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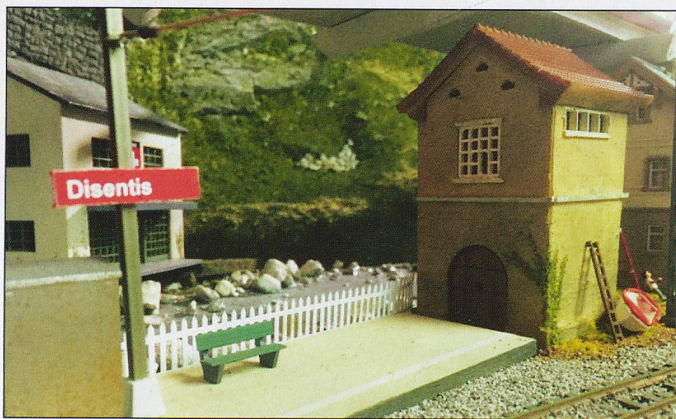
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MODELLING NEWS

base, then spread out in thin lines up the wall using a toothpick and sprinkle on ground foam colour mix of choice. Shake off surplus. Allow to dry.



Step 5 - Paint & assemble.



Position the finished model in situ on your diorama or layout. Add 'ambience' to bring to life! 

Ingredients

Tilly Models 87065 SBB/BLS Schalthaus

Superglue – and de-bonder!

Oil paints of choice – I chose Tamiya spray paint range.

Water based paints of choice – for dry brushing on top of the dry oil paint to highlight the features.

Modelling putty is suggested to fill cavities – although I didn't find a need for it!

White glue and scenic material if applying vegetation.

Suitable Modelling Tools

Sharp knife + blade(s)

X-ACTO saw tooth blade(s)

Small paint brushes (various), Stirrer and Toothpicks

Fine tweezers (don't have to be antistatic for this model)

Flat working surface / Cutting mat / Straight edge!

Small pieces of non-toxic foam wedges (found at beauty counters!) – for dabbing on weathering colours.

Take normal precautions when using tools, glues and paints.

Step 6 - Place in position on the layout.

SOCIETY PAGES

Society AGM 2018 and Spring Get-Together

A reminder that the Society's Annual General Meeting is on Saturday 17th March at the Best Western Stuart Hotel, 119 London Road, Derby, DE1 2QR, and not at the Midland Hotel that has been the venue in recent years. The Get-Together is from 10:00 until 16:30 with the actual AGM commencing at 13:30. The hotel is just a 5-minute walk from the station and can be found when exiting the station by going straight ahead down Midland Road, leaving the Midland Hotel on your left, then turning right into London Road. Full details were in the December *Swiss Express*, or they can be accessed on our Website.

Birmingham Branch to close

Steve Buck, Birmingham Branch Organiser writes: "It is with regret that following the May 2017 meeting the Birmingham branch of the Society will cease to meet. This is due to falling attendances, which in turn means we are unable to pay the room rental. It is also unfair to expect speakers to travel from a distance to give a presentation to some eight members. We have taken this decision very reluctantly, but see no other course of action unless we are inundated with new attendees at our last two meetings. I know that other groups are suffering the same problems and I would ask all members within travelling distance of a branch to please support that branch so that others do

not suffer the same fate."

"Mea Culpa"

I apologise to Rob Morrey for misspelling his name on P43 of the last magazine. Also the signal controlling the 'line-to-nowhere' is on Platform 5 of Genève Cornavin station, not 'Cornaviv'. Rob assures me that he has now removed the pins from my effigy! Two small errors also crept into Column 2 on P12 of Bryan Stone's article. He reports that he does not keep an effigy of the Editor for use in cases such as this. Also in the article about the Brienz Bridge, Bryan should have been given a credit for his assistance in its preparation. I am also aware that a few technical errors crept into the article by The Marmot. He is currently hibernating for the winter so will not see this apology. This was a stressful issue! Editor.

SRS books at the AGM

There will be a complete range of our publications at the AGM including at least one new title. They can also be sent direct to your home when purchased from Society Sales – see inside the back cover of this magazine or look on our Website. All our books normally sell very well and any profit made goes toward the running of your Society. However one publication seems to have slipped below many peoples radar as we understand that some (including booksellers!) had assumed that it was about physically ascending the mountains. This is the excellent "Swiss Mountain Climbing – the easy way", which

apart from being a comprehensive review of all the Funiculars, Cable Cars, and Chairlifts in Switzerland, is also a really good travel guide to all of the locations listed. We recommend that this would be a useful volume to have when next travelling to Switzerland to explore above the valleys and outside the resorts.

