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Ladies & Gentlemen,

Welcome to our Darstaed newsletter No: 64

Darstaed team wishes our friends and customers a merry Christmas and a happy new year

A lot has happened since our last newsletter No 63 of February 2017, at that time we had announced our foray into the realm of 2-Rail fine scale starting with the production of brass MK1 mainline coaches. A modest quantity of these coaches is being produced in 7 liveries and 12 different models. The first shipments took place in November 2017 and the last batch will be shipped by March 2019. It has pleased over 2700 readers of the Hornby Model Railway Magazine to grant Darstaed the "Best O Gauge Carriage/Wagon" of 2018 award which we are very pleased with.



*Best O Gauge  
Carriage/Wagon*



We also announced a 35 cm version of these coaches in coarse scale to accompany our Warship but the Czech company ETS already produced this diesel loco in the meantime so we decided to cancel this production. That was a real pity as a proper MK1 coach has not yet been produced in 3-Rail coarse scale.

However in March/April 2019 we will start the production of the MK1 non-corridor stock which will be 2-Rail fine scale and 40 cm long. There will be 4 liveries and 5 different models. At that time we may consider also issuing a range of true MK1 mainline coaches in 3-Rail coarse scale for our 3-Rail customers. In Q4 we hope to have a third coach on the shelf.



As we have informed you as well in NL 63 we endeavor to make our products in 2-Rail as well as 3-Rail whereby as much as possible the same common tooling will be used to keep the cost down. Therefore we have been working on a mechanism for our mainline locos that is suitable for 2-Rail as well as 3-Rail. Although the mechanism will be the same, the wheels of course will have different flanges and back to back as in our view common wheelsets cannot function satisfactorily on both. In 2019 we hope to resume the manufacture of mainline locomotives again, both for 2-Rail fine scale and a coarse scale version for 3-Rail operation. We also hope to move some of our manufacturing to the UK. True to tradition all of our all-metal locomotives will feature working headlamps, glowing firebox and tremendous pulling power. The A4s production will resume and some other locomotives are on the drawing board as well.

Furthermore we announced the issue of the well wagon. After the diecast tooling for the 3-rail version was completed however our two main distributors backed out of their commitment to purchase the minimum quantity so we switched production to a 2-Rail version in ABS instead with Slater wheels. This proved very successful.





On the 16<sup>th</sup> of November last month we were present at the opening of the Darstaed showroom at Ellis Clark Trains in Skipton. The opening was spread over three days and tout beau monde of 2-Rail was present.



Courtesy: Charles Oldroyd



Many of our 3-Rail customers have enquired why the long silence from our part. The main reason is that on the 3-Rail scene we had no news until our 2-Rail venture proved successful so that our 3-Rail program could be established. And that time has only come now.

Firstly due to the uncertainty regarding trading and shipping between the EU and the UK we have decided to move our warehouse/factory outlet for British 3-R coarse scale models from The Netherlands to the UK. We have found Mr. David Upton prepared to run our factory outlet. This entails a cost saving which will be passed on to our customers. The products in stock will comprise the last of the Bogie Tankers, the last of the Corridor mainline Stock and the last of the Mineral Wagons. The factory outlet will only have 3-rail coarse scale products in stock, all our 2-Rail fine scale products will be available from Clark Trains only. New British 3-Rail products will be announced by Mr. Upton shortly.

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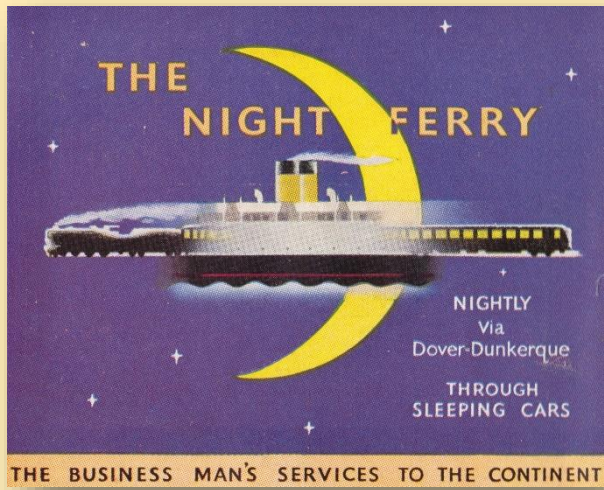
Secondly we have started, finally, to prepare the production of the pre war 40cm Märklin coaches (DCH coaches) with some exciting new British and American liveries that actually existed. Also we are preparing the Night Ferry whereby artwork for the fourgon has been designed by Ian Coleman who also designed the artwork of our first Advan series many years ago.













Also for the same litho print run we are considering a station building to accompany a re-issue of the canopy we designed and produced 15 years ago and that was sold under our other brand name.



We wish you all a prosperous 2019.

Enjoy your trains,

Cheers,  
*Andries*





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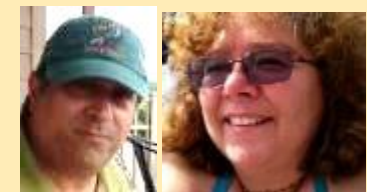
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