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THE 1986 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Society Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, 12th April (revised date) in Edinburgh at the North British Hotel, Princes Street (next to Waverley Station). This provides you with a splendid opportunity for a week-end break in this beautiful city. Bring the family, spouse or girlfriend and make a full weekend of it. Spend a day exploring the city or take a trip round the highlands. Why not take advantage of one of the British Rail mini weekend packages, the North British and other nearby hotels feature in these packages. Both Golden Rail and Superbreak offer prices that cannot be beaten, but book now, the hotels hold only a limited number of rooms for these agencies. If you wish to make your own travel and accommodation arrangements there are two possibilities. For those wishing to stay overnight at the North British Hotel, accommodation is available at the following special rates: TWIN ROOM £54.50, SINGLE ROOM £36.50. These rates are per night and inclusive of VAT, breakfast is extra. All reservations for accommodation should be made to: MISS SARAH WESTCOTT, CONFERENCE COORDINATOR, NORTH BRITISH HOTEL, PRINCES STREET, EDINBURGH. EH2 2EQ. TEL. No. 031-556-2414. For those who would rather seek alternative accommodation the City Tourist Office offers a complete booking service. Just send 75p. to: ADVANCED RESERVATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS AND TOURISM, 3 PRINCES STREET, EDINBURGH, stating the type of accommodation required (e.g. hotel, guest house, with bath/shower, etc.), the price range and the date, and the booking will be made for you. However, to arrange your accommodation, please book early, the city is a major tourist centre and hotels fill quickly.

Programme for the 1986 A.G.M. is as follows: Waverley Suite 12.00 - 16.00. Exhibition of Swiss Railway models including layouts, books and films 16.00 - 18.00. The Annual General Meeting. Holyrood Suite 19.00 - Special A.G.M. dinner. Menu - Scotch Broth, Spinach and mushrooms vol au vent. Roast Turkey served with onions, carrots and bacon in wine sauce, brussel sprouts with chestnuts and roast potatoes. Baked Alaska. Coffee. The bar will be open throughout the day. Tickets for the dinner are £12.50 per person (drinks extra) and are available from: PETER RIGBY, 28, MANNERSTON, LINLITHGOW, WEST LOTHIAN EH49 7ND. A S.A.E. should accompany all applications and cheques/P.O.'s should be made payable to the Swiss Railways Society. Members may purchase additional tickets for their guests. Please help the organisers by ordering tickets as soon as possible. Items for the agenda should be submitted in writing to the Secretary (address page 2) no later than 1st March. Nomination forms for officers of the Society are obtainable by sending an S.A.E. to the Secretary.

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now used by the engineers to accommodate tools. The main line now curves to the right and enters the FO tunnel with the first rack section starting only a few metres inside the tunnel. The tunnel mouth is provided with wooden doors for use in the winter to prevent snow drifting into the tunnel.

Although there is a track diagram pannel in the station master's office all the turnouts are hand operated. As the Station Master says "When there are two station staff (Shunters/ tractor drivers) on duty, why waste money on point motors?" Signalling is very basic; at the RhB end there is a two aspect colour light starting signal with two co-acting hilfs signals. The FO end only has one hilfs signal but a three aspect colour light starting signal was being installed in October, 1985 for introduction during the winter of 1985/6.

To be continued in a later issue.