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The R.T. takes to the Road

Predecessor to the RM, the gorgeous R.T. makes its debut!

Manufactured by AEC, the RT (Regent) was first manufactured in the early 30's with 'London Transport' being the main purchaser. By the mid to late 30's a bigger engine had been developed from the 7.7 litre to the 8.8 litre with the addition of an air pressure system that would operate the brakes and the gear change on the pre-selector gear box.

Versions of the R.T. went to many bus companies, including Leeds - Hull - Dundee - Cardiff and of course the largest fleet by far being 'London Transport'.

The post war Regent was called the MKII though it was basically the same as the previous model and the first bus of the new type went into service for 'Mansfield District Traction'.

Altogether, 596 MKII's went into service until the last one built in 1948 and operated by 'Reading Corporation'.



One of the larger operators of this bus was 'Liverpool Corporation' (100) 'South Wales' (41) - little doubt we'll soon have this one! - 'Trent Motor Traction' (55), 'City of Oxford' (20) plus many smaller operators.

One order of interest was from 'Midland Red' for 100 vehicles which were supplied without canopies, they preferred a different body to the standard one.

Our first model also introduces a brand new series and needless to say, gives everybody the chance to collect a whole range from No.1 onwards - as we'll be producing them regularly from this Globe on! Don't miss out!

The Greenline R.T. is the release model.

Model No. RT001
Edition: 2500



"Bet you can guess what's coming next in this range can't you?"

Treasure Chest

We promised some corks and here is a long gone few to gather up. As stated we are contacting all companies from previous promotions offering to purchase back any of their leftover stock.

All vehicles illustrated right are previously listed as 'no'.

SEE ORDER FORM ATTACHED.



◀ B59
New Zealand Lamb
200 AVAILABLE



▶ RM14
New Zealand Lamb
214 AVAILABLE



▶ RM5
Stardrops
180
AVAILABLE



▶ RM1
Notts Council
200
AVAILABLE



THE WORLD'S CAPITAL

Good old London Town. The London Tour Open Top makes sure her history is savoured.

From 'Big Ben' to the 'The Houses of Parliament' and 'Westminster Abbey' all clumped together, 'The Cenataph', 'Downing Street' and 'Whitehall' with it's Horse Guards before you've gathered your breath. Seconds later and you are in 'Trafalgar Square' down the Mall to 'Buckingham Palace' with the Guards and beautiful gardens of 'St. James Park'. Sit back for a few minutes before reaching 'The Tower of London' with the sensational 'Tower Bridge' Whew!

There's loads and loads more with the experienced guide telling you about the historical

buildings and there inhabitants over the generations and centuries.

If you have never experienced the Open Top London Tour - don't leave it. When you next visit London make a point of it. You will be guaranteed to learn things and see places you never knew existed.



Model No. RM042
Edition: 2000



IT'S A KNOCKOUT

If you are the lucky owner of an original No.1 Series 1 'Knockout' comic - you could sell it today for some £350. Not bad on a 3d threepenny investment (old money of course).

'Knockout' first hit the newsagents in 1939 - just prior to the outbreak of War and was originally titled 'The Knockout

Comic' later the Series 1 was teamed up with 'Valiant' in 1963. The second series - Series II teamed up with 'Wizard' and 'Chips' in 1973.

Our Chevrolet features non less than "Deed a Day Darny" - could he be 'Desperate Dans' boy? Taff suggests 'Trust him once Taff' as his replacement. It's the 13th in the Series.

Model No. CC 013 Edition: 1000



Just singing, just singing in the rain!

50 years ago the wonderful musical 'Singing in the Rain' hit our screens.



MGM's technicolor musical treasure as it was called was released in 1952 and became one of the most celebrated film musicals of all time - starring Gene Kelly, Donald O'Connor and Debbie Reynolds. It was set in 1927 and epitomised the creativity of the studios from stage musicals to lavish screen production. The choreographer was the stars main actor Gene Kelly and its producers Arthur Freed, Vincente Minnelli and Stanley Donen.

