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Editorial:

Welcome to Coupe News No: 19.
Your free newsletter of Pullman related news and material.

My thanks to those readers who have supplied material included within this edition.

All I ask of you for the time I spend in production is for you to forward on, either by 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.20, please forward by September 26th.
Coupe News No.20 will be published on October 1st.

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Preservation News:

Peter Hall advises: -

Reports are being received that **S/No.335. CAR No.335** have now entered service on the mainline, and now formed in the 'Vintage Trains' set based at Tyseley. The cars are reported as being in operation on the Sunday Stratford-upon-Avon operation.

All four Cars that moved to Carnforth last year, (**335, 348, 353, 354**) have been granted an exemption to operate on the Network Rail system.
To date the only one car has been reported in use (as above) **S/No.335. CAR No.335.**

Peter Watkins advises: -

S/No.310. PEGASUS "TRIANON BAR" was out behind BofB Class "Tangmere" on 17 July to Canterbury along with 3231 & 3246 our new MKII FO's in Pullman Golden Arrow livery for their 1st commercial run.

S/No.310. PEGASUS "TRIANON BAR" will also be on the Northern Belle 7 day grand tour from September 3rd as a bar car

Look Back at Pullman:

1934.

September/October. Cars **S/No.31.VIVIENE & S/No.27.CLEOPATRA** allocated Victoria – Eastbourne train formations.

1954.

September, The Devon Belle service is withdrawn on completion of the summer timetable. The service commenced on June 20th, 1947.

1964.

September 7th, The “White Rose” service extended to Bradford and Harrogate.

1994.

September 24th, The Venice Simplon Orient-Express British Pullman train formation is hauled on the mainline by a steam locomotive for the first time. Newly overhauled 35028 “CLAN LINE” operated Victoria – Portsmouth return with 10 Pullman Cars.

September 24th, Dover Western Docks Station (formerly Dover Marine) closes.

Attendants Service:

The following requests for help in relation to historical data have been received and are now posted in the hope that a fellow reader may be able to help.

Unless otherwise stated, please reply to the editorial address.

Table 1.

David Pool requests: -

I have received a request for information on the Golden Arrow Livery c1969/70. The corporate BR livery applied to Pullman Cars on the Eastern Region MK1 cars was Grey/Blue, this being the reverse of the standard Blue/Grey. This livery was applied and identified to one car No.208. But, it now appears from photographic evidence taken on June 21st 1969 that at least two of the 1951/2 type “U” class cars were also painted into this livery for a period of time. Has any reader knowledge of which of the cars were painted into Grey/Blue, for what is believed to be a short period of time, as the livery did not work, and later the cars were painted into the standard Blue/Grey livery.

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Table 2.

Keith Sangster requests: -

I have received a request on a subject that up to now has had very little coverage in either written word/articles or photographs.

But, I feel sure a reader will have or know of someone or article to refer to.

"Imperial Airways train which ran in 1939 to Southampton, and then to Poole. Can anyone shed light on train formation's and timings?

I have seen a photo of two Cars with luggage vans at each end, but can not Remember where".

Table 3.

Tod Sloan requests: -

Can anyone please supply the formations of scheduled LNER trains in the years just prior to WW2 in order for me to make up a typical rake, utilising Hornby and Graham Farish Pullman cars.

I have the first batch of five matchboard , one smooth sided car, Minerva and one 12-wheel conversion G.F brake with 247 bogies.(to be either Arcadia or Ansonia, 94 or 95 down classed by this time).

I require specific names and numbers, so that I can obtain the suitable transfers to make the formation correct.

Respond to tod.sloan@ntlworld.com

Table 4.

Miles Haywood requests your help.

I have been reading Coupé news, and wondered if you can help me?

I am trying to find two Pullman 1st class type Arm Chairs, either original or reproductions. Would you know of any for sale or when I can obtain plans to have them made?

I have contacted several preserved railways, but nobody has replied! Any information you have would be gratefully received.

Keep up with the good work of the news letter, it is very pleasing to see somebody taking an interest in this subject.

I am amazed at the small amount of information on the web for such an important subject.

Table 5.

A customer returns, within "Edition 2" the following request was made by Doug Lindsay, re the identity of a Pullman Car.

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!!

Initially responses came within edition 4, no further information was received and following publication of edition 5 the table request was closed.

David Jones has forwarded the following information in relations to Doug's request.

"With reference to the correspondence last year regarding the Pullman Car at Windsor Safari Park seen by Doug Lindsay.

