



SWISS
RAILWAYS SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 17th March 2018

Best Western Stuart Hotel Derby

Organised by the East Midlands Branch of the SRS
The AGM Exhibition will take place in the Suite

Programme for the Day

- 07:00 – Rooms available for erecting exhibition layouts and trade stands.
- 10:00 – AGM exhibition opens
- 10:00 – 13:00 – DVDs will be shown.
- 13:15 – Attendees to be seated for the AGM.
- 13:30 – AGM commences.
- 16:30 – Exhibition closes, breakdown of exhibition commences.
- 18:30 for 19:00 – SRS Annual Dinner in the Suite
- 20:30 – Dinner Service completed to allow 20:45 departure for last London bound train (21:00)

THE EAST MIDLANDS BRANCH WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE TRADERS AND LAYOUT OWNERS AND OPERATORS FOR THEIR SUPPORT TODAY

LAYOUTS AND DISPLAYS

HINTERKLEMM: N - AXEL KLOZENBUECHER AND FAMILY

German N Gauge based in the Bavarian Alps. The layout is based on the Allgaeu region somewhere near Fuessen. It has been conceived by Marco and Selina as their own layout to take to exhibitions and the two modules have been designed by the children. Due to their young age the emphasis is on operation and each module contains themes they wanted to see incorporated.

Daddy has built the baseboards and generally was used for all the things the children couldn't yet do! The layout measures 2.4 metres by 0.8 metres with all the running lines and sidings on the front. The two modules are constructed in the plywood open frame construction with all terrain formed in polystyrene blocks covered in Polyfilla. Buildings are all kits by Faller, Vollmer and Kibri. Track is all Fleischmann and the rolling stock is from Minitrix and Fleischmann. Due to the age of the operators the rolling stock isn't necessarily all strictly correct. If the operators like it they will run it!

KLOSTERS DORF: NM – MARK FOX

An Nm layout that does not, in fact, represent Klosters Dorf or the station layout in any form apart from the station building! It is named that simply to remind me of all the holidays I have been fortunate enough to have at my chalet whilst overlooking the RhB line. The station plan is basically a crossover for two trains on the main line, a branch line that terminates there, and two sidings. Despite having visited every station on the RhB several times, I have never been able to find one that had the right level of operational interest with a simple enough layout to fit in very limited space – hence the fiction.

I have built a couple of Bemo H0m layouts, but since Nm first appeared I have always been attracted by this scale and have gradually collected stock as it appeared from various Swiss and German companies. Most of those companies have long since ceased production and the stock you see running here represents about 30 years of quiet accumulation! I have “cheated” and taken advantage of the new availability of Kato N gauge “pretending” to be Nm, but in fact standard N gauge. The stock is a little oversized, but once converted and fitted with Nm zacoupling; it still looks good and is an awful lot cheaper than the Swiss handmade stuff!

This is a rather obscure gauge, very rarely seen in the UK that has given me enormous pleasure to collect as well as enjoy running the trains. It is available from a tiny handful of European retailers. Do ask for any further information, and I promise to inform, but stop when I am boring you with my passion!

UMSTEIGEN: N - ALEX HALL

The original idea with Umsteigen was for a quick build layout. It would give the opportunity to try out various scenic techniques, in advance of any larger schemes, as well as providing something to run an ever-growing collection of Swiss N gauge stock on. As is inevitably the case with building a layout, the quick build has taken far longer than expected! Umsteigen is meant to portray a station on a secondary line of the SBB network in the Luzern, Schwyz or Zug Cantons in the late 1990s early 2000s. As such, it sees both through and terminating local passenger services, as well as occasional pickup freight traffic. Peco

track has been used with manual operation of the points by the wire-in-tube method. Operation is DC using a Gagemaster controller. The catenary is Sommerfeldt, but it was decided to not include the contact wires as they can look over scale. Buildings are kit built with a small amount of modification. Those who can speak German or have travelled on the trains in Switzerland will hopefully understand what the name of the layout means.

ZWEITESFELD: N – STEVE TINSLEY

Zweitesfeld is a fictitious location situated near to a marshalling yard that feeds one of the trans-alpine routes of Switzerland. There is a small station that sees a regular passenger service and also various freight trains. The main focus of the layout is the locomotive depot, which has servicing facilities for the SBB locomotives of the Swiss Federal Railways and also a stabling point for private operator locomotives of the BLS, DB and Crossrail. In addition to the through trains, numerous light engine movements can be seen as locomotives transfer between Zweitesfeld depot and the neighbouring freight facility.

The layout appeared in the March 2014 edition of Continental Modeller.

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WINCO will be closing its doors on the 31st March 2018 so that we can enjoy life more before it is too late! This is our final year as a Trader at the Swiss Railways Society's AGM although we hope to be able to continue to come to the meetings for a few more years yet.

Although we are finishing as such at the end of March we are in the process of making final arrangements so that we can still supply all the items our customers have pre-ordered and our website (www.winco.uk.com) will be changed to show only the items we still have available. Most of our correspondence after the end of March will then be done by email (winco@winco.uk.com) rather than phone. Anyway, enough of this – please enjoy the meeting and AGM and if you have any spare money please feel free to come over and spend it with us!

IN ADDITION THERE IS THE SOCIETY'S "BRING AND BUY STALL"