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FREE ALARM CLOCK

Yours totally free when you renew your membership in 1999!

Herald in the new millennium with this beautiful alarm clock featuring the O.D.C. logo.

This superb limited edition clock (only available to renewing members) will be sent to you when your membership is renewed in 1999. (If you pay your membership by 'direct debit' your clock will be sent automatically on renewal date).

Membership for 1999 costs

£7.50 U.K. (\$12.00 U.S.A.), and remember these superb benefits; FREE - your limited edition clock, FREE catalogue pages (see page 3), FREE 4 copies of Globe per annum, FREE - your highly collectable Christmas vehicle. Plus 6 for 4, and 4 for 3 pricing on all vehicles!

Note: U.S.A. membership cost increases to \$12.00 per annum as from Jan 1st 1999.



Christmas 1998

Here it is! The FREE 1998 Christmas vehicle.

Resplendent on the Chevrolet truck - our 1998 vehicle represents the 5th Christmas release by O.D.C. The issue this time is 14,250, one only manufactured for each member U.K. and U.S.A.

We are continually being asked for past Christmas models - so if anybody does want to part with them, particularly 1994 and 1995 models, please advise Michael accordingly.



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all our members

A word from *Michael*

Hello Everyone,

We've just completed our 5th year as a club and membership this year has peaked at 14,730 members. Unfortunately due to membership renewals at this time of year, this slips somewhat at years end.

We've had a lot of exceptional publicity in 1998 with Radio Times - Tesco and of course the 'Die-Cast Collectors Magazine' and 'Model Collector' with our Colin making an appearance.

The visit to us from 'The Maidenhead Model Collectors Club' was a lovely day for all. The gov'nor even enjoyed himself (for once). I'm sure our members January visit will be a memorable one too.

My column has been curtailed this edition due to space (how dare they) but you all take good care - have a super Christmas holiday and most importantly a healthy 1999.

Hope you like the Christmas 1998 model.

Kind regards



Michael Johnston-Allen

PS. Anyone else for the factory visit on 19th or 20th January, please contact us urgently.

IN THE SHOPS U.K. CURRENT

St Dalfour preserves and jams Bullnose (159G) for 2 purchases @ £2.60 inc. p+p.

Sheldon Muffins & Potato Cakes- 1 Bullnose (155), 1 Model T (071T) @ £1.99 each plus 50p p+p with 1 product proof of purchase (if both vehicles are purchased, only 50p postage required for both). (Most Supermarkets).

Airfix - Special model kits of 'Spitfire' and 'Victory'- 1 Model T Truck (072TG) FREE in pack. (Available from Beatties and other toy & model shops).



Tesco 'Gold' Tea 4 x 40 bag pack, and **Tesco Crisp Cereal Range** - 1 Model T Van (075T), 1 Chevrolet open truck (C006), 1 Bus (B42), 1 Bullnose (157G) @ £2.49 inc. p+p each plus 1 proof, or all 4 vehicles for £8.95 plus 3 tokens.

Tokens may be mixed between Tesco Gold Tea and Tesco Crisp Cereal products.

JANUARY

Pascoes Dog Food - 1 Bullnose (161), 1 Bus (B44), 1 Model T truck (080T), 1 Model T Van (081T). Any one vehicle @ £1.99 inc. p+p or all 4 @ £6.99 inc. p+p.

FREE Magazine Offer

We are pleased to offer a FREE copy of 'Diecast Collectors' Magazine to all members of the Oxford Die-Cast Club.



Every issue of the magazine is packed with full colour articles featuring collectors and their collections covering a wide range of themes and values from a few hundred pounds to several thousand. Since its launch in October 1997 Diecast Collector is the fastest growing and the biggest selling magazine for collectors of new and obsolete models.

To obtain your FREE copy, simply write to:-

**Diecast Collector,
O.D.C. Magazine offer,
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Plc, West Street, Bourne,
Lincolnshire PE10 9PH**

The Southern Collection

Why you may ask - do we manufacture these little chaps, which are foreign to our O.D.C. range?

Simply because they are very sought after, especially the Bedford vehicle, and if you are a model railway enthusiast, the scale is perfect for your layouts.

