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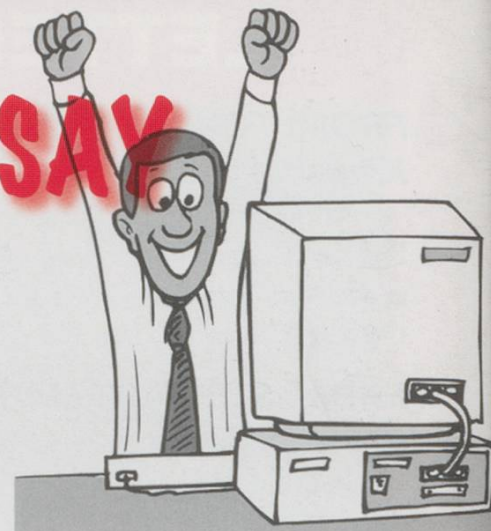
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THE EDITOR HAS HIS SAY



Not much of a say this time. Having been away for most of August and September the magazine has had to take a back seat, hence my decision in June's issue. The committee will be meeting in November to move things on. There are a lot of logistic issues involved with the magazine which require decisions as well ensuring a smooth handover. I have made an offer to help this along being very keen to keep the quality and content of Swiss Express intact, but that's for the future.

THE FLOODS

The terrible floods in the USA have overshadowed those that happened in Europe during August. As you will have seen from this issue peculiar things have been happening to the transport system in Switzerland. Some are technical issues, albeit that they lead to the complete shutdown of the Standard Gauge network, some though are the result of the terrible power of nature. In both instances the Swiss transport system rose to the occasion magnificently. No need to ask what would have happened here in the UK. George Hoekstra's story shows the lengths that the BLS in particular went to help those stranded. No doubt there are other similar stories elsewhere, if you know one let us know. We should also give a moment's thought to those who have suffered as a result of these floods of biblical proportions.

THE WARLEY SHOW

We are having a big bash at Warley this year, even if you are not a modeller try and come along and support us. We can't promise much in the way of drunken debauchery etc. for those with that sort of bent. We can promise a warm welcome. Hope to see you there. Look for the information elsewhere in this issue.

THE KIDDERMINSTER SHOW – WOCHENENDE IM SEVERTAL

Hopefully this will reach you before the Kidderminster event in October. If it does please come along, if it doesn't I hope you enjoyed it!

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FROM: STEVE BRATT – Plane vs. Train

miles a year - and there is the not so small issue of future problems with the TGV's power source, much of it being nuclear! Anyone thinking of trying easyJet routes to Switzerland (they serve Geneva, Zürich and Basel) should book at least 4 months in advance for the bargains, just like a "modern" railway, and ignore that awful ITV series which does them no justice at all!

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