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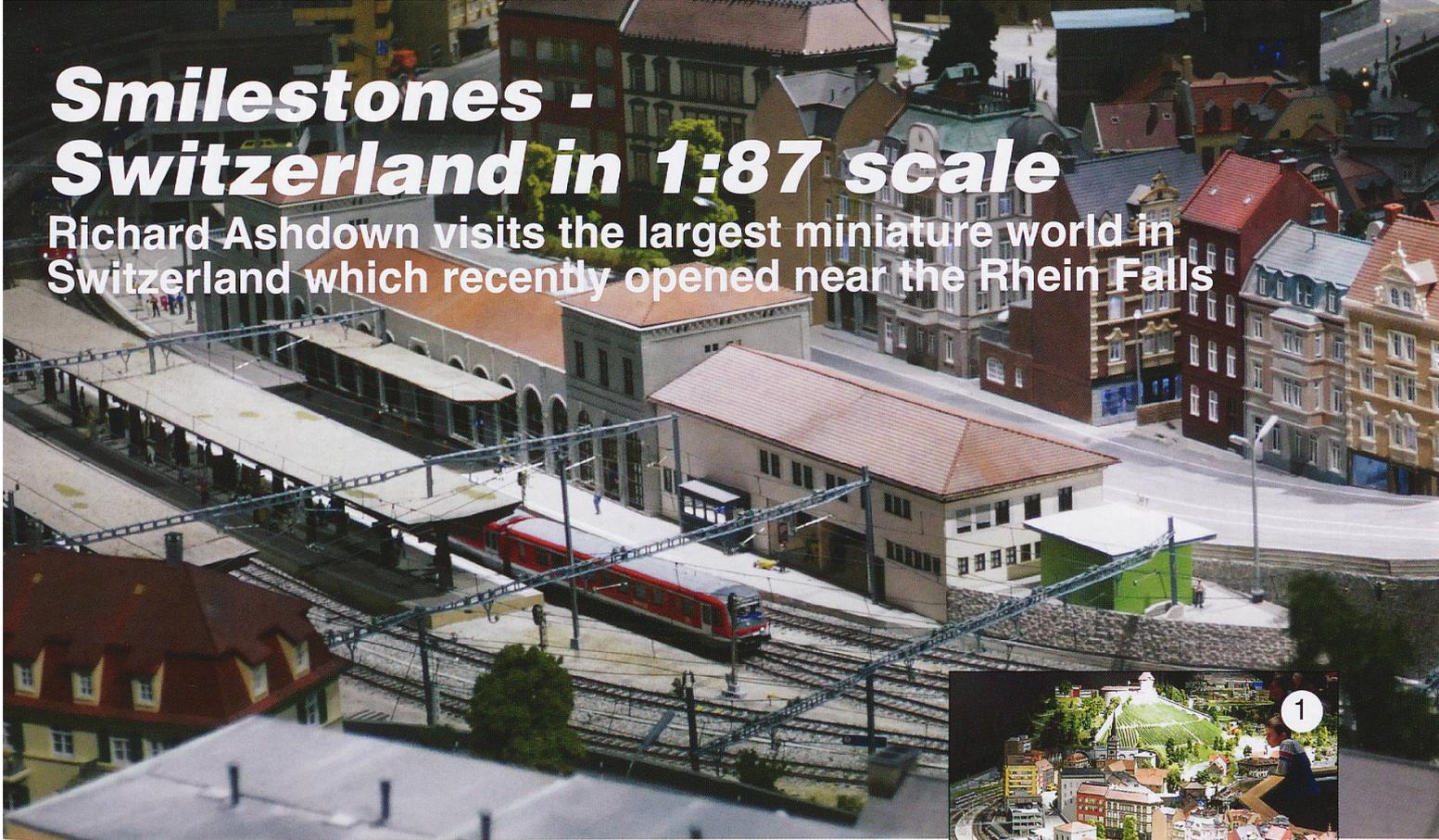
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Smilestones - Switzerland in 1:87 scale

Richard Ashdown visits the largest miniature world in Switzerland which recently opened near the Rhein Falls



Smilestones (the name comes from Swiss milestones) opened in November 2018. While on holiday recently, my wife and I took the opportunity to visit it.

The intention is to represent various characteristic areas of Switzerland in 1:87 scale. The first section which is open, includes scenes from the North-East part of the country, starting with the Rhein Falls which is where the display is located. Being Switzerland, there are of course a lot of railways included, so far about 1,000 metres of track and 80 trains. There are also working road vehicles.

The second section (which visitors can see under construction) will include the mountain regions Eiger, Mönch, Jungfrau and Matterhorn, and is due to open in the Autumn of 2019.

Smilestones is located only about 50 metres from Neuhausen Rheinfall station and is well signposted. Some trains from Zürich stop at this station but it is quicker to get a fast train to Schaffhausen and then return two stops. There is a small bistro within the building and several other eating places around the falls.

More information at www.smilestones.ch. 

ABOVE: Neuhausen

All photos:
Richard Ashdown

1. Schaffhausen.
2. Trackwork.
3. Cantonal Assembly, at Appenzell.
4. Control Room.

