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At 6am on the morning of 6th March 1967, the first of what was to become very many coaches departed from Reading station heading for Heathrow.



At the time the service was called the "Air Road Rail Service", operated by the Thames Valley Traction Company Ltd, but over the years various improvements and changes of ownership have resulted in the service you see today.



The Reading Evening Post had this to say about the new service "The four vehicles are the newest luxury coaches to carry passengers on a £1 return journey to and from 80 main-line intercity express trains from Reading every day. The service is also available to people from Reading. All four coaches are equipped with radio equipment so they can be in two-way touch with British Rail's Western Region Tower offices in Reading".



These days RailAir continues to be operated using a modern fleet of vehicles. However, radio contact has been replaced with mobile phone technology and a GPS system is about to be introduced, giving very accurate information about the position of each vehicle on the route.

