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Editorial:

Welcome to Coupe News No: 13.
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.14, please forward by 25th March.
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Preservation News:

David Jones advises of the following.

During a recent visit to the Great Central Railway I noticed the 1960 Pullman **car 315** in the sidings just north of Rothley Station. It was partially hidden amongst some shabby Mark 1 carriages and looked in poor condition. I noticed in an earlier 'Coupe News' that there was a debate over the ownership of this Car, but I seem to remember some years ago that it was bought as a support vehicle for the 'Duke of Gloucester' locomotive.

Look Back at Pullman:

1874.

March 17th.

Kirtley 2-4-0 No.906 (with a tender adapted for the "Miller automatic centre coupling" to suit those as fitted to the Pullman Cars), hauls Pullman cars **MIDLAND & EXCELSIOR** to London. Passengers consist "Officials of the line".

March 19th.

Pullman car **MIDLAND** shipped to the continent to commence a tour of Europe to promote Pullman services.

March 21st.

Pullman parlour car **VICTORIA** joins **EXCELSIOR** on a public demonstration run from St.Pancras to Bedford and return. The 80 passengers on board had the first ever meal provided on a British train. (note: this was not cooked on board).

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1904.

March 7th.

Pullman cars BALMORAL & DUNROBIN operations on the Highland Railway extend to Glasgow (Buchanan St) from Perth & Inverness.

1964.

March 21st.

Midland Pullman set hired for the Grand National at Aintree.

March 21st.

South Wales Pullman set Swansea – Liverpool Lime Street for FA Cup match.

March 28/29th.

Inaugural run of the “Regency Belle” the formation consisted of one 5 Bel set operating from Victoria to Brighton.

This is the only time in the short history of this private charter operation that a 5 Bel set was used.

Model Railway News:

Doncaster Festival of British Railway Modeling Saturday February 7th.

In the company of some of the members of the Middlesbrough Model railway Club, I had an enjoyable day watching the trains go by, and of course as you do, expanded my locomotive fleet.

On the Pullman car front I noted the following prices: -

Tri-ang early parlour cars ANNE, MARY, JANE.
Boxed £17.50 or unboxed £7.50 each.

Tri-ang “Blue Pullman” 3 car set in grey/blue livery unboxed £54.00

Tri-ang “Blue Pullman” centre parlour cars £25.00 to £35.00 each.

Hornby boxed blue/grey livery “Golden Arrow” £25.00.

Hornby new model types all boxed prices ranged from £23.50 to £24.99 each.

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Ex set “Orient Express” cars set of 3 for £75.00 or split for £25.00 each.

It was also good to find not one but three layouts operating Pullman services. These consisted: -

**Quinton & Halesowen Association of Railway Modelers “Halston Junction”.
00 gauge, 4mm scale.**

On this layout the operators offered two Pullman services, a “Blue Pullman” set, and an “A4” Eastern region hauled mixed Pullman rake that offered both Mk1 and new Hornby cars, I must say the mix worked very well. Smoke generating units were also fitted to the steam locomotives, which also added to the realism of the layout.

Shipley MRS “Flyde North”. 00 gauge 4mm scale.

A Modern layout that offered the VSO-E arriving at the terminus station, the formation consisted of the Wren 1951/2 “U” type cars. Always nice to see a rake of these cars in use.

**Geoff Holmes (member of Skipton & District MRS) “Selsey Beach”.
EM gauge, 4mm scale.**

As the layout name implies, we head to the South coast of England, the heart of 3rd rail. I kept coming back to this layout because of it’s uniqueness of modern image and variety of services operated. This included a rake of VSO-E cars and that unique vehicle (now no longer) “Baggage Car No.7”, and hauled by a RES Class 47.

Keen Systems.

Roger was in attendance with a working display of his close-coupled system, and enhancing parts for Pullman Cars.

Readers.

I met a number of readers of “Coupe News” at Doncaster, it was nice meet you all, and heartening to know the newsletter is of keen interest and being passed on to others. Thankyou.

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Devon Belle Observation Car.

David Jones, has advised of some very interesting Pullman news for modelers. It was announced at the recent Brighton Modelworld exhibition by "OOWorks" of Hastings. That they will be bringing out an "OO" Model of the Devon Belle observation car in August 2004.

