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25TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

THE WARLEY EXHIBITION AT THE NEC WAS THE LOCATION FOR A FORMAL CELEBRATION OF THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY. AN ANNIVERSARY CAKE WAS PREPARED BY COMMITTEE MEMBER LILIANA WOOD AND RITUALLY CUT INTO AT THE EXHIBITION. SLICES WERE SERVED THROUGHOUT THE DAY TO MEMBERS, NEW MEMBERS AND WELL-WISHERS.

FROM THE LEFT: ROY DUNGLISON - JOINT PRESIDENT, PAUL RUSSENBERGER - PRESENT CHAIRMAN AND ALAN PIKE OBE - JOINT PRESIDENT. BOTH ALAN AND ROY WERE FOUNDER MEMBERS. THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN BY ANDREW BURNHAM, EDITOR OF CONTINENTAL MODELLER, WHO KINDLY GAVE HIS PERMISSION FOR ITS USE



BELOW: A close up view of the cake. Liliana Wood took this picture herself.

RIGHT: All of a sudden smiles appear as the cake is cut and the anticipation of eating it is heightened. Andrew Burnham also took this picture.

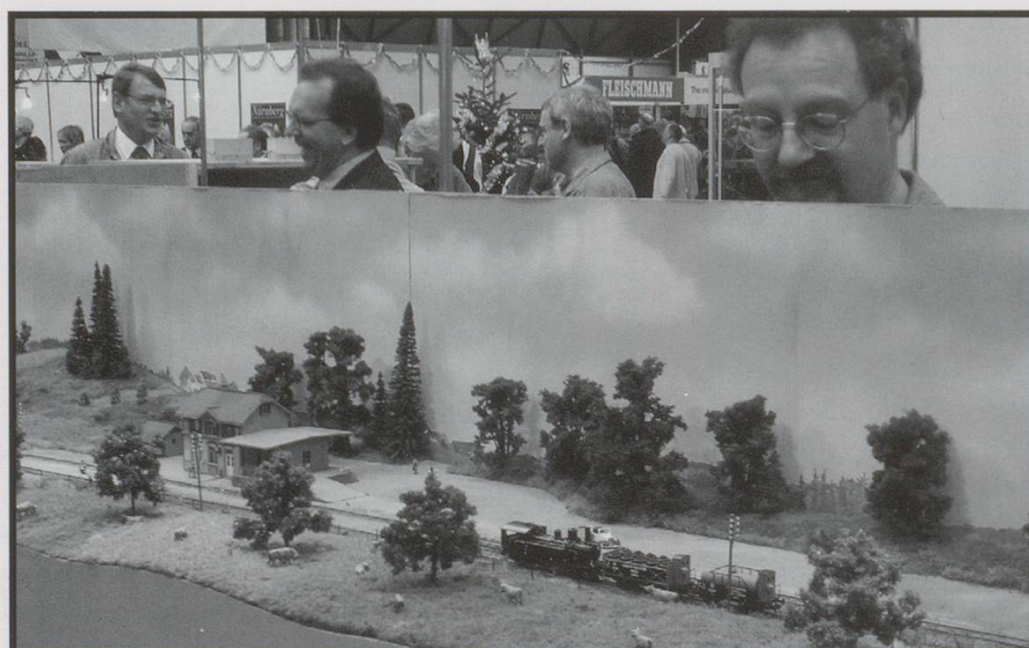




Exhibitions Officer Paul Hannant stands beside one of his many layouts, *Winter Nacht*. He was on duty during the whole of Warley and deserves a large pat on the back, although he would prefer a beer. Paul and his team recruited over thirty new members during the show



The Furness MRC's *Oberfriedhof* always had a large crowd round it.

