

'Just the Ticket'

Oh dear...
What's wrong
with you?



Nothing.



A (still) (trying to be) independent 'shop window'
for those supplying and encouraging the
coarse/standard O gauge model train enthusiast.

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Well dear readers, what a month April has been. In the early part of it I was hugely entertained at the marvellous HRCA 45th anniversary event and in addition to finally meeting several contacts that have been made over the past couple of years courtesy of the newsletter's, I also got to speak in person with Allen Levy of ACE Trains for the first time. I was very encouraged when he informed that now his court case with Andries Grabowsky and Darstaed was over (mid March), he felt the time was 'about right' to submit something ACE Trains related to **'Just the Ticket'**. As you might imagine, I left the venue quite uplifted, frustrated only by the way I had failed to spot the Rev Tim Fox from Australia, who having come to the UK on holiday had specifically planned to meet up with me – very sorry Tim, hopefully next time?!

The month of April went on its way quite peacefully until it was brought to my attention that Allen had felt the need to post something of a bombshell on his ACE Trains forum. I was sent a copy and was admittedly stunned and saddened. Now at this juncture I can well imagine some readers will have no idea what I am referring to and others will question why I feel the need to mention this at all. Rest assure this is not my attempt to stir up a hornet's nest; the nest is already very well stirred up without my contribution, but on the other hand, for a newsletter which attempts to bring the latest news of what is happening in the world of coarse scale O gauge, to make absolutely no mention of current events, is just like looking the other way and pretending you can't see the disturbing scene ahead. So for those unaware, what could I possibly be alluding to that so unsettled me? Let it suffice if I say Mr. Levy became aware of a private email between Mr. Grabowsky and one of his own distributors. How this happens is anyone's guess, but its content was enough to trigger a new round in the seemingly unending war of words between these two leading lights in this tinsplate world. I don't propose to pass further comment on what the subject matter was all about and I feel sure that if readers wish to know more, they will not find it hard to do so, but nevertheless I do mention this subject, because I think it's important that those involved realise what a widespread impact their own disputes have on the body of enthusiasts out there who are effectively called upon to take sides in a dispute which has absolutely nothing to do with them as individuals. Again, caught in the middle, I know for instance that some out there cannot comprehend why I allow myself to be in any way associated with Darstaed and yet all I have ever done is try to promote the wonders of this latest tinsplate age, be they coming from Darstaed or any other maker willing to be featured in the pages of the newsletters, but that's the trouble with warfare, it tears things apart and forces people to take sides and personally I can't abide it.

Barely a week ago I wrote to both Andries and Allen, completely frustrated by the utter impossibility of the position I found myself in and how I could see no future for the newsletter in this unending state of affairs. Andries has since publicly apologised for some of the comments made in the email referred to, which personally I find commendable, but I do wonder if that apology will be accepted and still see little end in sight of what I know plenty out there regard as 'the war.' As if reading my mind, I have had a number of messages come to me urging me to keep up the newsletters if I possibly can and as you will see others have forwarded material for me to use and for all their sakes I have determined to keep going, so here is issue No. 13, unlucky for some, or so they say?

David Upton

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Hello Readers.

We have just returned from a visit to ETS in Prague, after a very positive meeting I can report the following.

Our next Terrier delivery is scheduled for the 29th. April and should be here by the time you get this newsletter, it will be the Limited Edition names and numbers of the Improved Engine Green version of which we have already had number 82 BOXHILL. On our visit I managed to get 3 early issue Terriers the factory had kept back in case of any damaged during transit of our deliveries so if anyone missed out or wanted one of these I have two SR green running number 2662 and one SR green number 8 Freshwater, be quick as this will be your last chance.



I also brought back some interesting novelties that where over from an order, they are motorised models of Volkswagen Beetle and Pick up vehicles. Ed. Here's a prediction. 3railextric coming soon? Remember, you read it here first!



I am told German railways use the pick-up version as a service vehicle on their railways, at £69 each it seems crazy as the motorised bogies in the catalogue show them as dearer than the complete working model???

