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## CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

It is always interesting to try to predict things. For many years, I have tried to predict what new models manufacturers would announce at Nuremburg, with limited success. The committee tries, each year, to predict what is likely to be raised at the AGM, also with limited success. This year was no exception, as we had not expected the discussion on AGM venues (in particular, the venue in 2001) which largely occupied the AOB part of the proceedings. I enjoyed that discussion, and the continuation of it over dinner. It has not been forgotten, as members are likely to find out before the end of the year.

Overall, I found the AGM very enjoyable. To all those who attended, my thanks, and I hope you all

enjoyed it as much as I. Willie McKnight did a great job of organising everything and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking him and his assistants for the time and effort they put into making the day the success it was.

We are now heading into the summer holiday season. With all the events taking place in Switzerland, we stand in danger of being spoiled for choice. Certainly, I have found it difficult to decide where to go and what events to attend and no doubt others have had the same problem. However, wherever you go and whatever you see and do, please enjoy yourselves and come back with lots of material for Les to publish in "Swiss Express".

**John Jesson**

## 1998 AGM and 17th Spring Meet

The 1998 AGM and 17th Spring Meet will take place on the 21st March 1998 at the Hertford Park Hotel, Stevenage, Hertfordshire. If you

have a layout or other exhibit you would like to bring along please contact the Editor in the first place with details, thank you.

### Gift to the Society Library

Sue Knight, one of our friends at MITV, has generously donated a copy of the English language edition of 'The Swiss Railway Saga - 150 Years of Swiss Trains'. This is the publication that was reviewed by Alan Pike in the March

issue of 'Swiss Express'. I would like to offer her my thanks on behalf of the members of The Swiss Railways Society.

**Giles Della Gana**

(Librarian & Information Officer)

## EDITOR'S JOTTINGS

I would like to thank all those members that have written to me expressing their enjoyment of the Special Edition of the Swiss Express about the breakthrough of the Vereina Tunnel.

I would like to put on record my gratitude to the Advertisers whom I approached with the idea of the Special issue, they decided to support us with the finance to help cover the cost of the postage.

The next thing I must do is to apologise to you all, pressure of work caused me not to be able to devote as much time in late April and early May to get this copy to the printers until the end of May thus causing it to be despatched later than it would normally be, but I hope that once you have

read it you will still enjoy the content.

Plus Travel and the Hotel National in Interlaken sent out an offer to members with the Special Edition, could I please encourage you to support these two ventures as they have been specially put together for the SRS members. If we can support them they may well come up with other offers in future years. The exchange rate of the Swiss franc is quite favourable at the moment so if you are thinking about going to Switzerland now is a good time.

**Les Heath**

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