pantry Item:

Doug Lindsay has advised of some further additions to last months book list.

'Boat Trains & Channel Packets' by Rixon Bucknell, Published by Vincent Stuart Ltd in 1957 (hence no ISBN No.!!)

'The Belle Epoque of the Orient Express' by M.Wiesensthal, Published by Geocolor Jan 1979, ISBN 84 7424 084 0 (Good, nearly all colour!)

'Gateway to the Continent' by E.W.P.Veale, Published by Ian Allan 1955, (No ISBN of course)

'History of Trains De Luxe' by George Behrend, Transport Pub. Co. 1977, ISBN 0903839 45 8 & ISBN 0901845 12 4 (Inc. British supplement)

There was also the 'official' guides to various trains published by the Railway Companies...

The Brighton Belle brochure for instance of c.1908...that famous early colour book (I've only a photo copy) and there was an even earlier booklet published by the LBSCR c.1890 'The Brighton Limited', I am seeking it out!

Attendants Service:

Your attendant has been requested to serve requests to you.

If you can answer the plea for help, please reply to me, and I will forward on/or reply via this service next month.

Table 1. (DL)

Doug Lindsay's plea last month so far has had no real positive replies. The responses so far received have given no identity or knowledge of a car at Windsor.

I again add this plea for information below.

Some thirty years ago, about 1973, I visited the Windsor Safari Park as was the custom in those days when Safari Parks were a typical 'day out' in the 70s. I clearly remember that near the reception area there was a Pullman Car in use as a Buffet/Catering outlet. I did not record which Car it was or indeed visit it for refreshment.

Can any members enlighten me as to which Car it was and what was/is its subsequent fate? I can find no record of a Pullman Car having been at Windsor Safari Park, but I'm sure I wasn't dreaming!!

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Attendants Service ctd:**Table 2. (JT)**

I am building (with a team of professional modelers) a 4mm, fine scale model of Hitchin station in

1959. I intend to have at least two of the all Pullman trains, probably The Master Cutler and either The Queen of Scots or The Yorkshire Pullman. Helpful though the various Pullman books are, none that I have found give the precise train formations. I want to arrange my Pullmans exactly right. Can you help?

Table 3. (RK)

I am preparing to build a Kent model and would like some Kentish Belle style Pullmans. I am interested in the identity of car names & numbers in the formation. Any information on train formation, locomotive haulage and even date. Can any reader help with formation lists?

Table 4. (AF)

I would ask if anyone has any B&W or colour interior photographs of the Pullman Composite Cars of the Brighton line. My aim is to have a faithful record of all the decorative schemes used in each of the 23 cars.

Any help would be most appreciated and any costs paid.

Many thanks & regards

Antony Ford

Vestibule Sales:

Precision Labels.

There will be new packs for the new Hornby Pullmans - where the bodies are appropriate.

So far, and subject to change, the Pullman pack plans are for:

- L3B Alternative names as in L3, but in the now correct scale.
- L14A Sides resized from L14, with TC Car No XX names match boarded with correct scale flat lines not wide deep cuts as on the body,
- L15A Ditto from L15, again with match-board effect to include resized L10 and L11 bar panels etc for the Diamond/Trianon/New-Century-Bar coach.
- L18B Ditto from L18A with the Car No XX TC match-board type names.
- L19A An A4 pack of smooth sides and a reworked bar panel for the Diamond coach (for use on the Hornby loose coaches converting to smooth sides).
- L21A - L21 Resized top logo panels with scrolls in the lighter yellow and better colour transition, as now on L21
- L21B - The same without scrolls for post 1960.
- L22C* Smooth sides with early crest - lions properly shaded and not just a yellow outline shape.
- L50* - White Pullman panels like L20, possibly not for a named train.
- L53* Match board panels for Car XX TC and TC Car XX.

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Vestibule Sales ctd:

- L54* Smooth sides with late crest - lions again properly shaded not outlined. (Where * will be packs A, B, C etc)

These are new packs, in addition to the previous ones which will still be produced. Some will take longer than others to finish, but hopefully all will be available this year.

As is well known, the previous Hornby bodies were modeled on Queen Of Scots stock, and those bodies are the most appropriate for those other Pullman packs not listed above - e.g. L8, L9, L13*. Also, no body is yet accurate for the BR post 1951 period Golden Arrow train, but the QoS stock is closest to the design I feel, so no plans for altering L1.

We expect that the QoS Pullmans will be available second hand and even new for some time to come. Split QoS train set coaches are quite common at the swap meets - ideal for use with alternative side panels.

Existing packs, such as L14, L15 etc for the R223/233 coaches are not generally adaptable for the new Pullman bodies. Obviously roof boards and tail boards are, but alternative names and full side panels are of a different size to fit the coaches. Pack L2 is usable with the new coaches - the six alternative coach names would not fit, however all the other pack contents do.

You may have seen adverts in Railway Modeler (in the FMR space) as well as various reviews for Precision Labels and the new Precision Decals range. There are no plans yet for Precision Decals for the new bodies - the D1-* packs are for the R233/223 bodies.

For further details contact:-

John R Peck - Precision Labels

Web: www.precisionlabels.com

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The "Lens of Sutton Association" have under catalogue No.3 the Pullman Car photographic collection. Details known:-

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|---------------------|---|
| 1. Number of photos | 226. |
| 2. Postcard size | = 70p. |
| 3. 7x5 | = £3.00. |
| 4. Whole-Plate | = £4.00. |
| 5. 10"x8" | = £7.00. |
| 6. P&P | = Orders up to £5 add 50p.
Orders £5 - £10 add £1.
Thereafter 50p for every £5 spent. |
| 7. Delivery | = 8 to 10 weeks. |

For further detail contact:-

Lens of Sutton Association, 8 Smiths Farm Lane, Didcot, Oxon OX11 7DL.

