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EXHIBITIONS - Paul Hannant

As long summer days come to a close, and summer holidays in Switzerland are just a distant happy memory, the GRS exhibition at Oxford marks the start of the new exhibition season. I understand that the available space at this year's show has been reduced due to building work taking place, however, I am informed that this will in no way detract from the usual high standard of exhibits on offer. Certainly not one to be missed.

This autumn also brings a number of major exhibitions in Europe. With cheap flights and ferry crossings this is an ideal time to take a weekend trip and see what European exhibitions have to offer. Most have traders who discount heavily and large second-hand market areas where prices are much cheaper than the UK.

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.
Sat. 6th & Sun. 7th Dec. 2003	Warley National 2003, Birmingham NEC. The model railway show of the year. Lots of continental societies including SRS, and specialist traders.
Saturday 13th Dec. 2003	European Exhibition, Mirfield Fire Station, Mirfield, West Yorks. The friendly exhibition with a continental feel and a good place to catch up with friends and colleagues. SRS stand and many European layouts. You will also be able to renew your membership for 2004.

Swiss Layouts on Display

Saturday 20th Sept. 2003	GRS Exhibition - Oxford, Dave Howsam's "Perrapswil".
Sat. 27th & Sun. 28th Sept. 2003	Halifax MRE. Swiss layout plus other European layouts and trade.

Other European Interest Exhibitions:

Fri. 26th - Sun. 28th Sept. 2003	Novegro Exhibition, Parco Esposizioni di Novegro, Linate A/P, Milano Open: 9.30am - 7pm daily.
Sat. 11th & Sun. 12th Oct. 2003	Euromodelbouw, Limburg Halle, Genk, Belgium. Swiss layouts expected from European modellers.
Fri. 17th - Sun. 19th Oct. 2003	Eurospoor 2003, Jaarbeurs, Utrecht, Netherlands. One of the largest exhibitions in Europe with huge second-hand area. Don't miss!! Swiss layouts from Dutch modellers, "Vereniging Spoorgroep Zwitserland". Open: Fri. 10am - 6pm, Sat. & Sun. 09.30am - 5.30pm.
Sat. 8th November 2003	Euretco-Expo-Center, Meidoornkade 24, Houten, Utrecht, Holland. Largest swapmeet in Europe. Open 10.00am - 3.00pm.
Fri. 14th - Sun. 16th Nov. 2003	Rail 2003, Groenoordhallen, Leiden, Netherlands. Large exhibition similar to Utrecht.
Fri. 14th - Sun. 16th Nov. 2003	Euro Modell, Bremen, Germany. Large exhibition similar to Utrecht.

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).

Assistance required for manning the stand at the following:

Warley National 2003, Birmingham NEC – Sat. and Sun. 6th & 7th Dec.

Newmarket European Exhibition, Saturday 19th June 2004

Alexandra Palace, March 2004 – dates to be confirmed

We are frequently asked whether our members have Swiss layouts available for exhibitions. Please let me know if you have a layout which is exhibitable. 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.

Advance Notice:

The SRS has been asked to provide a Swiss layout for Newmarket European Exhibition, Saturday 19th June 2004. Bed and Breakfast is provided at the venue on the Friday night. Reasonable travelling expenses will be paid, however please note, profits from this event are given to charity.

Please contact me if you are able to provide a layout.