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SRS Annual General Meeting

The 2008 Swiss Railways Society AGM and Spring Meet will be held on Saturday, 8th March at the Midland Hotel, Derby. As usual the East Midlands Branch will be holding their meeting on the previous Friday evening.

Confirmed trade stands already include: MITV, Winco, N-Scale CH, Contikits, Platform 5 and Gerald Savine. Layouts include: Hohtenn, Maloja & one of Dave Howsam's. Further layouts and displays are required; if you have anything suitable please contact Glyn Jones.

More information will be provided in the September issue of *Swiss Express* but in the interim please reserve this important date in your diary. Contact glyn.jones@btinternet.com or see the Branch Diary page.



Grand Steamer Event on the Vierwaldstättersee

Our friends in Switzerland have let the SRS know about an event which will take place next year on Lake Lucerne. The flagship of the SGV, the steam paddle ship "Stadt Luzern", will celebrate her 80th birthday in 2008. "Die Stadt" ("The City"), as their ship is lovingly called, is the youngest Swiss paddle steamer and with its noble, maritime look she is in a class by herself.

On Saturday, April 19th, 2008 the SGV will celebrate the birthday of "Stadt Luzern" and her four sister steamers in a festive parade. There are no specific details of the event available as we go to press, however, by letting members and their friends know the date in advance you can all make advance plans for a spring 2008 Swiss trip.

A programme of events is being planned by mixed team made up of employees of the SGV (The Lake Lucerne Navigation Company), Tavolago and the Friends of Steamboat Navigation of Lake Lucerne. As soon as this programme is available we will circulate details in the magazine and on our website. If you wish to contact the organisers direct we have been given two contacts. They are Melanie Abegg on m.abegg@lakelucerne.ch and Peter Rüeegg (Head Marketing & Sales at SGV) on p.rueegg@lakelucerne.ch both of whom will be happy to assist.