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5 FEB - Swiss Railways Shipping by Giles Della Gana, 5 MAR - London Branch A.G.M., and bring and buy sale.

9 APRIL, 7 MAY, 4 JUNE, 2 JULY, 3 SEPT, 1 OCT, 5 NOV, 3 DEC, all to be announced.

Venue: Model Railway Club Headquarters, Keen House, Calshot Street (off Pentonville Road near Kings Cross Station) ring bottom bell if doors are closed. Meetings start at 19.00

BRISTOL AND BATH BRANCH

Branch Organiser: Dr. J.F. Henderson, School of Engineering, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

14 MAR Slides of S.B.B. St. Gotthard also RHB and F.O. by Thomas Schmocker an employee of S.B.B.

The above meetings will be held at 19.30 in room 4E - 3 - 10 at the School of Engineering, University of Bath. (From Bath B.R. station travel by bus No. 18 service every 30 minutes).

MANCHESTER BRANCH MEETINGS

Branch Organiser Dave Howsam 3 Balmain Road, Davyhulme, Manchester M31 3TE. Telephone No. 061 748 7850.

FEB 5 - Peter Heppenstall - European Wanderings. 5 MAR - John Stein - Vintage Swiss.

2 APRIL - Brian Leigh - Over the Border. 7 MAY - Thematic slide and photo competition. Ten slides or photos per member on a single theme.

4 JUNE - Dave Howsam - Lac Lemane.

2 JULY - Swiss Visitors - bring along slides of 'foreign' stock on Swiss metals.

6 AUG - Arthur Crane - Cable Cars, Chair lifts and Mountain Railways.

3 SEP - Quiz Night - not to be taken seriously unless you lose!

1 OCT - Films or Video (provisional)

5 NOV - A survey of the BLS (members slides) 3 DEC - Possible Social Function.

Venue: British Rail Staff Association, Piccadilly Station, Manchester. Meetings start at 19.30 (slides begin at 20.00. prompt. 21.15 onwards is 'Chat Time'. Visiting members are requested to confirm programme with Dave Howsam to ensure that there has been no late change.

SCOTLAND

Branch Organiser, Peter Rigby 28 Mannerston, Linlithgow, W. Lothian EH49 7ND. 050-683-4310 or Stuart Jackson, 7 Scapa Street, Cadder, Glasgow G23 5AQ - 041 945 3087.

No meetings planned at time of going to press. For latest information contact Peter Rigby or Stuart Jackson.

SNCF SOCIETY

1 MAR - from 11.00 a.m. London meeting (layouts, books, trade) Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London. All welcome. (small entrance fee payable)

INTERNATIONAL MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

29 MAR - 3 APR - ROYAL HORTICULTURAL HALL, Westminster, London - Mike and David Polegaze will be there with Die Bernhardenbahn and so will Barrie Kelsall with Filisur. (This layout will also appear in Shrewsbury on 6 and 7 March).

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FRONT COVER

RhB. Crocodile type Ge 4/4 no. 413 rumbles over the viaduct with a heavy freight train. A scene from Obermitten on the layout devised by David Howsam and Arthur Crane for the Manchester Branch (see page 26). Photo John Stein.

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