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see complete line closures being widespread.

However, at least the replacement bus service is at regular intervals and integrated with rail.

Points on modelling

The Zürich S-Bahn DPZ models produced by Andreas Hui Modelbahn, Ardez were a limited run which sold out very quickly. A second series will be produced in Autumn 1994 - I wrote to him for details.

A comment on prices - unfortunately the regular advertisers in *Swiss Express* do not always offer competitive prices. It is often cheaper in Switzerland, with one or two items of ROCO stock, noticeably so. Beware!

Editor's Jottings

For the Swiss, 1993 has been an *annus horribilis*, a year to endure and then forget. First there was the fire that destroyed the centuries old Kappelbrücke at Luzern, now there are the disastrous floods that have devastated Brig. I hesitated to comment, thinking that disasters so often come in threes, only to realise that the cuts in Regionals train services should qualify for that description, since the Kappelbrücke will be rebuilt, Brig will be cleared of mud and debris and the damage repaired, but as those of us who lived through the Beeching disaster will know, the ruthless hacking of essential train services and the virtual abandonment of the Taktfarplan will almost certainly destroy a valuable asset.

We are indebted to two members for first-hand accounts of the devastation around Brig. It is very encouraging to know that we can rely on this help, without this feedback *Swiss Express* would not be anywhere near as topical and informative. We are now getting an encouraging number of letters for publication, what is more members are sending them in earlier, usually within a week of receiving the previous issue. This is an enormous help since not only can I type them out well in advance, but I have a better idea how much space I will need to reserve for what your Committee considers to be a very important part of *Swiss Express*.

Swiss station Buffets are featuring large in member's letters. However, I have yet to discover a really poor one, whether my object was a mid-day snack or a full evening meal. The only snag is that sometimes the facilities are fairly basic, which is acceptable if you're only staving off pangs of hunger around noon, but quite different when you're rounding off the day with a good meal. In my experience the buffets at any interchange point can be relied upon to provide decent fare at a reasonable price in the middle of the day. The only disappointment I've had was at Les Avants, where we were met by the sign *Ferme Dimanche* one Sunday. The only other obvious place was not serving snacks, so Doris and I followed a couple of locals past a *Restaurant* fingerpost to find a small, very French style estaminet where we got a truly magnificent open sandwich for, as I recall, SFr.5. Others in the party went hungry until we reached Bulle about two hours later, where some excellent ham rolls were available at the kiosk. This year we returned to Bulle to find the kiosk replaced by a modern buffet where once more we enjoyed a magnificent open ham sandwich. Does anyone know a bad station buffet in Switzerland?

The Model Railway Club has a fair number of SRS members among the regular attendance at Keen House, in fact at one time we could hold an informal Committee meeting with a full quorum at a moment's notice. On the "Continental" track night in September all HO stock seen running was of Swiss prototypes, the centre mixed gauge track being completely taken over by metre gauge, predominately RhB, but with coaches from the FO, BVZ and SBB for good measure. In case you're wondering why, in view of this, there isn't more modelling material in the magazine, two of the SRS/MRC members do provide material for *Swiss Express* and a third proof-reads the magazine. John Jesson has promised some more modelling features, he only has to find time between his other club and society duties.

This issue concludes the third volume of *Swiss Express* and is also the fifteenth issue I have edited. I was rather surprised to realise just how long I've been doing it, time does fly when you're having fun.