

## PROFESSOR NIAL MCKENZIE

George Bennie was a visionary inventor, and in the 1920s & 30s in Milngavie, he attempted to launch his futuristic Railplane - an airborne, propeller driven marvel, gliding on a track suspended over ordinary trains and hurtling through the sky - which promised a cheaper, faster, sleeker future.

### TRIUMPH WAS TANTALISINGLY WITHIN HIS GRASP

He had money, engineering brilliance in his blood, a successful family business, a powerful social network, creativity, global ambition, and a disruptive technology - with a machine poised to shatter convention.

Despite this, interest faded, funding evaporated, the Railplane never reached commercial success and Bennie died penniless and in obscurity.

Tet history refuses to let him vanish.

Museums, news stories, novels, operas and storytellers still chase the spark he struck.

The Railplane might not have arrived on time, but its spirit survives in modern successors, from the Shanghai Maglev to daring visions like Elon Musk's Hyperloop.

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