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## EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

As I write this in mid-December, I am looking forward to a Xmas break in Kandersteg, hopeful of good snow to improve my skiing. May be I'll get to photograph the new BLS 485 locos? However as I drive across France towards the snowy Alps, I will contemplate the exhibitions we have attended with the new society stand/layout – "Menziwil" - during 2002 and look forward to the exhibitions we have planned for Spring 2003.

One Canadian member I met recently, remarked favourably of the advanced notice of exhibitions/society presence at venues as well as general exhibitions across Europe. This provided him with a reason to arrange his visits to coincide with his hobby! – Happy to be of assistance.

If members are aware of exhibitions throughout Europe which may be of interest, please contact myself with advance notice.

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).

We are frequently asked whether our members have Swiss layouts available for exhibitions. Please let me know if you have a layout which can be exhibited. I am looking to put together a portfolio of layouts. Contact me for a form for layout details if you wish to be included on our register.

Happy Modelling!

### **The new SRS Sales stand and Mensiwil will be at the following:**

22nd/23rd Mar. 2003	Festival of Railway Modelling, Alexandra Palace, London
Saturday 29th Mar. 2003	Society Spring Meet and AGM at the Midland Hotel, Derby. Unmissable - traders and layouts all with a Swiss theme
Fri. 18th - Sun. 20th April 2003.	Barrow in Furness MRE, Cumbria.
Sat. 26th & Sun. 27th April 2003	Derby MRE, Assembly Rooms, Derby. This year with a European theme
Sat. 17th & Sun. 18th May 2003	Trainwest, Olympiad Centre, Chippenham. (TBC ring me for details)

### **Swiss layouts on show:**

22nd/23rd Mar. 2003	Festival of Railway Modelling, Alexandra Palace. Malix RhB
Fri 18th - Sun 20th April 2003	Barrow in Furness MRE, Cumbria. A revamped Oberfriedhof
26/27th April 2003	Derby MRE (as above) Perrapswil, Dave Howsam's wonderful new layout on its first major appearance. Make a date because it's excellent. Look for the venetian blinds in the signal office on the platform.

## **NEW AT THE AGM - SECOND HAND BOOK STALL**

There will be a second-hand book stall at the 2003 AGM and Spring Meet at Derby. This is being run by Brian Hemming and he will be pleased to receive any books that you wish him to sell. There will be the usual Society deduction of 10% from the purchase price. Look out your surplus books and bring them to the AGM and you might just find that rare book you have been looking for as well!

In addition there will be the usual bring-and-buy stall for your models and other memorabilia.