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EDITORIAL

Well, we managed to get the September issue to you almost within the month on the cover. This was due to the unstinting help the team received from Gerry Savine who is a professional graphic designer as well as an SRS member. I now hope that you will be reading this in the first few days of December so that you will have plenty of time to browse the advertisements in order to organise both presents for yourselves, and holidays in Switzerland next year. Both Hugh Edgley (who looks after our advertisers) and I urge you to support them. They have been very forbearing during the period of late issues and this patience deserves to be rewarded.

Now another plea from the editorial team. We love to receive your submissions to the magazine as without them it would not exist. If you have sent in something in the last year or two, and it has not been published, please bear with us. Some of the articles we have on file are quite long and, for example, we aim to limit long travelogues to one in each issue. We always try to publish relevant photographs with each article, but we have some articles in-hand without illustrations. Having said

that, for the sake of our Photographic Editor's sanity, please do not send in scores of pictures with your article. With the vast majority of members now using digital cameras it is easy to take lots of shots – I do! However, we would much prefer half a dozen good clear images based around your article (or of general interest) rather than a CD of your complete holiday. It will also help to get your submissions published if they are short. A 1000 word document has far more chance of appearing in the magazine than a 3000 word one. If an article has some technical, commercial or operational content so much the better. We would also like articles about some of the smaller operators and more unusual operations. If you do submit photographs and articles please only do it through Liliana Wood as she is geared up to receive them and at this stage I am not.

Finally I would like to thank those members who have sent us messages of thanks for the resumption of "normal service". It is my intention that we can maintain the situation, although this may be in a different manner from how it was previously achieved.

Malcolm Bulpitt

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS - Martin Fisher

I'm afraid that once again it's time to renew your membership. Those of you who joined this year or renewed last time for one year should find a renewal form inside this issue of "*Swiss Express*". The Chairman's Notes in the December magazine outlines the reasons for the rise in the subscription. You may, of course, pay now for two years at the new rate if you wish. Please send your completed form & payment to me at my new address, as set out on the form.

Those of you who paid for two years last time should already have received your membership card for 2007 and should not receive a renewal form with this magazine: if you do, ignore it!

If you have any queries on the procedures please contact me – my details are on Page 1.