Designed to complement the new Hornby Cars, this will be a useful addition to any layout. This company already sells ready-to-run locomotive models and have been well known in the past for their King Arthur Class engines. Their current Wainwright Class L 4-4-0 locomotive was attracting much interest at Modelworld. Details of the new Devon Belle Car, when available, can be obtained from OOWorks, P.O. Box 22, Hastings, East Sussex. TN34 2TG.

Editors comment:

This announcement will give not just Pullman modelers a new model, but also those modelers who have a Scottish theme, as both cars were sold to BR and saw service in Scotland for a number of years.

Those modeling the mid to late 1960's can have the car added to formations hauled by "Flying Scotsman" prior to departure to North America.

Preservation scene modelers have one car on the Paignton & Dartmouth Railway. This new model opens up a varied career of operations.

Attendants Service:

Table 1.

A request relating to the Pullman Car Inspectors.

Did Inspectors, and the Chief Inspector, wear distinctive uniforms, and / or insignia, such as additional gold braid.

Table 2.

An Archiepiscopal Pullman Car Train.

On May 19th 1924, a special train operated from London for guests to the inauguration of work on the shaft of Betteshanger Colliery, near Deal, Kent.

The "First Shot" was fired by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Is any information available? In particular where did the train terminate? It is likely that the "mineral railway", about 13/4 miles long, from the Dover – Ramsgate line to the colliery site, was completed before sinking began.

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Table 3.

Way back in Coupe News about 4/5 I think, there was a query about consists on the Master Cutler and others - I too have a query as to what were the two 3rd Brakes at N & S ends of the Cutler? I saw them every day, but never noted the nos. - curses! Can anybody help, please?

Ray Watson advises: -

The full formation of the inaugural Master Cutler as follows: -

70	303	Rosamund	Sappho	Pluto	68
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“IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE, SIR”

Special Working Notices:

Middlesbrough Model Railway Club Exhibition May 22nd & 23rd 2004.

MMRC clocks up 50 years of existence in 2004, and the annual exhibition will reflect a truly North East Railway theme, for this special year for the club. I have been kindly invited to attend on behalf of the Pullman Society, so I hope to meet both readers of Coupe News and members of the Society.

Cleveland Model Railway Club Exhibition August 21st & 22nd 2004.

The exhibition will be held the Redcar & Cleveland College, Redcar Lane, Redcar.

I have been kindly invited to attend on behalf of the Pullman Society. More details to follow.

Sheffield Railwayana Auction March 13th 11am.

A check of the catalogue for this event has identified the following Pullman items.

Lot 43. Pullman Car Company upholstered armchair, believed to be original brown material. In fine original condition.

Lot 44. As lot 43.

Lot 395. Headboard “Tees-Tyne Pullman”, polished plywood pattern, saved from Darlington Works.

Lot 436. Pre-1960 Pullman Coat of Arms mounted onto board.

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Postal Auction close date March 22nd 12 noon.

Lot 1030 . Two different cutlery forks, both showing different size Company coat of arms.

For further details visit www.sheffieldrailwayana.co.uk

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 Pullman connoisseurs.

Well it's nearing time to come out of winter hibernation, within the next few weeks the clocks will go forward, and it will be time to check the batteries in the camera ready for the first visits of 2004.

Have you a Pullman car in your area, if so next time you pass by let us know, this will confirm that the car is still in existence.

Each year recently we have lost cars to the breakers, vandalism or fire.

I hope 2004 breaks this ring.

Finding cars is an interesting past time, as you tend to become a detective to complete proof of identity.

I believe that along the Sussex coast line, there remain other Pullman car bodies yet to be identified. But as time goes by these may be lost.

As the land is worth more the car body for potential building land.

We are getting ever closer to producing a model of Sir Winston Churchill's funeral train, with the release by Hornby of the locomotive this spring.

With the new model Pullman cars produced by Hornby since the Spring of last year we can re-create cars ISLE OF THANET, LYDIA & CAR NO.208.

By use of the plated versions of the cars with post 1960 coa applied.

Hornby also produce a Bogie Luggage Van which can be converted to look like S2464, and will be required to be painted into Pullman livery.

The last 25% of the train formation require "U" type cars PERSEUS & CARINA.

I am not aware at this time of any supplier of either body sides or kits to make the "U" type cars of 1951/2.

2004, is going to be as good Pullman model wise as 2003, when Hornby launched the new Pullman car models.

Bachmann with no less than five different car models and all with interior lighting, and then to cap that, comes the long awaited news that at last a Devon Belle observation car will be produced in the late summer. Start saving.....

T.Bye March 1st 2004