The final specification for our forthcoming Railcars has been agreed and ETS have promised the first delivery will be in time for the Sandown Park toy fair on the 13th. September, these will be

the GWR passenger livery with the other passenger and parcels versions to following. We also took all the drawings and specifications for the mechanisms of the forthcoming Seven Mill Models of the 9F, 2MT and 03 Diesel locomotives, these as with the earlier B1, B17 and V2 will have ETS mechanisms and final assembly in England by DJH Engineering with their bodies, prices will be available soon and listed on our web sites accordingly. We have also entered into an exclusive agreement with ETS and are pleased to announce that subject to our compilation of an initial stocking and delivery plan Raylo and W.J.Vintage will be your official authorised ETS distributors for the whole United Kingdom.

The Darstaed 6 wheeled coaches and vans have been well received and are selling fast, the second issue are under preparation and here are pictures of the liveries, early orders are invited.



*CAD - Computer Aided Design



CR Horse Box



GWR Luggage Coach



LMS Fruit Van



LMS Horse Box



LMS Parcels Van



LNWR Motor Car



SR (ex-LBSCR) Parcels van



SR Milk Van

Pictures of the first two special edition Terriers currently on their way to Raylo & W. J. Vintage. Priced at £325 each and only 12 of each are being made so don't delay ordering if you want one.







As always many more interesting models are listed on my web site (www.raylo.co.uk) along with a list of events I will attend, plans are under way to redesign my web site and make changes as some customers with Apple computers are unable to log on with the present system but until then please call me on 01582 873460 for personal attention.

Bye for now,

Colin





*News from Benelux
& the Continent,
with Rob Giskes
& Bilk en Speelgoed.*



In the last months Blik en Speelgoed had the opportunity to show a lay out on two events, at Rail 2014 at Houten (3 days) and the spring event in Zutphen (two days). It is nice to see how people, who normally drive H0 or N, are astonished about the possibilities of the 0 gauge and the tinsplate train models.

Even two young men are, as a newcomer's in the model train hobby, interested in gauge 0. I hope many will follow them.

Just to give you an impression, some pictures, Houten Rail, 2014 (page 17 & 18 below).







This, the layout at Zutphen.

Having a webshop and going to events is not enough to inform our customers about the different kind of models we offer. In a close and nice cooperation with van Schoor electronics we opened a shop in shop in Deventer, Kazernestraat 14, Deventer, NL. The shop-in-shop idea is not new but not so often used by smaller shops. We already experience that it is a nice concept. Especially because the electronic parts of van Schoor are of excellent use when people like to modify their model trains.



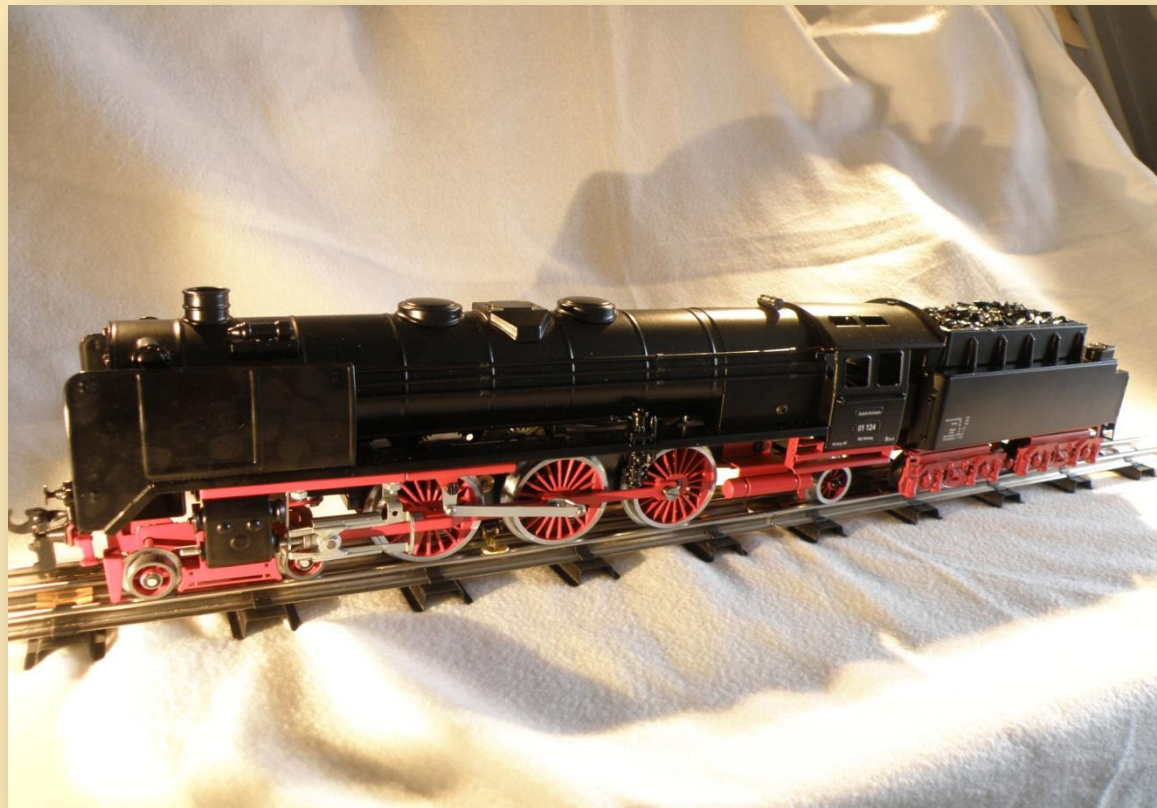
During Intermodellbau at Dortmund I had the opportunity to talk with Jaromir Kriz one of the CEO's of MERKUR about the J 94. Bruce Palmer was so kind to have a very close look at the sample of it and he made a report for MERKUR. When I handed the report to Jaromir and he started reading it (Google translated the English in Czech) his ears became red.... He was very pleased with the comments and I can tell you the first of the small alterations are already done. We hope to receive the first J 94 after summer.

