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JUST A SEC - Roger Ellis

As 'The Hollies' used to sing, 'Here I go again!'

I am always going on about the formation of Branches, but for a change I have some good news for members. On the 5th August First Great Western granted me a rest day, and I thought what better way to spend it than to drive up to Yorkshire to attend the 'Switzerland in Yorkshire' meeting organised by David Scriven and John Stokes. I was delighted that Martin Fisher, the current Membership Secretary and Dave Howsam, the past Membership Secretary also decided to be there to support this worthy event. John thought that about 12 members would attend, but I am pleased to say that 26 sat down to watch slide shows from several of those present. David had also received apologies from 5 to 6 of those unable to attend but who expressed their support for this venture.

There was unanimous enthusiasm for the forming of a Yorkshire Branch. David Scriven has agreed to be the Branch Organiser and his details are given in the Diary Page of this magazine. Both he and John hope to organise a second meeting on a Saturday in October at the Railway Institute in York, but at the time of writing the exact date and time is to be confirmed. If it is too late for this to be detailed on the Diary Page, then please contact David and he will be happy to help you.

On behalf of the Committee, Martin and I would like to thank David and John for their initiative and we now have a new Branch to add to the list. It would make me very happy if the Branch Diary Page needed to be even bigger over the next few years, and if Yorkshire can do it then so too can other areas. Needless to say if any member or members feel that they would like to consider forming a Branch then please get in touch.

Glyn Jones – Sales Officer

The Society has recently introduced some new sales items.

We now have available a CD-Rom containing the three most popular articles from *Swiss Express* over the past 15 years. These are in JPEG format and can easily be printed. The articles are:-

- Steam in Switzerland in ten parts by Malcolm Hardy-Randall
- Swiss Signals in twelve parts by John Jesson
- Tooth by Tooth in five parts by A E Hauser-Gubser.

The articles on Swiss Signalling are the most requested I receive and all the copies of *Swiss Express* that they were in are long out of print.

The cost of the CD-Rom is £5, including post & packing.

Greetings Cards. Following the death of former committee member Andy Nelson his executors have given the Society a quantity of greetings card

featuring his diorama "The Wrong Kind of Snow" which was featured in *Continental Modeler* and is now also owned by the Society. These cards are shown below and the two designs are available at a cost of 25p each or 5 for £1, plus 50p P&P for any quantity. Your choice of the mix of designs. The price includes a donation to Andy's charity, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