Having said that, they are just beautiful, so much so that 'Taff' can't resist turning them out in various liveries, the first of which are the three beauties from 'Hants & Dorset', 'Hants & Sussex', and 'Southern'.

They are available as a set of three in their own superb presentation display box (as shown) or as individuals.

It should be pointed out that this will be an ongoing series with regular



liveries planned throughout next year. The edition is 2600 and each set has a limited edition certificate.

Note: The display boxed sets are not available until late February 1999. Single vehicles are not certificated.

East Yorkshire

The ever popular Routemaster is in the livery of East Yorkshire - and the edition is just 2000 pieces - so it's not going to be around for long. Plus this is the first vehicle with the new modified wheels.

This Routemaster looks exceptionally smart in East Yorkshire traditional livery.

Following the success of their first Routemaster service in April 1988, East Yorkshire bought a further batch of Routemasters from 'Clydsdale Scottish' and used them continually until the cessation of crewed buses.



Brakspear Brewery



Following the tremendous enthusiasm to the Fremlins beer truck in the last issue of Globe, it has been decided to run a series of famous old breweries with the Chevrolet truck. This time it's the Brakspear dray - with a members only edition of 2600 pieces. For anybody who might not have obtained the first vehicle - 'Fremlins', this can be purchased from the order form also.

**DAD'S
ARMY**

"Who do you think you're kidding Mr. Hitler"



This Glorious 'Home Guard' collection is represented by the **Model T 'Platoon Truck'** usually donated by local business or indeed a disused vehicle, quickly restored for duty and given to the regional platoon - old even in 1939/40!

The **Bullnose Air Raid Warden Van** was again dependent on donated vehicles often lent or given to the wardens themselves. These vehicles came in various guises and were used to carry emergency equipment such as observation and black out supplies etc.

The **Chevrolet A.R.P. (Air Raid Protection)** was run by the local

authority for such roles as Rescue, First Aid Posts, Warden Services. The vehicles were shipped from the U.S. but latterly manufactured in the U.K.

The **Morris Bullnose - Ambulance Service.**

Ambulances were often grocery type vans, which were requisitioned and converted for the job, usually with two stretchers in them - even cars were used.

All Home Guard vehicles were crudely painted. The edition is 3500 sets of 4 vehicles (4 for 3 price applies - see order form). *Please note: These sets are not available until late February 1999.*

U.S. IN STORE CURRENT

'Days Inn' - 1 Bus (B40U) \$3.99 plus \$2.00 s&h available from 'September Days Club News' or via the club for \$9.95 each.

Superfresh Stores - 1 Model T open truck (073TGU) available on 'American Choice' or 'Masters Choice' - any label to qualify. \$2.99 plus \$2.00 s&h or via club for \$9.95 each.

Kroger 'Raisin Bran Flakes' - 1 Model T truck (074TU) in return for 2 proofs of purchase plus \$2.99 inc s&h. (*A firm favourite with Harrison Ford!*)

JANUARY

Bergen Evening Record (New Jersey) - 1 Chevrolet (C013U) @ \$3.99 plus \$2.00 s&h.

Purity - Orange Juice, Milk & Lemonade - 1 Model T tanker (086TU), 1 Model T churns (087TU) @ \$4.95 each plus \$2.00 s&h or both vehicles @ \$12.00 inc. s&h plus FREE Model A, in return for 1 proof of purchase.

Gold Kist - 1 Model T (088TGU), FSI @ \$2.99 plus \$2.00 s&h. No proof of purchase required. Available through regional newspapers and publications.

TAFF'S COLUMN

We have been working on various types of coating over the last couple of months.

Our current coating is known as powder coating which is an electrostatic process.

We take coloured powder (it looks like talcum powder) which is electrically charged so that it is attracted to an earthed zinc die cast component.

This is then melted at 180°C to form a skin which is limited to one colour.

To create the 2nd colour effect as seen on the New Bedford Cubs, Mike A and Dusty have developed a masking process whereby we add a secondary wet finish.

We will be further developing this during the course of the year.

Sounds as complicated as ever Taff! Michael

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

"Paper Guv'nor?"

"Oh yes please - what have you got?"