Who can forget the title song 'Singing in the Rain' which sequence must have been shown hundreds of times, or the fabulous Donald O'Connor dancing up the wall! Not forgetting the spectacular music 'Broadway Melody' with guest star Cyd Charisse, and how gorgeous Debbie looked!

Most films sink without trace, but 'Singing in the Rain' remains right up with that list of immortals forever.

The producers were responsible between them for other great classics such as 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' 'Gigi', 'On the Town', 'Meet me in St. Louis' and 'An American in Paris'. A star studded production - you could say that - from the producers/directors to the cast - jewels of the film industry and with the exception of a couple of numbers - the whole of the musical score for 'Singing in the Rain' was composed by Freed & Broom for other different Hollywood productions in the preceding two decades!

Our 'Daily Sketch' newspaper delivery van shows the film advertised on its side panel. A must model for newspaper vehicle collectors as well.



Model No. A024 Edition: 1000

A Word from Michael

Dear Members,

It's like Christmas with every Issue of Globe. In the last 6 months or so we've had the VW the RMO and now the gorgeous, fabulous RT. You can guess what is coming next can't you?

I remember going to work in my early years on an RT every morning from Chesham to Amersham.

The RT's were green and under the "London Transport" livery - before "London

Country". The 2d fare was referred to as a '2 please' (not tuppence or tuppenny).

When travelling downstairs I always tried to get right at the front behind the drivers cab and watch him (always a him) using the pre-select gear box.

I wondered at the time how he could move up a gear without changing gear. Of course, as soon as he pressed in the clutch the gear took up.

The crew were dressed in green uniforms as opposed to the black ones employed on the red London buses.

The 'RN' - cigi brand has been widely requested - I guess it brings back memories - bit bland don't you think? Did the Army and

Airforce have it's own fags too?

Old Taff is doing the Gold bus to death isn't he? A taste of a good thing and he can't leave it alone. Now, a set is promised for the next Globe.

The sets worth picking up - even if only for Christmas presents. Where can you buy a gift like this for relatives or friends overseas - or indeed as a nice stocking filler for under £10.00!

Enough, enough.

You all take good care.

IN THE NAVY

Much requested and now delivered - the cigarettes of the 'Royal Navy' - 'RN'!

Now we know a lot about this brand due to many members telling us so much about it, in particular, member J. Dawson of Portsmouth. Sailors fondly referred to them as 'Pursers Blue Liners' as they carried a blue line down each cigarette and were issued to seamen at shore bases or to Reserve ships not at sea. Each month every person received 3 cigarette coupons and each coupon entitled you to 100 cigi's or a tin of tobacco to roll your own - or if you preferred - a tin of pipe tobacco. We guess your popularity soared if you didn't smoke as the coupons were extremely tradable.

A sailor was allowed 25 cigarettes a night whilst on shore and 200 to go on leave with.

The sailors reckoned they were so cheap at just 3/- a hundred - (later 7 shillings a hundred), because, they were the sweepings from the factory floor. In the 1960's you could obtain plain and tipped versions. After they increased the price further, they were often smuggled, and lord help you if you were caught.

The cigarettes were in fact manufactured by various manufacturers including 'Gallaghers' - 'BAT' - 'Sobranie' and were signified on the back of packs by their initial ie. 'G' for Gallaghers etc.

Of course in the early days health warnings were not printed on packs, but later packs of 'RN' carried them!

'Anchors Away' for this lovely Bullnose.



FOOTNOTE:

Blue Liners - could they be the predecessor to the Green Line?

Model No. CIG031 Edition: 2000

ALSO, member Mr. Barkworth recalls RN's with the blue line and his recollection is they were 'Full of salt peter' and costing 4½/2d per pack around 1949-50 time.

On the Subject of CIGI'S

Member Mr. L. Barrow used to work for B.A.T. and has sent us a very interesting article on 'State Express'. Extracts are taken from the publication only, as the whole article would fill the Globe!