I have recently come across an article within the January 1987 Railway Magazine entitled 'Pullman Survivors' written by a Gwynne Williams.

The article tracks down the remaining British Pullman Cars and lists their whereabouts.

Shown on the list of known locations is **Car No. 89** at Windsor Safari Park!

This is the ex-Brighton Belle Brake Motor Coach now located at Little Mill Inn, Rowarth in Derbyshire.

Julian Morel in his 1983 book 'Pullman' lists the Car as being at Rowarth so the information in the 1987 Railway Magazine article must have been out-of-date when published. It is therefore possible that between coming out of service in April 1972 and arriving at Rowarth, it spent some time at Windsor.

So Doug was not dreaming".

Thank you David for sharing this information with us.

Since the original request was made in early 2003, the readership of Coupe News has increased vastly, and I believe further information on this matter will be known may be by one of the new readers.

If you can expand on this matter why not share it with fellow readers.

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Table 6.

Alan Rushworth requested the following information.

I am trying to find out more about the identities of the Mk1 coaches that ran within the Blue Pullman standby trains.
I believe they were painted in a similar livery to the Pullman cars, can anyone help.

I responded as follows: -

The Blue Pullman Standby Sets.

The standby sets were unofficially given the name "Wells Fargo".

From website www.railcar.co.uk refers to the identity of the WR standby train & Stabled at Old Oak Common: -

Mark 1. First Open. Lot No.30472. BRC&W Co. 1959.

W3093 & W3094.

Pullman Cars allocated.

Car No.27, 249, 169, 54 and CECELIA.

"Pullman Travelling in Style" by the late Brian Haresnape.

On page 142 a photo dated August 26th 1964.

The formation consists Brush Type 4 No.1690 passing High Wycombe with Cars 54, 106, 340, 352, 344, 105 & 55.

(Cars 340, 352 & 344, being ex-ER Mk1 Pullman Cars).

Traction Magazine November 1997 refers to the identity of the MR Standby Train: -

Pullman Cars allocated & stabled at Etches Park Carriage Sidings, DERBY.

ATHENE (Brake). THETIS(107)(Kitchen). CETEIA(73)(Parlour).
THALIA(106)(Kitchen). FORTUNA (Brake).

Additional Cars in reserve.

JUANA (Parlour). MELANDRA(74)(Parlour). HEBE(105) (Kitchen).

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Also referring that the set was never used, and in January 1963, the set being used on the "Birmingham Pullman".

Within "Pullman" by the late Julian Morel.

Reference is made on pages 109 - 111 to the standby trains.

S/No.	New Running Name.	Former No.	Type.
188.	AVON.	66.	P.
226.	CETEIA.	73.	P.
210.	HEBE.	105.	K.
227.	MELANDRA.	74.	P.
215.	SEVERN.	60.	K.
211.	THALIA.	106.	K.
216.	THAMES.	61.	K.
212.	THETIS.	107.	K.
193.	WYE.	35.	P.

Cars 105(MARCELLE), 106(SYBIL) & 107(KATHLEEN).

"IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE, SIR"

Model Railway News.

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

The annual exhibition was held at Redcar & Cleveland College, Redcar. My thanks to the Committee and Members of the club for allowing me to attend on behalf of the Pullman Society.

The theme for the exhibition was the Tees-Tyne Pullman, and my thanks to John Peck of Precision Labels, for supplying the materials to produce "The Hadrian Bar".

A number of readers of Coupe News made themselves known to me over the two day event; it's always nice to put a face to a name.

The stand was located opposite Wolverhampton MRC "Stoke Summit" layout, I was able to see the "up" working of the "Tees-Tyne Pullman" and the "down" working of both "The Queen of Scots" & "Master Cutler" services. Each train was to scale length and the standard of finish on the cars a credit to the members of the WMRC.

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For anyone interested I have digital photos of the three train formations available free of charge, just e-mail me a request, and I will do the rest.

No others layouts at the exhibition had any Pullman cars in operation.

On the trade stand prices varied, from stand to stand.

Hornby 1928 Parlour and Brake Parlour cars.

£10.50 for a boxed Parlour car, £13.50 for an unboxed Parlour car, and £14.50 for a boxed Parlour Brake.

An Orient Express had been broken, to allow the contents to be sold separately, the three cars as a set for £80.

No other make of Pullman car models were noted for sale i.e. Wren, Trix, Lima or Farish.