"Well, we've got the Liverpool Echo (162G), the 'Daily Record' from Scotland (150G), the 'International Herald Tribune' (040TF), the 'Lytham St. Annes Express' (137G), the Bolton Evening News' (131G)"

"They sound nice, but I only want one!"

"Tell you what guv'nor, take all 5 and I'll give you another 5 FREE"

"Sounds good to me, what are they?"

"Well, there's the 'Bolton Evening News' (B41), the 'Bucks Examiner' (133), the 'Herald Tribune' (B(R)26F), the 'Daily Record', Scotland (067TG) and the 'Liverpool Echo' (082TG).

"Done! I'll be reading till the millennium though! Thank you."

New Catalogue Pages

We are just completing the next batch of catalogue pages which consist of the following:

Bullnose	136G - 147G	(2 pages)
Chevrolet	C001 - C006	(1 page)
Model T	063T - 080T	(2 pages)
Bus	B37 - B42	(1 page)
Sporting Heroes	Tabbed insert	(1 page)
Sporting Heroes	SH1G - SH6G	(1 page)

Note: These will be dispatched during January/February.

NEW RELEASES

Model T	Model No.	Edition	Available
Zep (USA)	083TU	6000	500
Safety (late January) (USA)	084TU	1300	300
Swaner (USA)	085TGU	1250	250
Liverpool Echo	082TG	3000	1000
Bullnose			
Liverpool Echo	162G	3000	1000
Blythswood	163	3500	1000
Bus Routemasters			
Nottingham Council (Car Parks)	RM1	2500	500
Nottingham Council (Energy)	RM2	2000	500

Broncho Bill

The circus rolls on and welcomes a new act

This vehicle - the Chevrolet (C011) - can be adapted for open truck loads or enclosed as per the above.

For those members wishing to purchase the original six vehicle set, please see the order form.

If you didn't know, 'Broncho Bills' circus was founded in 1912 and moved around the British Isles with its 2 famous elephants, Suzy and Salty.

To this day the family descendants are still performing at the Blackpool Tower circus.



Henry Cooper



Arguably Britain's greatest heavyweight winning the British, European and Commonwealth titles.

Nobody can think of Henry Cooper without recalling the knockdown of Cassius Clay at the end of Round 4, of their heavyweight fight. In fact, had Henry landed his famous 'Enry Ammer' 5 seconds earlier - history could well have been rewritten, as only the bell saved Cassius Clay from the full count!, and only a severe cut above Henry's left eye gave the referee little choice but to stop the fight. In a recent interview Muhammad Ali lists the Henry Cooper fight amongst his most memorable (of course Muhammad Ali was previously known as Cassius Clay).

Henry's professional career spanned over 16 years and he created a record by holding the British Heavyweight title for 10 1/2 years, successfully defending it on 8 occasions, thus being the only British boxer ever to win 3 Lonsdale belts.

In 1965 Henry was awarded the OBE in recognition of his achievements in the boxing world and by the time of his retirement from the ring in 1971, he had become one of Britain's most respected and loved personalities.

To add to his OBE he was awarded the KSG by the Pope for services to Charity.

These days sees Henry most active and competitive on the golf course as a regular in Pro Am and celebrity tournaments, usually in the cause of charity, the most often being for the 'Variety Club of Great Britain Golfing Society' for whom he is Chairman of the Executive Committee. Their main objective is to provide 'Sunshine coaches' for under privileged and handicapped children.

This delightful Henry Cooper 'Sporting Heroes' collectable is a must for every enthusiast of British sport and ranks amongst the most desirable vehicles produced.

The edition is just 3000 pieces and each vehicle comes with its own certificate of authenticity and is personally signed by Henry Cooper.

The cost is £5.95 each and No. SH11G in the 'Sporting Heroes' range. Any combination of 'Sporting Heroes' vehicles may be purchased on the 4 for 3 or 6 for 4 basis (but not mixed with other vehicles).

How about some early Christmas shopping? The ideal gift for the man around the house and the ideal stocking filler for all the guys, as on the 6 for 4 basis, the cost equals just £3.96 each! What's more all 'Sporting Heroes' vehicles have personally signed profile certificates with them!

We anticipate a high demand for the 'Henry vehicle' and suggest an early response. This will of course have great appeal to our U.S. members as well!