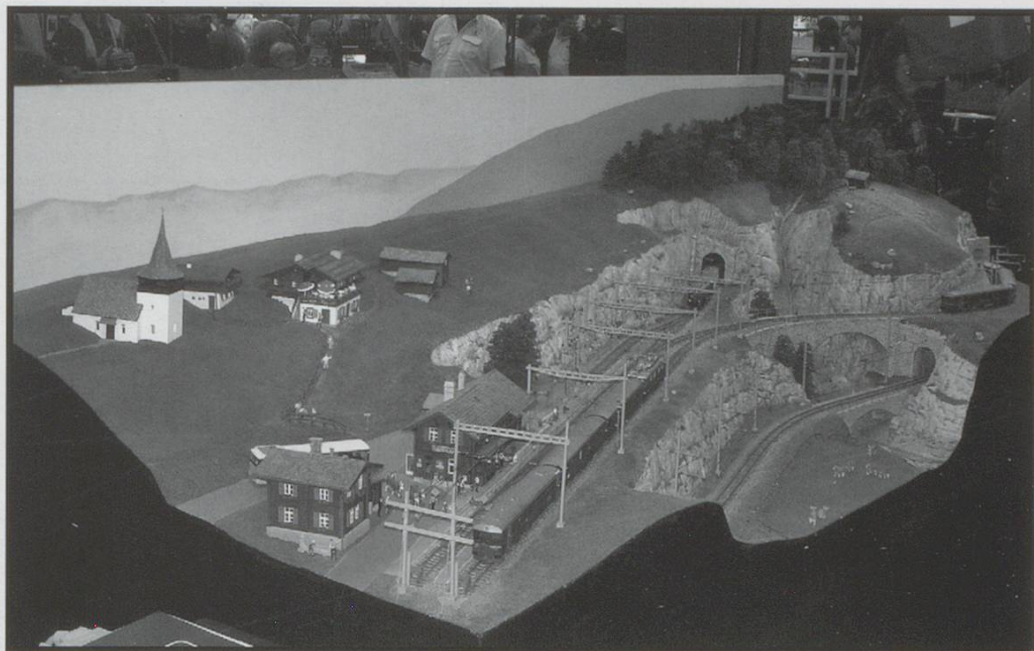


From Switzerland itself, Hombrechtikon, much expanded from it's previous outing here some years ago. It was a great pleasure to see the team here again.

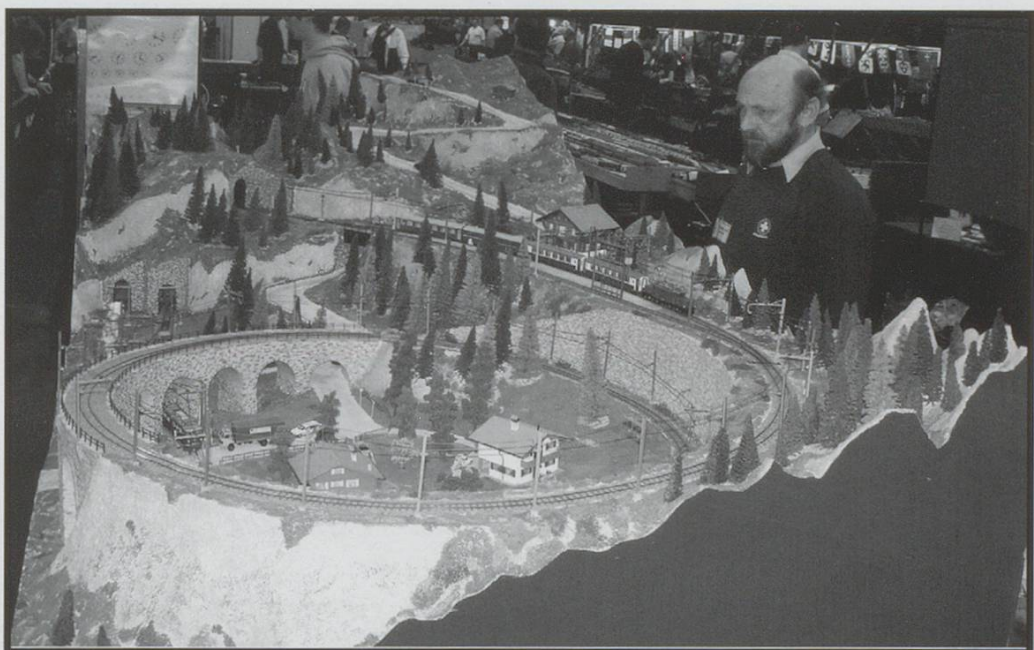
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Bärental. Designed built and operated by Ray Williams and his wife it's use of automatic control left them free to talk to viewers of this very attractive layout.

