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Branch Organiser: Dave Ford, 29 Banbury Way, Blyth, Northumberland. tel: 0670-369 060 Please phone organiser for details of meetings.

Venue 10 Tern Close, South Beach; officially first Wednesday of each month, in practice every Wednesday evening.

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Branch Organiser: Willie McKnight, 4D Scott House, Hume Road, Seafar, Cumbernauld G67 1AR tel: 0236-729 499

Venue: Conference Room A, 8th Floor, Scotrail House, 58 Portdundas Road, Glasgow. 19:30

Please contact organiser for details of meetings.

Formation of new West Midlands Branch

Mr. David Stephenson, of 25 Athelstan Road, Worcester WR5 2BW has kindly offered to try to form a branch in the area.

Depending on the response, he will establish a venue for meetings and may be able to offer coach transport there and back. Please get in touch with him **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. His phone number **DAYTIME ONLY**, is 0905-57804.

Nomination of Society Officers

Nominations for the following posts are invited:

President, Vice President, Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Editor and four other members.

Nomination forms are available from the Society Secretary, Peter Dransfield and should be returned not later than **15 February 1993**.

Motions for 1993 AGM

Motions for the 1993 Annual General Meeting should reach the Secretary before 15 February 1993

Editor's Jottings

We have had a number of members mention the absence of modelling articles in our pages. As has been pointed out in virtually every issue in this volume, members are not submitting them. One of the basic rules of magazine publication; particularly in amateur journals; is that you can't publish what you don't get. It can hardly have escaped member's notice that John Jesson, who in the past provided many modelling features, has been very busy with the universally popular signal series, whilst for my part *Swiss Express* takes priority over my own modelling projects.

I would however stress the fact that we are an amateur magazine. We work on a shoestring budget, we come out four times a year and are A5 as opposed to the A4 format used by commercial journals. Even if I wanted to try, it is frankly impossible to compete with *Continental Modeller* and, at the risk of offending some members, I would suggest that anyone with a major, well illustrated modelling feature would serve the Society best by making reference to the SRS in the text and submitting it to *CM*, thereby bringing both Swiss modelling and the Society to the attention of the unenlightened.

Still on the modelling theme, how many of you have entered the **LOKI** competition announced on page 5 of the September 1992 issue? This has been staged especially for our benefit and whilst I regret it is for standard gauge projects only (ruling me out for a start), it is a worthwhile venture and deserves member's fullest support. Time is running short, you need to get your proposals to **LOKI** by **31st January** and with Christmas and New Year to distract you, **DO IT NOW**. Please note that existing HO, N or Z gauge projects not previously published are eligible, many members should have a head start. **Don't leave it to the other chap, he's relying on you.**

It is hoped to show some of the diorama entries at the AGM, details of which will be seen in the 'advertisement' on page 18 of this issue.