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Somvix station with Ge6/6" approaching.

Somvix

H0m Gauge

by P Ramsay

All photograph by the author

My layout was built primarily as a small workshop/test layout, although it has been on show at a local exhibition.

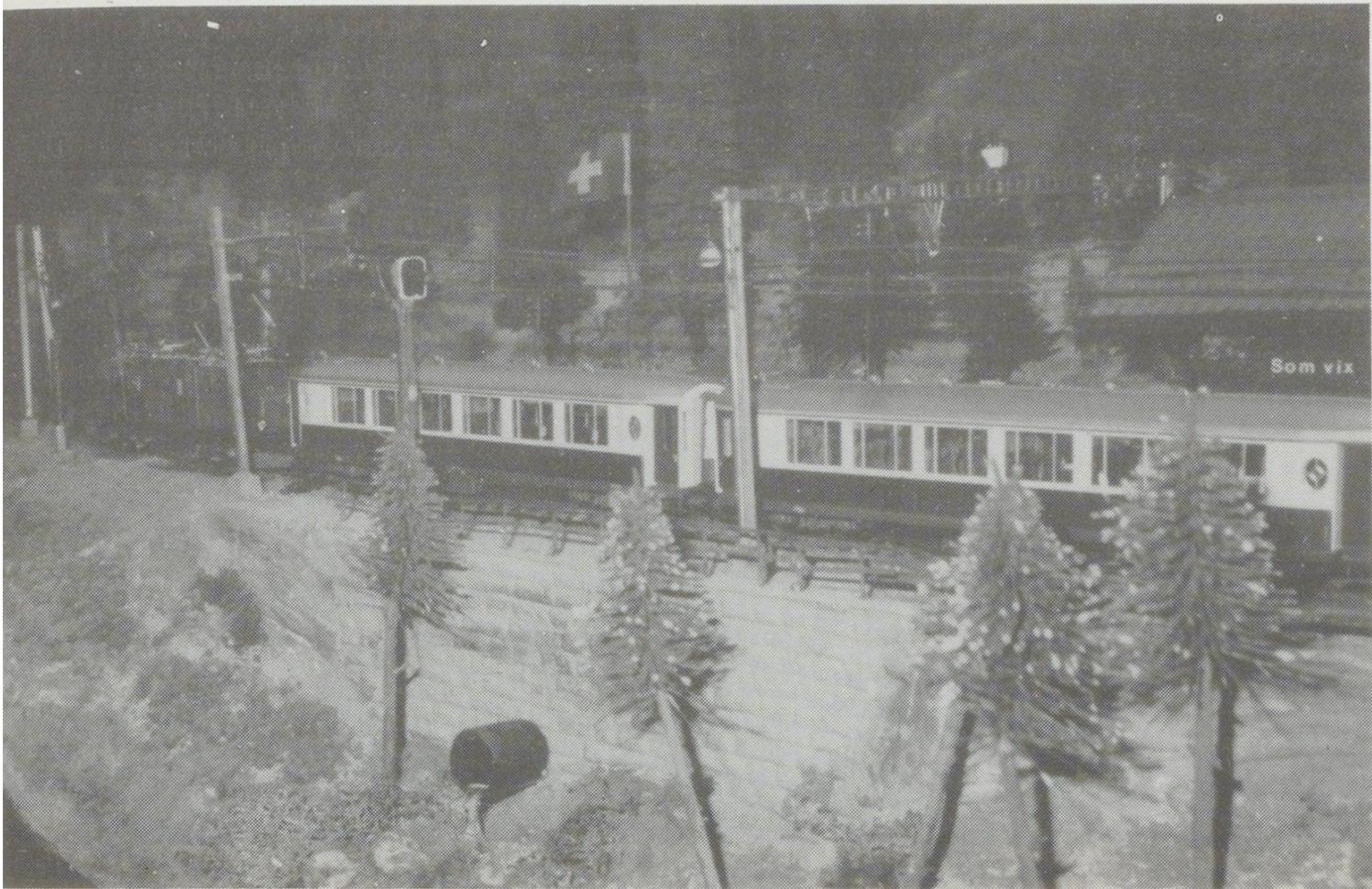
It features a small passing loop station, flanked by mountainous scenery, with a pair of tunnels leading to a rear storage area. The baseboard is built of plywood on the open top principle, contours are formed from chicken wire and covered in papier mache, then plastered with a grout/cork mix.