The 43rd Annual YORK Model Railway Show 2005.

This is the first call to intending passengers for the York Model Railway Show. To be held on March 26th, 27th & 28th 10.00am to 5.00pm at the Knavesmire Stand, York Racecourse. Adults £6.00, Children & Concessions £4.00, Family Ticket £16.00 (2 Adults & 2 Children under 12 years).

For further details www.yorkshow.freemove.co.uk
or from the Show Manager mikecook@supanet.com

Further details will be posted when made known.

Mk2 1966 Pullman Cars.

Whilst attending the Cleveland Model Railway Clubs Exhibition, David Lewis of Southern Pride Models was kind enough to show me his latest offering in the Pullman car range which will be available by the year end. David will be producing all three types of car to allow the modeler to operate the either the Manchester or Liverpool Pullman services as introduced in 1966, on the electrification of the Euston to Manchester and Liverpool lines.

The cars to be produced will be the Pullman First with Kitchen, Pullman Parlour First and Pullman Brake First.

If you require any further details on these new cars or the 1960/1 Mk1 Pullman Cars visit the web site at <http://www.spride.demon.co.uk> or inquiry@spride.co.uk

Vestibule Sales/Requests.

1. Antony Ford of Swindon, is most interested in purchasing the following items: -

(a). Interior photographs of any Southern Electric Pullmans of 1932.
Any condition and all expenses paid.

(b). Wanted Pullman car lamp shades. Any colour and finish. Good prices paid.

2. Alan Rushworth of Newton Abbot, advises: -

A new book entitled "Dining At Speed", a celebration of 125 years of railway catering by Chris de Winter Hebron, a Silver Link book from The Nostalgia Collection at £16.99. The word Pullman appears on nearly every page.

The 2005 Pullman Calendar.

(Limited production of only 100 world wide)

Don't Forget Calendars Make A Great Christmas Gift!

The 3rd annual Pullman Calendar depicts images of the historic town of Pullman (now part of Chicago), a Pullman Porters' inspired sheet music image, and views of the factory complex.

ALL PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF THIS CALENDAR GO TO BENEFIT THE PULLMAN STATE HISTORIC SITE!

The Calendars look great in the home, or the office, and are perfect for the collector or enthusiast!

For further detail and preview visit ebay: -

<http://search.ebay.co.uk/pullman-calendar>

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Rising From The Rails by Larry Nye.

ISBN 0-8050-7075-3. \$26.00 (\$38.95/Canada).

Available from Amazon visit www.amazon.co.uk for availability.

Price: £12.74 - Availability: usually dispatched within 7 to 8 days.

Are you interested in history of the Pullman Porters, who worked the Pullman services in America.

From the 1880's, when George Pullman first hired African-Americans to work on his luxury sleeping cars, until the mid-twentieth century, when the Pullman Company ended its sleeper service, the Pullman porter held one of the best jobs in the black community and valet, nanny and doctor, concierge and occasional undertaker to cars full of white passengers.

His very presence embodied the romance of the railroad. But behind the porter's ever-present smile lay a day-by-day struggle for dignity on the long trips that separated him from his family while exposing him to the more privileged culture of well-heeled passengers.

Rising From The Rails depicts the paradox of life as a Pullman porter and writes a missing chapter of American History.

Larry Nye vividly re-creates the singular setting of a Pullman sleeping car, a capsule of space and time where all the rules of racial engagement came into focus and many were suspended – so long as the train was moving.

The dichotomy of the porters working life – duties not far removed from slavery, opportunities not available to other black workers in Jim Crow America – made him both a representative of his time and a trailblazer.

The period of the porter's employment by the Pullman Company coincides almost exactly with the struggle of newly freed slaves for the full legal freedoms finally achieved in the 1960's, and his largely unrecognized role in this struggle was critical. As the patriarch of black labour unions and the civil rights movement, he was among the first African-Americans to effectively claim a right to respect.

He was also the father and grandfather of the African-Americans who today run Cities and States, sit on corporate and editorial boards, and number among Americas leading professors, scientists, and clergy.

Drawing on extensive interviews with dozens of African-American railroad workers and their descendants, *Rising From The Rails* tells the quintessentially American story of how a minority finds a foothold in the workplace and the nation's psyche.

Sheffield Railwayania Auctions.

The next auction will be held on Saturday 11th September 2004.
Auctions are normally held at, Myers Grove School, Wood Lane, Stannington
Sheffield 6. Viewing from 7.30am, with the sale commencing at 11am.