There were so many visitors at our stall that I wasn't able to visit other stalls!

And below, a picture of the stall of MERKUR with Veronica, the hostess of BUBI HO and TT models, in conversation with Josef, a Merkur representative.



MERKUR finally presented their BR 01 locomotive. This model of the famous German steam locomotive with a length of about 55 cm is a nice piece of work. It even runs on the 625 mm curve track of MERKUR.



Their next model the E 52 is running from the production line. The E 52 is a known electric German locomotive. Beside the three Czech electric locomotives MERKUR has now two versions of the E 52 in their program. In July the E 63 will follow. So this year MERKUR will produce 6 new locomotives!

In the next 'Just the Ticket' I hope to inform you about new track from MERKUR. The crossings will be in my next parcel from Czech.

And if you have any questions don't hesitate to ask at: info@blik-en-speelgoed.nl

Rob Giskes





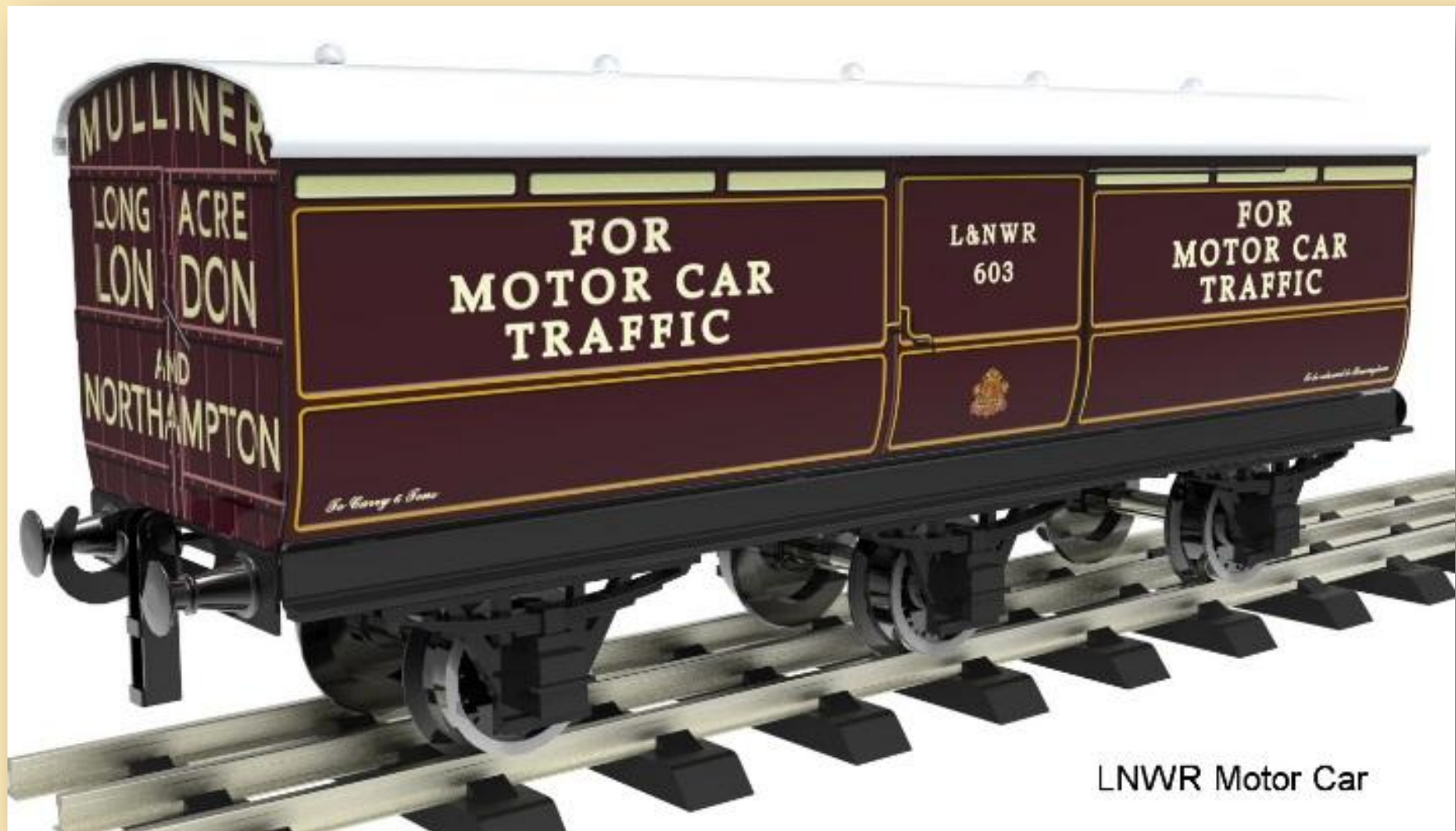
Gentlemen,

“We are back in China after a month of forced delay, with a new passport and therefore a New Year multi entry visa. We are picking up where we left off mid-March. Training and production of the 6Ws has resumed with additional workers. Below you find the images of the next batch of 6W goods vans that will be shipped after the backlog of passenger stock has been cleared. Our 6W goods stock is also very popular with customers of the ETS Terriers issued by our distributor Mr. Colin Toten and Mr. Paul Lumsdon. We