

Lucille, Lucille, Lucille or what's in a Pullman car name by Fred van der Lubbe TCS 1297

When, long ago, I first discovered English Railways I collected a few 00-gauge trains. I liked the then current Hornby Pullman cars and combined a Hornby Bulleid Pacific with 4 Pullman cars, three R229 First class parlour cars "Lucille" and a R233 Third class parlour brake "Car No.78". When my modeltrain loving nephew Gijs came along to look at all my trains he passed the glass case displaying this Pullman train and said, in a contemptuous voice: "Lucille, Lucille, Lucille". By that I much became aware of the difference between car numbers and car names. Hornby was apparently also aware of this and later delivered the Pullman car with a choice of names (to be attached to the car sides by the buyer).

Recently reading the excellent Pullman Profile books by Antony M. Ford the question arose whether toy train Pullman car names had anything to do with real Pullman car names, so I started a small and maybe incomplete investigation. Terry Bye, editor of the Pullman Newsletter (<http://www.semgonline.com/coach/coupe/index.html>), has issued inventories of 00 gauge Pullman cars, including more recent correct scale models with correct names. I specifically looked at older or more toy-like, coarse scale, pullman cars and their names, but including older 00-gauge cars. The naming of Pullman cars was initiated by the American Pullman company. I limit myself here to the British Pullman cars. Pictures, except were stated otherwise, made by me from items in my collection.

ACE



The two Metropolitan Railway Pullman cars made by ACE have the names of both the real Metropolitan Pullman cars Mayflower and Galatea.

The ACE British Railway Mk1 modern Pullman cars have the correct names: Parlour car Amethyst and Emerald; Kitchen car Eagle and Falcon.

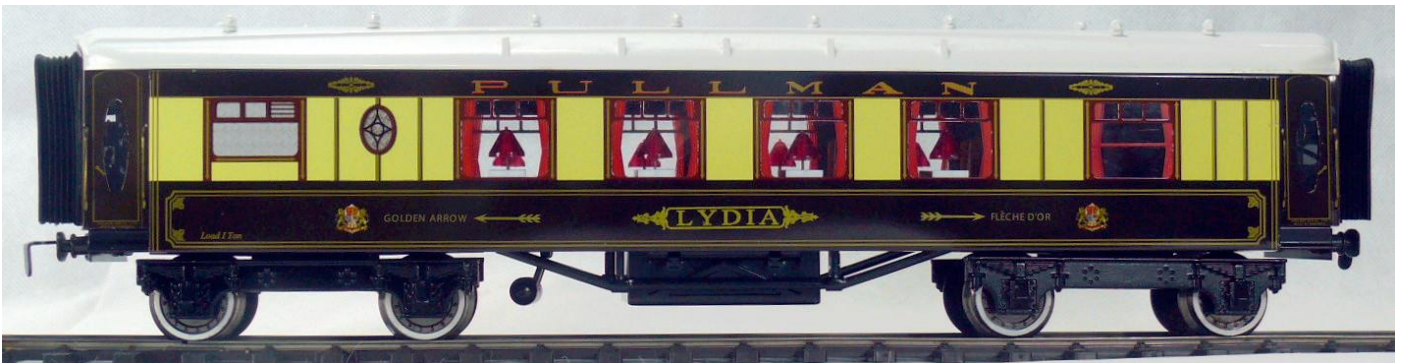
Bing



Jörg D picture

Bing from Germany made 4 gauge 0 Pullman cars with the names Cassandra, Minerva, Plato and Rosemary. There were indeed Pullman cars with these names; Minerva and Rosemary were Parlour cars and Cassandra and Plato were Parlour cars with kitchen. The 4 Bing cars however do not show any difference in (window) layout.

Darstaed



Darstaed made a very large range of Pullman cars with different names, most arranged in sets representing a named Pullman train. The single cars they made were Pullman Bar cars with correct car names Diamond and Pegasus. Note that the name of the bar is not the name of the car. A further single car was a Parlour car named Michaela. Michaela was not a Pullman car name, but could have been; the Darstaed car was made for the 40th HRCA anniversary and the name Michaela was chosen since it is the name of the granddaughter of Frank Hornby.

Darstaed made three different Brighton Belle trains with correctly named Parlour kitchen cars: Doris and Hazel, Audrey and Vera, Mona and Gwen. Further they made with correct names:

- Parlour cars: Agatha, Eunice, Isle of Thanet, Juana, Minerva, Onyx, Sheila, Ursula, Zena.
- Parlour kitchen cars: Argus, Aries, Aurelia, Belinda, Cecilia, Chlora, Evadne, Fingall, Joan, Loraine, Lydia, Maid of Kent, Rosamund.
- Parlour brake: Juno, Montana

Graham Farish



Graham Farish (Grafar) made in 00 gauge a number of versions of a named Pullman Parlour kitchen car. The first versions had names Iolanthe, Lydia, Minerva, Pauline and Phyllis. Lydia and Minerva were in reality Parlour cars without kitchen, so the name and body did not match. A later version had blank names boards but with transfers such that the owner could add a name; there were 13 names supplied but not all of these were correct Pullman car names, like Rosamunde, and some were names which were not correct for a kitchen car.

Hornby



Hornby made a number of series of Pullman cars in 0 gauge:

The 4-wheel M0 Pullman cars were Zena and Joan while the M1 Pullman cars were Aurelia, Marjorie and Viking; all these are correct Pullman names.