- 46* **A Pullman car** upholstered Dining Car chair.
This is the shorter back style and carved leg bosses as located in Pullman cars of the steam era.
In original green patterned moquette, somewhat careworn in places.
- 47* **A Pullman car** brass table lamp, the domed circular base stamped "PHOENIX".
Complete with an original celluloid shade lettered "Pullman Car Company" and in full working order.
"Phoenix" is a parlour car built at Preston Park Brighton in 1952. The interior decoration was specially commissioned from Mary Adshead; it depicted the Seasons and transport themes – all in collage work, of stamps, used bank notes and bonds.
Apparently a favorite car of the Royal family, it was used for state arrivals and in the consist of the "Golden Arrow". It was withdrawn from service in September 1972 and is now in the VSOE train.
This style of lamp, the rarest of all the Pullman lamp styles, was unique to "Phoenix" and is most redolent of the early 1950's.
- 48* **A Pullman car** brass table lamp in the early and ornate Arcadian style.
In fine, original condition. No shade. The same style as the "Hibernia" lamp sold in our June auction.
- 49* **A Pullman Car Company** silver-plated 2-pint side-pouring Arabic coffee-pot with a wooden side handle.
The side clearly displays the circular "Pullman Car Company Limited" coat of arms. In very fine condition.
- 515* **A Pullman Car Company** original coat of arms transfer mounted on board.
First printed in 1959, this is the middle size transfer applied to all the Pullman Cars with their umber and cream livery. 24"x11½". Mint.

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SHEFFIELD RAILWAYANA POSTAL AUCTION

Venue: Myers Grove Scholl, Sheffield.

Viewing Date: Saturday September 11th from 07.00 – 13.30.

POSTAL AUCTION CLOSURES: MONDAY 20th SEPTEMBER AT 12:00

- 643 **THE “BRIGHTON BELLE.”** Two menus and drinks tariffs from the “Final Run” on 30th April 1972. Together with a booklet on the celebrated train pub. by the Southern Electric Group in the same year. (3) £10
- 935 **WAGONS-LITS** published brochure for Simplon-Orient Express and Taurus Express. 24pp guide to countries en-route. Circa 1930s. Poor condition, but an interesting item. (1) £5
- 1030 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** silver plated cutlery. A selection of three different knives and two dessert spoons all nicely stamped. Plus an “LMS Cars” dinner knife. (6) £10
- 1054 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** soup plate in white china by “Ridgway” with Pullman coat-of-arms on rim. VGC. (1) £10
- 1055 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** brown glazed tea pot by “Langley.” “Pullman” clearly stamped on base. VGC. (1) £10
- 1056 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** glass tumbler with company coat of arms etched into glass. Small chip on rim and slight imperfection in the glass. BTC. (1) £10
- 1057 **PULLMAN CAR COMPANY** small drinks glass with Pullman coat of arms etched into glass. Slight imperfection in the etching, VGC otherwise. BTC. (1) £10

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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.

Whilst researching Look Back at Pullman this month, I opened the file for 1974 and found the following reference.

August 10th, The Kent & East Sussex Railway inaugural "The Wine & Dine Special" with **S/No.185. BARBARA** within the formation.

Apologies to Doug Lindsay for missing this 30th anniversary of bring Pullman style and elegance to the K&ESR.

With the impending completion of the long haul restoration of car **THEODORA**, I am sure Doug will enjoy the day when the two cars operate in service together.

Bringing back the Blue Pullman, with the news in the model railway press that an "O" Gauge Blue Pullman is to be produced, only adds more fuel to the fire for a request to Hornby or another manufacturer to produce a set in "00/HO".

The prices paid for Kitmaster and Triang cars on E-Bay displays a market gap for a new quality set to be produced.

Visit a model railway web site, and you will see the never ending messages with regard to a request for a new ready to run Blue Pullman model to be produced.

The born again model railway market which I do count myself now a member, with my family now grown up. I now have the finance to purchase and build my model railway. Members of my age group remember the "Indian Summer" of Pullman services which operated with multiple unit operations, the Blue Pullman and Brighton Belle.

I am sure a market gap exists for both sets to be produced in a RTR format, as not everyone has the skills to either scratch build, construct or modify then paint and detail the kits available in the market place.

Is a manufacturer prepared to take the big and bold step to produce a RTR Blue Pullman set.

Remember - "Information is for Sharing – Not gathering Dust".

T.Bye August 31st 2004