are very happy to work together with other companies for the benefit of our customers. Other cooperation’s are in the works. There will be a third batch of 6Ws with arched roofs when the roofs are delivered for the CCs (Corridor coaches).





GWR Luggage Van



LNWR Motor Car





LMS Fruit Van



SR Milk Van



Tooling also has been commissioned for the production of the CCs. As per our established standard, all coaches will have installed interiors and internal lighting.

LMS Period II Corridor 3rd Class picture is shown below



Last week the greatest train show on earth was held in York PA, USA organized by the TCA where our ES (Engine Shed) was well received.

The first production run has now been vouched for and will be shipped by sea both to the UK and the USA, this will take a month longer than shipment by air which is of course cost prohibitive. As always the cost saving is passed on to the customer. We received just now the first shots of the diecast tooling for the skylight and its support.

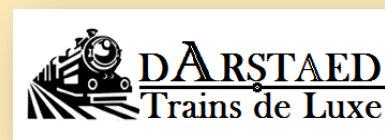


Any news we have between the monthly newsletters will be published on www.facebook.com/Darstaed regularly and you may leave your comments. We will always respond. Please note: the special offer for NC (Non Corridor) stock and Pullman coaches will end on May 31st 2014."

Enjoy your trains,

Cheers,

Andries



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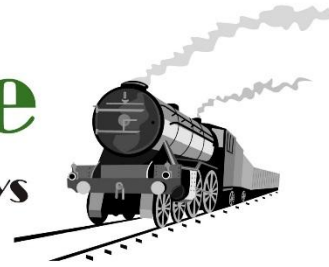
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What's New for May?