The No 1 4-wheel Pullman cars were made in a saloon car type with names Corsair, Cynthia, Niobe, and brake car type with names Ansonia and Aurora. These are correct Pullman names and Ansonia and Aurora indeed had a guard/brake end.

The 8-wheel No.2 and No.3 Pullman cars just wore incorrectly the name "Pullman" below the window.

The 8-wheel No.2-3 and No.2 Special Pullman cars had the names Grosvenor, Iolanthe, Loraine and Zenobia while the cars with brake end had the names Arcadia, Alberta, Montana and Verona. All these are correct names and the last four cars indeed had a guard/brake end.

Hornby Dublo



Hornby Dublo made only one named Pullman car, Aries. Aries was a Parlour kitchen car just as Hornby Dublo made it. Wrenn later made a series of correctly named Pullman cars based on the Hornby Dublo tooling.

Hornby Railways



Lucille, the Pullman car that started my "Pullman car name" search was a correctly modelled and rightly named Parlour car. More on Hornby Railways Pullman cars until the recent time can be found in a document available for free download in the Pullman Car Services Archive:

http://www.semgonline.com/coach/coupe/coupe_se14.pdf

Leeds



Photo by Peter Zwakhals DHRCA

Leeds (LMC) made gauge 0 Pullman Parlour kitchen cars Hazel and Doris, both with correct names, as part of their Brighton Belle Pullman train.

Lima



The Pullman car Louisa made by Lima in H0/00 gauge is based on the body of a CIWL Pullman car and not of a British Pullman car. The name Louisa might look correct, but there was no Pullman car with that name. There was a car named Louise.

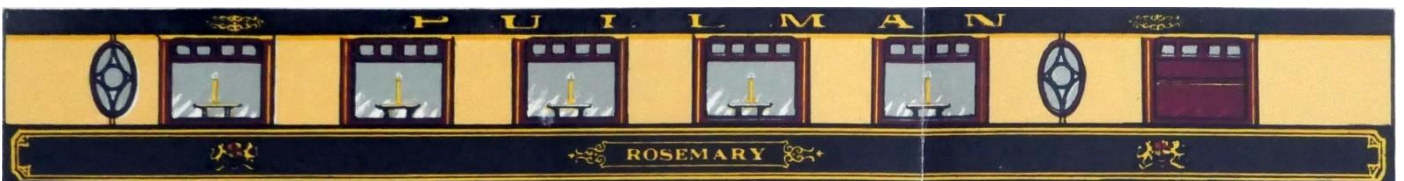
Märklin



New Cavendish picture

In gauge 0 and 1 Märklin made good looking Pullman cars, which are quite rare, with the names Alberta and Cleopatra, both correct names. In H0/00-gauge Märklin made prewar a Pullman car with incorrect lettering (LNER and the name Pullman) and the body looking more like a CIWL Pullman car. This does not prevent it from being very collectable and expensive.

Merco



Merco supplied litho paper scaled to 00 gauge to make your own Pullman car based on wooden or any other material bodies. These papers could be found at the London model railway shop Hamblings; parts to complete your cars like bogies and wheels were also available there. The sheet could be used to make a Pullman Parlour car, a Pullman kitchen car and a Pullman third class brake car with a selection of names and numbers. The names available on the sheet are Agatha, Eunice, Evadne, Phyllis, and Thelma for Parlour cars and Barbara, Cecilia, Rosemary, Sheila, Ursula and Viking for Parlour kitchen cars. These are all correct Pullman car names, however with a mix-up between Parlour car and Kitchen cars.

Merkur



The Czech manufacturer Merkur made a couple of years ago 3 different Pullman cars with the names Margareth, Minerva and Othelo. The names Margareth and Othelo (sic) were not used for a real Pullman car. There has been a Pullman car Minerva which does not resemble the Merkur product.

Milbro

I could not source a picture but Milbro did have the following names as transfers available for Pullman cars: Bessborough, Grosvenor, and Princess Helen. These are correct names for Pullman Parlour cars. Whether Milbro had Pullman cars with these names available RTR I do not know.

Triang



The Triang Pullman cars had the names Anne, Jane, Mary and Ruth. The names Anne and Ruth are used on real Pullman cars. There is no Pullman car named Jane and there were no cars with just the name Mary, but there were cars like Princess Mary and Mary Beaton.

Trix



Trix Twin is the name of a wrongly named Trix Pullman car. Later versions of this car wore the name Zena and Sheila; the real cars with these names however look different, amongst others they have the characteristic oval windows. Later Trix made plastic Mk1 (modern) Pullman cars with the names Adrian, Aries, Carina, Eagle, Hawk, Heron, Ibis, Joan, Lydia, Orion, Raven, Plato, Robin, Snipe and Wren. All these are correct Pullman car names but the names Adrian, Aries, Carina, Ibis, Joan, Lydia, Orion, Plato are not correct for this type of modern Pullman car.

British toy trains manufacturers



British toy trains manufacturers like Mettoy, Wells, Brimtoy and Chad Valley made toy Pullman cars, some even in larger 8-wheel variants. However, these all wear the name Pullman but not a car name.

German toy train manufacturers



German toy train manufacturers like Bub, Distler and Fischer made Pullman cars that wear the name Pullman but not a car name.