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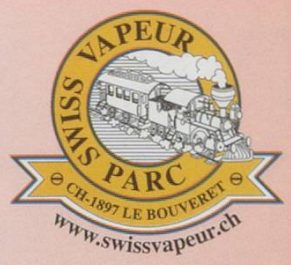
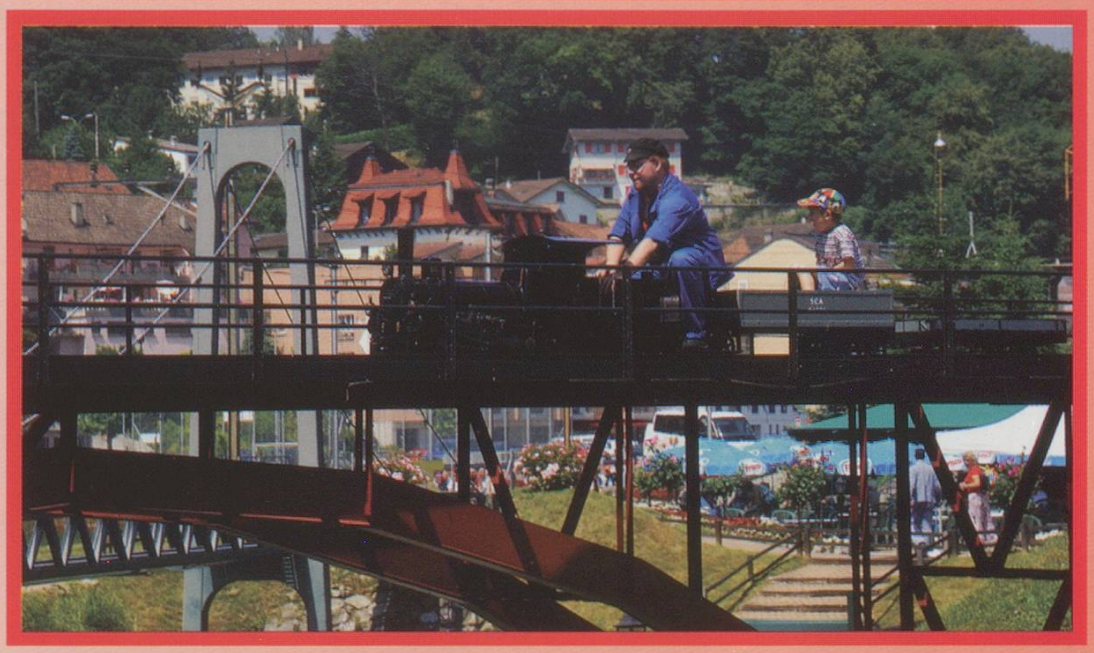
Roger Phelps GALLERY

LE BOUVERET STEAM FESTIVAL

Roger visited the Annual Steam Festival in June this year, some highlights are shown here





Held annually during June the steam festival in Swiss Vapeur Parc is a friendly affair. Owners of all types of locomotives are welcome with none of the fussiness or restrictions that a similar affair in the UK would undoubtedly attract. During the evenings locos are driven round the circuits one after another by sight in a huge parade.

Apart from Roger and his colleague one or two others from the UK also attend, as has been mentioned before in Swiss Express. This year a couple of SG UK locos also took part, in the centre shot a Black 5 can be seen in the bottom right hand corner and in the third shot a model of D6355 can be seen making the circuit. The first shot shows the magnificent bridge which crosses the lake and which is seen from an unusual angle and which shows the not inconsiderable height of the track above terra firma!

Roger took the pictures.

TAKING THE KIDS!

Rupert and Chris take their "cubs" to Switzerland most years and they LOVE it!

All the pictures were taken in August 2004 by Rupert & Chris Chambers. Ellie & Will have a great time even when Dad takes them on one of his track runs for the day. Mind you they aren't teenagers yet. It all goes to show that a family can enjoy a railway based trip - and what an experience. Even if you do flake out at the end!