Express Dairy Six-Wheel Milk Tank Wagon



"Whilst researching the history of six-wheel milk tankers for the recent CWS and Nestle's Milk releases, I was struck by the fact that during the early days of the Milk Tankers, the dairies owned the tanks, whilst the rail companies owned the chassis frames, and transport during the post grouping era was restricted to the area covered by the individual railway companies. In other words an Express Dairy Milk Tank travelling on a GWR chassis frame would stay on GWR track.

Being one of the UK's largest dairies of its day, Express Dairy employed the services of all of the 'big four' pre-nationalisation rail companies to transport its milk so I thought it would be a good idea to produce an O gauge six wheel 'Express Dairy' tank wagon with a choice of four different chassis frames.

This will be a limited run of 80 pieces split across the four options and is exclusive to **WJVintage**. Pre-orders have quickly shown a pattern of popularity so the final split will be as follows:
GWR – 30 pieces, SR 20 pieces, LNER 20 pieces, LMS 10 pieces = 80 pieces total



The artworks are already complete and production is now underway. They should be available by around the middle of May

Price will be **£51.50** each plus P&P for all variants as follows:

WJV01019/A – Express Dairy LNER

WJV01019/B – Express Dairy LMS

WJV01019/C – Express Dairy GWR

WJV01019/D – Express Dairy SR

Please email wjvintage@lumsdon.eclipse.co.uk or call 07711 092497 to confirm your pre-orders. These have been selling fast to my own dedicated newsletter readers so please get your orders in early to avoid disappointment.

New Terriers Due This Week

With the first batch of the hugely popular ETS Terriers now almost completely sold out at both **WJVintage** and **Raylo**, we are pleased to announced that a second production run is underway and the first locos are due to be delivered in the next week. Production photos of the first two models have arrived just in time for this newsletter.





Terrier A1s No.40 'Brighton' and No.62 'Martello' are presented in the LBSCR 'Improved Engine Green' (actually tan) scheme and only 12 pieces of each have been produced. They will be followed in two to three weeks by No.44 'Fulham', No.55 'Stepney' and No.72 'Fenchurch' with again only 12 pieces of each to be produced. These short run models are all available at £325.00 each plus post & packing. Please email wjvintage@lumsdon.eclipse.co.uk or call 07711 092497 for further information or to confirm your pre-orders.



Images from the HRCA's 45th Anniversary gathering, Loughborough, April 2013.





To the left, a pair of original Hornby engine sheds and to the right the first viewing of a pre production (unfinished) Darstaed replica, model ES 1.



Pre war Hornby 4-4-0 Compound being watered at an ACE Trains water tower.



Offerings from Merkur on the stall of Bruce Palmer. Tin plate buildings are more Gauge 1 than O Gauge but nevertheless are very 'period'. Locomotive build quality is almost indestructible!







Congratulations to all involved in putting on this exceptional event.

Featured YouTube™ uploads:

This month, re-live the sights, sound and atmosphere of the HRCA's 45th anniversary event.

This first upload is from David Webb (Tinkers Hill) who has once again put together a great film, recorded on the Sunday.

You can view it [HERE](#)



Yours truly attended on Saturday and took various photographs and films, put together [HERE](#)



Sure to also be of interest, this film of Hornby Dublo at the same event filmed by Ronald Dodd. [HERE](#)



From the U.S.A. Robin Dobson forwards the following:

Hi, David. Here's the video I wrote to you about. It features three American tinsplate trains from the 1920's. You may want to test it first if you decide to include it the next version of JtT. Spring has finally arrived on Vancouver Island – a bit late this year – and so the garden beckons and threatens to keep me out of the train room for a while. Cheers, Robin

Robin's film is viewable [HERE](#).



Keeping in touch.



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My YouTube channel: <http://www.youtube.com/user/ARKWIRGHTIS?feature=mhee>



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Here are a couple of remarkable sites catering mainly for the American enthusiast.

<http://ogrforum.ogaugerr.com/forum/3-rail---o27-hi-rail-and-classic-o-gauge>



O Gauge Railroading magazine On-Line Forum



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<http://www.jcstudiosinc.com/Archive> It's on this site that I have my own 'blog' in which I post on any developments relating to my garden layout and all that runs on it: <http://www.jcstudiosinc.com/BlogCategoryMain?catId=944>

Make sure you have received your
'Dream City Railway' supplement.

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