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Although having a "real" job in the hydraulics industry over the past 35 years I had combined my admiration of the country with taking pleasure in organising trips for both our friends and for larger groups. These trips seem to have been appreciated as from my original group of eight people at one time I finished up with a party of 145 people! At seventy I have now given up the role of tour organiser although I still give help and advice to others on how to make the most of their trips to Switzerland, plus I still travel there as I wish to see as much of the country as I can whilst time is still on my side.

I know that many readers of *Swiss Express* will be familiar with the savings that can be made using the wonderful Swiss Pass, and locally issued passes such as those for the Bernese Oberland area. From my own experience

there are some amazing bargains to be had. The price of a 15 day Bernese Oberland regional pass can easily be recovered in two days of carefully planned travelling on the BOB and WAB (plus the linking cable cars, funiculars, buses, etc) lines south of Interlaken. I still take an interest in helping people to map out their best travel options and if any member would like to contact me to get some ideas for making the best use of these passes I would be happy to hear from them. I would also be pleased to hear from any SRS members who live in the Norwich and the Norfolk/Suffolk areas to see if there is any interest in trying to form a further branch of the Society (or perhaps something more of an informal Swiss discussion group) in this part of the world. I can be reached by Email on derek.cate@ntlworld.com or by 'phone on 01603 419582 .

MEMBERS' ADVERTS

For sale: Six Typenskizzen books with about 700 side elevation drawings of RhB rolling stock from 1889 to 1980. Published at CHF30 each; available for £40 the lot, to include £7 contribution to postage.

Contact: Michael Farr, 01579 383482 or pandmfarr@talktalk.net.

For sale: A large number of Swiss HOm models (mostly MOB) including Bemo, Friho and Fulgurex all in good condition in boxes plus a large number of unused boxed and unboxed Peco HOm points and some new track. For full list Tel: 01276 856051 or Email: montbovon@btinternet.com.



TOP RIGHT: A Voralpen Express runs into Arth-Goldau.

ABOVE: Over one weekend in July 2008 each Voralpen Express was strengthened by three old green coaches and a banking loco was added to the rear for the run up the hill.

RIGHT: Voralpen Express Poster.