Chairman Mao smoked them, General Montgomery ordered them for the Desert Rats and in 1941 thousands of packets were dropped over Holland bearing a message from their exiled Queen!

'State Express' started in 1893 and named after a train that recorded a speed of 112 m.p.h. The train was called 'The Empire State Express' and carried the insignia '999'. On the train was Sir Albert Levy founder of British Tobacco Co. When he returned to the UK he promptly registered a shortened version of the train's name, thus 'State Express' plus he registered a sequence of triple numbers!

There, that's a taster for you and if Taff decides on another S.E. - we'll tell you more.

ELVIS

Probably without doubt, the greatest rock and roll singer of all time. His voice and songs are still, if not more, popular than ever. The King!

Too many hits to list them all, but 'Jailhouse Rock' 'Blue Suede Shoes' and of course 'Love Me Tender' spring immediately to mind when thinking of Elvis!

Our delightful VW Van honours the King or Rock 'n' Roll and



Model No. VW005 Edition: 1500



illustrates Elvis in his most famous stand. Pity you can't see the lip!

The fifth in our VW series. The others (except Christmas 2001) will be made available on the order form, so you can catch up if you want.

P.S. Taff - where's the ODC logoed model? A lot of requests for it!

GREEN ROVER

The name 'Green Rover' was adopted by a Watford operator and was used on a fleet of vehicles in that area.

Our model is based on a vehicle (as shown) in 1991. She was previously owned by BEA and one presumes had the closing side entrance doors. Oh' and maybe a towbar at the back!



Model No. RM43
Edition: 2000



HMS Belfast

The second vehicle in our new 'Military Series' 'HMS Belfast'.

Built in the mid 30's and launched in March 1938. She served as a flagship throughout the second World War, playing a leading part in the destruction of the German Battle Cruiser 'Scharnhorst' at the battle of North Cape and was one of the larger vessels taking part in the Normandy landings.

After the war 'Belfast' supported the U.N. forces in Korea and remained in service with the Royal Navy until 1965.

She carried an all male crew of 916 ratings and officers happily smoking 'RN' cigis we guess!

In 1971 she was saved from the scrap yard and moored on the Thames near 'Tower Bridge' to serve as a permanent museum and historic reminder of Britains naval heritage in the first half of the twentieth century.

An hour round this huge and complex warship will take you from the Quarter deck up to the bridge and all the way down through nine decks to her massive boiler and engine rooms. On your journey, you will see her triple 6 inch thick gun turrets and heavily armoured shell rooms. You can almost feel the tossing and turning on the high seas and feel the atmosphere, whilst experiencing what life was like for her crew, especially when you visit the cramped Mess decks, Officers cabins, Galley and Sick Bay.

The guns in both turrets are trained and elevated onto a target 12.5 miles away in North West London. In fact, targeted onto the Gateway Service Station on the M1, a reminder of the awesome power of naval gunnery in the War.

A NOTE OF CAUTION - Take your helmet if going into 'Gateway' for a cuppa?

Another interesting point is that the forward boiler room is guarded by a double set of doors forming an airlock into the compartment beyond. This was essential as any sudden change in air pressure could result in the boilers 'flashing back' and incarcerating anything (or anyone) in front of them.

Model No. MIL002
Edition: 2000



WELL WELL WORTH A VISIT. IT'S FABULOUS. TEL: 0207 940 6300.



Guest Vehicles

'THE BILL' Police Car & '4x4'

One of the most popular T.V. series 'The Bill' was sort of the successor to 'Z Cars' featuring Fancy Smith etc.

This delightful vehicle has you almost believing its for real with the attention to detail with the '4x4' manufactured to the same exacting standards.

For those of you that have the ambulance and fire engine - this is a must. For those of you that would like the opportunity to buy all 4, then you can purchase at a special price from this Globe at £6.99 each!

**Buy 2 & SAVE £1.00 or all 4 for £19.95
(+ £2.00 p&p on all 4)**

