


TROLLEY

KEEPING YOU IN TOUCH WITH THE LIVE-WIRE OF SUMMERLEE

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OPERATING NEWS

There is, again no news to report on the actual tramway.

TRAMCARS

Car 53 The railings on the top deck have been secured, primed and fitted with decency panels which have also been primed. The interior longitudinal seating has been stained and is currently being varnished. The life trays/guards have been 'red-oxidized' and are virtually complete. The Summerlee welders are producing new staircases for the car as the current ones do not have tight enough turns and would be blocked by the controllers.

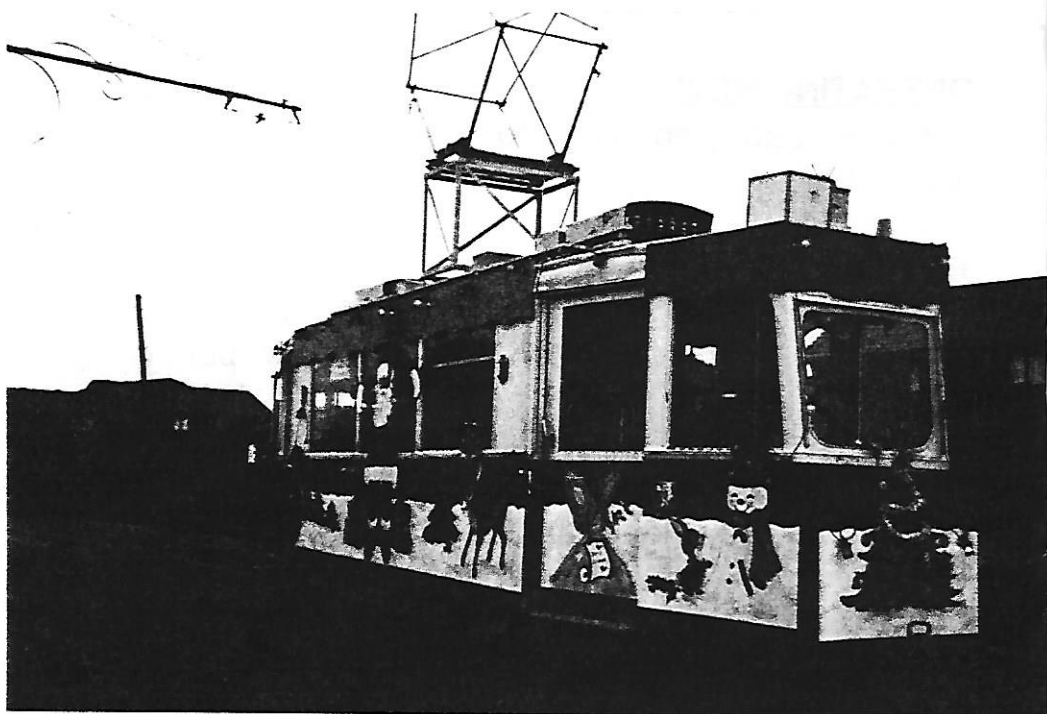
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Car 150 It is expected that 150 will be removed from the depot in the near future to allow space for 1017 .

Car 225 is continuing to exclusively operate the service at Summerlee mainly due to the fact that it is the only car capable of running at all!

The view below shows 225 in service during the Christmas Holidays with its special decorations.

(photograph - A. Bole)



Car 1017 Extensive work will begin on 1017 as soon as it is moved into the depot in place of 150.

Car 9062 has been extensively rewired. The lighting has been greatly simplified - i.e. de-Belgianised and the fluorescent tubes have been replaced by domestic style lamps. In future only the 4 centre and the two destination box lights will operate and they should all stay lit, even with the doors closed - a rare occurrence in the past! The Summerlee electricians have also (-they have been kept busy!) installed a 'new' fuse/switch box beside the No.1 end controller using the old Brussels switches and the Graz-style fuses. The single front passenger seat has been removed and will most likely be positioned at the other end of the car opposite the doors.

MEMBERSHIP

Members who have not yet renewed their membership are asked to renew as soon as possible. A reminder of the fees are:-

Adults £3; Unwaged/Retired £2; Junior(U-16) £1

Please complete the form enclosed with "Trolley" No 3 and return it with payment to:

Membership Secretary, Mr P Robertson, 67
Admiralty Road, Rosyth, Fife, KY11 2QL.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Details of the AGM's happenings will be published shortly in a "Trolley Extra" No4(a)

COMPETITION

Details of the winning entry will be published in the above mentioned "Trolley Extra" which you will receive shortly, giving details of the Annual General Meeting and any news too late to be published in this edition.

MEETINGS

A subject has been arranged for the previously advertised meeting on April 2nd. Chris Ellis will show a variety of slides on European Tramways. The show will commence at 7.30pm. All members (and also non-members) are extremely welcome. Refreshments are usually provided.

MEET THE MEMBERS

The meeting on Thursday 7th May at 7.30pm is intended to get more members involved at Summerlee.

Come along to meet the new committee and the working members and see what has been done up to now. You may find something that interests you and that you may wish to lend a hand in. When you arrive on the site please wait at the Car Stop and the Car will take you to the depot. We look forward to meeting you on the night.

SPECIAL EVENTS 1992

The official Summerlee Heritage Trust leaflet giving details of this year's events is enclosed.

SITE CONSTRUCTION

As mentioned in "Trolley" No 3 major development work is continuing on the site. The foundations of the Sawmill have been laid and are now complete. The miners' rows in Hornock Village are progressing well and the coal mine is being developed at a tremendous rate. Large areas of land have been excavated around the original concrete structure and a cement block tunnel leading down to this has been installed. Eventually this will be lined with artificial coal and will provide an entrance to the mine. It is planned to tar all the roads within Summerlee with traditional Lanarkshire red tar. The footpaths will be covered with paving stones, both projects will vastly improve the appearance of the park. The bridge over the canal has had all cemented facings covered by stone cladding to convey a more traditional style. It is hoped to have some of the miners' rows and possibly the mine open by Easter this year.

The Trust is currently looking for items to display and furnish the miners' rows with. Please see the enclosed leaflet for details of how you can help.

HORSE BUS

In addition to news given in "Trolley" No 3 the acquired horse car is reputed to be of a Glasgow origin.

EXTERNAL FIXTURES

A 'new' Tram Shelter, previously used as a bus shelter has been erected at the car terminus across from the shop. The perspex windows have been removed for cleaning and the shelter is being re-painted from its current dull grey to traction pole green.

LIBRARY

It is intended to set up a lending library, for members, using the books received from the late Dick Lauder's bequest. Further details will be given at a later date.

FRIENDS OF SUMMERLEE

The 'Friends' - Summerlee's other volunteer group are holding their AGM on Tuesday 17th March at 7.30pm in the Conference Room and any STG members are welcome to attend.

**Gary C. Conn
Summerlee Transport Group
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