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MANCHESTER

Branch organiser:— Dave Howsam, (Membership Secretary), Telephone: 061 748 7850.

Venue: British Rail Staff Association, Picadilly Station, Manchester.

Meetings start at 19.30 hours, (Slides being at 20.00 hours prompt), 21.15 hours onwards is chat time. Visiting members are requested to confirm the programme with Dave Howsam to ensure that there has been no late change.

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| 1 June | A days journey. Several one day journeys in Switzerland. |
| 6 July | Video presentation. Probably a narrow gauge theme. |
| 3 August | Transport links. Air, Rail, Road and Laken and their integration. |
| 6 September | Members slides. All the people who have not had a chance to show their latest slides. |
| 5 October | Quiz night. Will Charlie ever run out of questions? |
| 2 November | Less well known locations. Away from the usual haunts. |
| 7 December | Switzerland in snow. Seasonal view of SBB and Private lines. |

NORTH EAST

Branch organiser:— Ernie Brack, 10 Tern Close, South Beach, Blyth, Northumberland. Telephone: 0670 361172 or via Dave Ford, Telephone: 0670 369060.

Venue: 10 Tern Close, South Beach. Officially, first Tuesday of each month. In practice, every Tuesday evening.

SCOTLAND

Branch organisers:— William McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld G67 1AR. Telephone: 0236 729499.

Venue: No information received. Please contact the organiser direct on above number or send an sae for details of latest meetings.

EXPRESS POST

William Tell Express

The above 1st Class only express service will run for the 1988 summer season, between May 29th and October 23rd. A supplement fare is payable for holders of the 1st Class Swiss Holiday Pass for seating (SFr39), and also if you wish to sit in the dome car on the train (SFr19). The journey is from Luzern to Lugano/Locarno or return and takes approximately 6 hours. A typical Swiss 3 course meal on the lake paddle steamer is included in the price. Full booking details are shown in the brochure. RV TV has been requested to make an official video of the journey. (Will any member taking this trip consider sending the SE an article and b/w (if possible) photos? Ed.).

Swiss Hotel Guide

A new hotel guide has been published which lists 161 hotels in the group called Einfach and Gemütlich. (Simple and Friendly). The average price of a room in the hotels listed is under SFr40 per night for bed and breakfast. Onward booking within the group is arranged by the hotel and is included in the cost. Full details from your travel agent or the SNTG. (Sounds ideal for the railway enthusiast who has an identity crisis and walks!! Ed.). S.N.T.O. London.

European Model Railway Festival

A Model Railway Festival is being organised by the SNCF Society on Saturday 3rd September 1988, from 10.00 hours to 17.00 hours. The venue is the British Rail Engineering Conference and Exhibition Centre in the Derby Carriage Works. There will be working layouts, static displays, trade stands, videos and films to mention just a few. Further information from R. Pooley on 0332 841652, B. Thursfield on 0782 638225, A. Hart on 0604 810045. SNCF Society.

German Railway Society

The GRS are holding an exhibition called Poole Expo 88 at the Poole Arts Centre for the whole day on June 18th. Mike Poleglaze is taking part of his new layout along as a representative of the SRS. For more details contact J. Sharp of the GRS on 01 274 2957.

Information request

Can anybody supply information on either the equipment used or the history of the StSS (Strassenbahn Schaffhausen - Schleithelm) please. What happened between its opening in August 1905 and its closure in October 1964?

Please contact:— Mr. B.L. Hoddinott, 5 Reservoir Road, Southgate, London N14 4BN.

Front Cover

New De4/4 Pendelzug of the EBT.

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EXPRESS POST

Editor

I have just received some information on places to have breakfast whilst travelling, which may be of interest to those members who love to get up early to scramble up the mountains for a good viewpoint of the railways or plan the early start to the nearest loco depot. This list is exclusive of the normal facilities found on the various services such as restaurant coaches and minibars.

Restaurant Coach	Company	Frequency	Telephone No. for reservations (If obligatory).
Restobar	B.L.S.	Daily	
Buffetwagon	B.T.	Daily	
Salon bar, Super Pan Exp.	M.O.B.	Daily	
Pendler Pintli	R.B.S.	Mon-Fri	
Billet Bar	R.B.S.	Daily	031 22 21 91
Bernina Express	Rh.B.	Daily	062 26 10 26
Gipfeli Express	S.O.B.	Mon-Fri	
Gletcherbahn Cablecar		Sundays only	028 71 27 00

Member Ian Harding (F114) is interested in the film "Cassandra Crossing" for the Swiss Railway scenes and would like information (including scale) of the models etc., used for the bridge collapse. I will be pleased to pass on any information.



SBB Loco Prototype Re6/6. No 11602 at Bellinzona.

Photo: Editor