Scenic treatment follows conventional techniques, tunnel portals, buttresses and retaining walls are adapted Sopa products. The many trees planted in the landscape come from the Faller and K&M ranges, but have been modified and detailed.

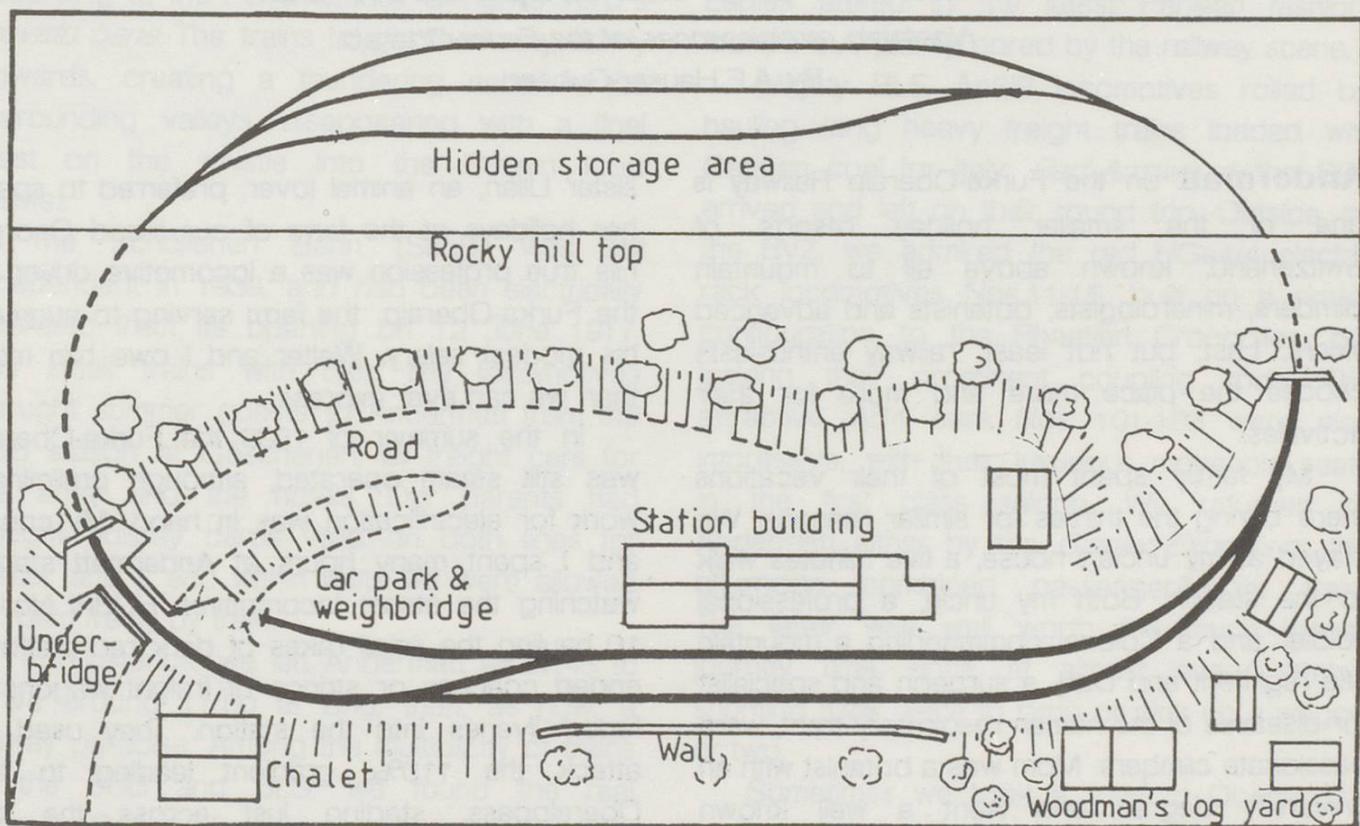
Trackwork is Bemo finescale, PVA ballasted with hand operated turnouts controlled by wire rods and bell cranks from under the baseboard. A pair of BW signals are linked to route settings. The locomotives are fed from energised Sommerfeld catenary.

The tiny station building, Somvix, was scratchbuilt in plywood and plastic sheet and was based on a drawing in the invaluable Schweers and Wall planbook.

The freestanding layout was finally completed with a mountainous Kibri backscene and the end product is a mini slice of Graubunden..



"Baby Krok" Ge6/6' heads a train of ex-MOB saloon cars out of Somvix



Plan of Somvix : Not to scale