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- Historic 300-mile desert sprint as "Bentley Boy" Steven Kane races train from Riyadh to Dammam in a Continental GT V8 S Convertible
- The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was the hottest place on earth during this race commemorating the Bentley "Blue Train" run of 1930



Eighty-five years after three-time Le Mans winner Captain Woolf Barnato had famously raced the "Le Train Bleu" (the Blue Train)—the luxury Calais-Méditerranée Express from Cannes to Calais—modern day Bentley Boy Steven Kane relived the legend with a tense four-hour-and-14-minute sprint against Saudi Arabia's only desert passenger train. The dune train takes a 300-mile (480km) route from Saudi capital Riyadh, in the heart of the Arabian Peninsula, to Dammam on the Arabian (or Persian) Gulf. The new Continental GT V8 S Convertible raced the train across the scorched, barren landscape and won, with six minutes to spare. "Four hours is the same time as a stint at Le Mans," said Bentley Team M-Sport driver Steven Kane. "But this was far more stressful. The heat, the conditions, not knowing where the train was, while driving within the limits of the country's regulations. It was a race like no other. I hope Barnato would be proud." ■