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EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

As you read this the exhibition circuit "kicks off" again starting with the GRS European exhibition in Oxford. For those who have not attended this show before, it is one of the major European exhibitions of the year featuring many specialist traders and most of the specialist societies as well as many high quality layouts based on European prototypes. This year I am informed that at least one Swiss layout will be attending, *Felsenburg BLS*, an N Gauge layout based on the North Ramp of the Lötschberg and winner of the CM Cup for 1993.

Of course, the new SRS stand will also be present which now features a working diorama as well as all the usual SRS sales stock to tempt you. We will also have a good stock of the recently released REOS Swiss videos for you to purchase at only £11.75 each. (See REOS advert or Society Sales in this edition for further details.)

If you are able to assist in "manning the stand", even if only for a few hours, it would be most appreciated and it can be fun! Offers of assistance can be emailed to me at:

Exhibitions@SwissRailSoc.org.uk or Tel 01885 483697 (evenings).

The SRS stand will be at the following:

SAT. 21ST SEPT. 2002 - GRS EXHIBITION, COLLEGE OF FURTHER EDUCATION, OXFORD.

Major European themed show with many specialist traders and layouts.

SAT. 30TH NOV. & 1ST DEC. 2002 - WARLEY, NEC, BIRMINGHAM.

THE model railway show of the year, lots of continental stands and societies, at least one Swiss layout will be there - *Gelmersee* - Swiss HO from the EuroSwiss Group.

SAT. 14TH DEC. 2002 - 10TH ANNIVERSARY EUROPEAN EXHIBITION, MIRFIELD FIRE STATION, MIRFIELD, WEST YORKS.

The friendly exhibition with a very definite continental feel and a good place to catch up with friends and colleagues.

Swiss layouts on show:

14TH & 15TH SEPT. 2002 - N GAUGE SOCIETY, 35TH ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION, Bletchley Leisure Centre, Princess Way, MK2 2HQ. *Waldsee* Swiss N Gauge and other European interest from clubs in Europe.

SAT. 12TH OCT. 2002 - HARLOW RAILWAY CIRCLE, Brays Grove School, Traceys Rd., Harlow, Essex. Opening: 10.30 - 17.00hrs. *A small part of Switzerland* - Z gauge layout by C Atkinson

18TH- 20TH OCT. 2002 - EUROSPOOR, Jaarbeurs, Utrecht, Holland. Biggest (?) exhibition in Europe with many European layouts including several from the *Vereiniging Spoorgroep Zwitserland* - a group of Dutch modellers who specialise in Switzerland. Also a vast area of secondhand stalls with very competitive prices. Worth the visit!

SUN. 17TH NOV. 2002 - WORLDWIDE OPEN DAY, N GAUGE SOCIETY, Masons Hall, Franklin Rd, Gillingham, Kent. Opening: 10.30 - 15.30hrs. At least one Swiss layout confirmed as well as many other continental traders and layouts.

Do you have a Swiss layout - which you are exhibiting this year or next? Then let me know, so we can let all our members know, but bear in mind the copy dates for *Swiss Express* at the front of the journal. We need to know at least 2-3 months in advance.

And finally... We were recently donated the following magazines which are available for a suitable donation to the Society: *Continental Modeller* 1979 - 1989 (Full set), *Today's Railways* No1 - 32 (Full set). Sold as full sets only. Please contact me if you are interested.

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