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Vestibule Sales ctd:

Alec Hasenson advises.

The railway models auction at Christies in South Kensington last week (w/c31/03).

There was a magnificent collection of locomotives and carriages for auction. Mostly gauge 1, with many Pullmans and Wagons-Lits cars - but what a price they fetched! Some went for £1,000 each!!

Doug Lindsay advises.

The auction on March 8th at Sheffield as mentioned last month. The table lamp from car AGATHA was sold for £2,300.00. Also a Pullman car chair was sold for £3,800.00.

Peter Glover advises.

I have for sale two Kitmaster Blue Pullman Parlour Cars which are unbuilt.

Any reasonable offer.

Contact: peteglover@ntlworld.com

Please note the editor can not be held responsible for any item made available within vestibules sales. re authenticity etc.

VSO-E British Pullman Train.

Monday April 7th 2003. 08.25 London Victoria – York 13.50.

Day excursion to either Harewood House or the City of York.

The train formation consisted in arrival order from London at 13.50hrs into platform 9. 47787 Windsor Castle. Mk1 Generator coach 99538 (EWS livery Red/Gold). VERA, IONE, PERSEUS, CYGNUS, IBIS, GWEN, MINERVA, ZENA, Mk1 coach 6313.

At 14.20hrs after the loco had run around the stock, the ecs moved to Holgate sidings to the south of the station. The loco detached and returned to the station and stabled in a bay platform until 16.50hrs. At 17.45hrs the ecs was propelled from Holgate sidings into platform 10.

18.15 the train departed south for London Victoria arrival at 22.30.

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Pullman Models:

Some good news from Margate and Troon.

Hornby.

The five long awaited individual cars were released by Hornby in early April. I am not getting into rivet counting, all I am going to say is they are superb models for my own layout, and I recommend you see for yourself, and when you do, you will want a rake of mixed cars for your own layout or just display.

R4143 Parlour First "LEONA".

R4144 Parlour Third "Car No.35.

R4145 Kitchen First "CYNTHIA".

R4146 Kitchen Third "Car No.171.

R4150 Parlour Third Brake "Car No.65.

Pullman quality interior with working table lamps. The Pullman elegance of the matchwood exterior finish, Just out of Preston Park works.

Gangway covers that are removable, vestibule door grab handrails & Builders plates.

Well done to all at Hornby and not forgetting Charles Long of the Pullman Society. (RRP £25.00. Shop around I have seen them available for £19.50 Plus P&P).

Are you a Southern man?

Do you long for a real EMU with Pullman tradition in its make up on your model railway, or just for display. To rekindle those days of youth before we were introduced to "Girls".

Well the gap has closed a little with the news of "Electrifying Trains" introduction of a selection of real Southern EMU's some of which include Pullmans cars.

Product.	Kit Price.	Ready To Run Price.
6 PAN.		£1350.00
6 PUL.		£1500.00
6 CIT.		£1500.00
2HAL.		£450.00
TIN HAL.		£450.00
2 BIL (Late Version).		£450.00
2 EPB (Bulleid).		£450.00
4 EPB (Bulleid).		£900.00
4 SUB 4101 – 4110 (sheba)		£900.00
5 BEL		£1950.00
5 BEL (MTR Brake 3rd)	£49.95	
Motor Unit.	£49.95 (two required per coach).	
5 BEL (Trailer 3rd & 1st)	£49.95	
LB&SCR PUP.	£30.00	£150.00
LB&SCR Pullman.		£325.00

All-metal high quality electric trains (4mm Scale) SAE for more details.

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Saloon Talk:

I list details of two further Pullman related groups found on the inter-net.

Peggy Dyas who moderates both lists advises:-

"...a mailing list for anyone with a genealogical or historical interest in The Pullman Company and their ancestors who were associated with it. This is a friendly group for discussing and sharing information on the various operations of the Pullman Company, or posting information about your Pullman-employed ancestor(s) for the purpose of genealogical or historical research."

To subscribe to the list at Rootsweb, send a message to:

Pullman-Company-L-request@rootsweb.com

and type the word SUBSCRIBE on the subject line.

To subscribe to the list at Yahoo, go to:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/PullmanCompanyResearchers>

and subscribe from the site.

Peggy Dyas
Lists Moderator

Tail Lamp:

Coupe news is only as good as the information received and published within.
So why not share your news/material/information with fellow readers.
An e-mail is most welcome.

My thanks to Doug Lindsay with regard to the details of the prices reached at the Sheffield auction. But Doug also wishes to advise you that for a mere 50p, you can purchase a raffle ticket at the Kent & East Sussex Railway. First prize a replica Pullman Armchair (value £1,000) and the second prize a Footplate Driving Experience Day in 2004. To be drawn on 20th July 2003.

Being a Southern man myself who grew up with green emu's and Bulleid Pacific's, I am always partial to any book that covers Southern Operations from Margate to Padstow.
"The Southern Around London" a colour portfolio by Kevin McCormack.
Publisher Ian Allan. isbn 0 7110 2968 7.

Some real memory jerking photos with the added bonus of Pullman trains including the Bournemouth Belle, Golden Arrow, Night Ferry and Kentish Belle.

One real gem on page 43, A "H16" class 4-6-2 T No.30518 departs Waterloo with empty stock, The second vehicles being an ex-Pullman Kitchen First in Southern Green with **BUFFET** at the location of its original name.

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