"SBB Electric Locomotives – Past and Present"

This is the title of Martin Fisher's latest A4 book for the Society. To be published at the AGM in March, it will describe the evolution of Swiss electric locomotive design through some 50 types of locomotive (excluding shunters but including those railcars which saw use in the traditional manner) from the very earliest experimental schemes in the Edwardian era through to the "Vectrons". The types covered will range from "celebrity" designs through to ventures which at best are long-forgotten. The intention is to describe and illustrate every class, along with the more significant modifications and livery changes. Information provided will include technical aspects (the more detailed elements of which will be contained in separate appendices and tables), locomotive deployment and, where relevant, subsequent preservation. Photographs will be in colour wherever possible but, of course, old archive photos (mostly very rare) are in black-and-white. Most of the photos have been obtained from members (including a valuable input from some in Switzerland) but some use has inevitably had to be made of online sources. There will not be an "ABC-style" list of individual fleet numbers. This is to be the last new title in Martin Fisher's series of books for the Society. The only remaining project is a second edition of "Swiss Postbuses", enlarged to A4 format and expanded to include new written and photographic material. It is due for publication at the AGM in March 2019.

Members' Area of the Society Website

The Username for 2018 to access the "Members Area" of the Society website is **MGB@swissrailsoc.org.uk**. The 2018 password is printed on your 2018 membership card.

SRS on Facebook

The SRS has a Facebook presence. Our Facebook page is at: <https://www.facebook.com/swissrailwaysociety/> It is hoped that being on will promote the Society and will be a vehicle where we can put announcements at short notice. We also have a Facebook Group page at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/swissrailwaysociety/> Members can join, ask questions, post photos and videos. Please 'like' our Facebook page and join this closed group and make use of it.

Members' Letters

From: Bob Minns – By Email

Brienzen Bridge. I was interested to read the article on Pp18/9 of December's Swiss Express about the moveable bridge at Brienzen. As regular visitors to the village my wife and I were booked to stay at the 'Weisses Kreuz' from 3rd September 2005, just a week after the storm. We heard about the flooding on the BBC News the previous weekend and of course immediately started trying to contact the hotel, eventually getting through on the Sunday to be told that the area between the Trachtbach and Glyssibach had been

evacuated and was a no-go area that was controlled by the Swiss Army. We were however able to rebook our holiday for the first week in October, which we did. The day we arrived was the first day of Zentralbahn trains running from Interlaken to Meiringen and of course there was still a lot of evidence of the floods. On the Sunday we took the PostAuto to Ballenberg and the route took us, as usual, along the side of the Glyssibach. The road had been opened, but they were still clearing the mud and debris from the area where the homes had been wrecked. All week there was a steady stream of lorries through the town taking mud to be dumped in the lake between Brienzen and Oberried and every evening the Army were washing the road with high-pressure hoses. In 2007 we were there again when it started raining heavily one evening and were warned to listen for the siren as the Hotel was worried that it might happen again, I think that the 'railway' bridge had been completed by then.

From: Adrian Friend – By Email

Swiss Pass Validity. Having just received my Swiss Pass for my holiday I have discovered that from 2018 Swiss Pass holders will have to pay half price to travel on the Pilatusbahn rather than it being free. However not all changes in validity are to the detriment of the traveller. In the past few years the following changes have been made:- Bus routes Mals(I) - Nauders - Landeck(A) and Stein/Rhein (CH) - Singen (D) are now free rather than half-price. Other free bus routes have appeared in the Schaffhausen area. The rail route between Erzingen - Schaffhausen - Thayngen is now free rather than half-price. This is a bonus for mechanical semaphore signalling enthusiasts!

From: John Evans – By Email

Swiss Postbuses. Although not a member of the SRS I was pleased to see the article about model Swiss Postbuses that I co-authored with my fellow collector Fritz Jenni, in *Swiss Express*. Some time ago I wrote a four-page article on the history of Swiss Postbuses, using models to illustrate it, for the Diecast Collector magazine. It had many pictures of the various models and if any of your members would like a black-and-white print I would gladly supply one. The magazine itself with Postbuses on the cover is often on sale on eBay. I can be contacted by email on jandkevans62@gmail.com Incidentally, members of the SRS may be interested to know of a British owned-and-operated static caravan park about 2-miles outside of Interlaken. I think it is one of the most cost-effective ways of staying in Switzerland for an extended period and would thoroughly recommend it. Details can be found at www.altogold.com

Members' Advertisements

For sale: Swiss Narrow Gauge South and West (2017) and Swiss Narrow Gauge North and East (2017): Softback books, A4, 36 pages, 120 colour photographs. Each book £10.00, or buy both for £18.00, including postage, direct from the author. Send to Jason Sargerson, 17 Muirfield Park, Westbourne Avenue, Hull, East Yorkshire, HU5 3JF. Contact Tel: 01482 446451 or email: Jasonsargerson88@gmail.com. Cheques payable to Jason Sargerson. Please see my website for further details: www.jasonsargerson.uk. 