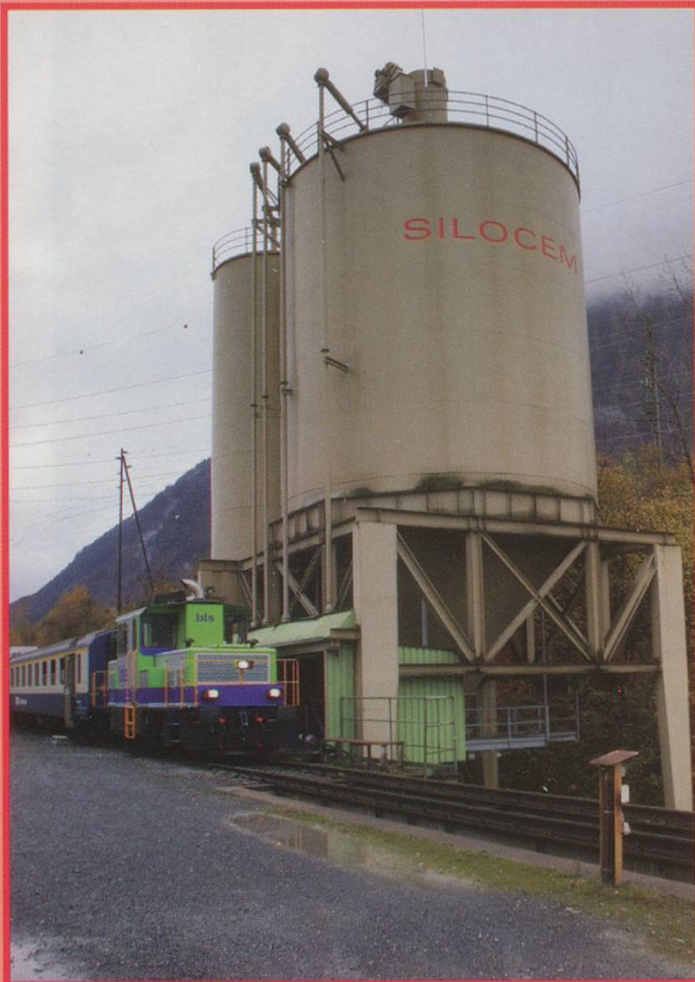


Louis Watkins watches over the Malix spiral.



More stock here than in Switzerland. The fiddle yard of Oberfriedhof.







In late October and early November 2005 Mark visited Switzerland. During the trip he participated in a Mercia Rail Charter organised through the BLS. These are some of the eclectic pictures from the trip and charter.

PREVIOUS PAGE - LEFT UPPER: BLS Tm235 093 at Keisteg Quarry, near Heustrich Emdthal. 05.11.05.

RIGHT UPPER: An FLP train arrives at Ponte Tresa. The picture is taken from the station roof car park. 03.11.05.

LOWER: Dispolok 182 595 pauses at Erstfeld on 04.11.05 with an Inter-Modal.

THIS PAGE - ABOVE: BLS 485 020 is seen at Steinbruch Blausee on 06.11.05.

BELOW: The approach to Domodossola is seen from the cab of BLS 485 020 on 06.11.05.

