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EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

By the time you read this, the exhibition season will be on "summer recess" until the GRS exhibition at Oxford in September 2003. This "closed season" is traditionally the time that many members will visit Switzerland and gain inspiration for their next layout, or maybe pluck up courage to start their first layout. Either way, please remember to inform me in advance if you wish for us to publicise your Swiss layout attending exhibitions. I know personally, that a few hours spent on platforms or travelling by train will renew my enthusiasm for my next Swiss project.

The last major exhibition the society stand attended was Derby at the end of April. For those who were not able to attend, you missed what was in my opinion, the best line up of European layouts to attend this continental exhibition. Dave Howsam's, "Perrapswil" was a lesson on how to lay and ballast track to the highest standards (the SOB/SBB would be proud to have permanent way of this quality!)

Many other countries were represented with layouts including yours truly with "Colditz Ost Brücke" – sorry I had my DR hat on for this weekend. My thanks must go to Glyn Jones and the team for manning the SRS stand in my absence.

For those wishing to spend their money on beautiful Swiss models, both Winco and Contikits were present and doing a brisk business.

I suggest you book a slot in your diaries for April 2005 for the next Derby European exhibition – definitely not one to miss!!

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

Saturday 20th Sept. 2003 GRS European exhibition at the College of Further Education, Oxford.
Society stand with many European layouts and specialist traders.

We will be out and about later in the year including Warley and Mirfield. See the next Swiss Express for details

Swiss Layouts on Display

29/30/31 August 2003 Malix RhB HOm at the Gaugemaster Open Weekend in Arundel
Saturday 20th Sept. 2003 GRS Exhibition - Oxford, Dave Howsam's 'Perrapswil'

Other European Interest Exhibitions:

Saturday 22nd June 2003 Worldwide N Gauge Society AGM and Meeting. Strand Leisure Park, Pier Road, Gillingham, Kent. Some Swiss layouts expected in N Gauge.
Saturday 2nd August 2003 Euretco-Expo-Center, Meidoornkade 24, Houten, Utrecht, Holland.
Largest swapmeet in Europe. Open from 1000-1500hrs.
Sunday 7th Sept. 2003 "N WORLD" Exhibition by the Worldwide N Gauge Society. The Four Pillars Hotel, Marcham Road, Abingdon, Oxford OX14 1TZ.
Featuring British and Overseas N gauge layouts plus trade stands. Swiss Layouts expected.
Sat 27th & Sun 28th Sept. 2003. Halifax M.R.E. Swiss layout plus other European layouts and trade.

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 is suitable for exhibiting. I am looking to put together a portfolio of layouts. Please contact me for a form for layout details if you wish to be included on our register.

Happy Modelling!

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