

Zeitschrift: Swiss express : the Swiss Railways Society journal
Herausgeber: Swiss Railways Society
Band: - (2019)
Heft: 140

Vorwort: Chairman's notes
Autor: Jesson, John

Nutzungsbedingungen

Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. [Mehr erfahren](#)

Conditions d'utilisation

L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. [En savoir plus](#)

Terms of use

The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. [Find out more](#)

Download PDF: 23.01.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, <https://www.e-periodica.ch>

SWISS EXPRESS

THE MAGAZINE OF THE SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY

FOUNDED 1980

The Swiss Railways Society is a company limited by guarantee. Company No. 10368576
Registered office – 3, Aldersey Road, Worcester, WR5 3BG

Chairman's Notes

John Jesson

When this magazine is sent out the Christmas holiday period will be rapidly approaching, so it is time for me to pick up my pen once more. In fact, of course, I'm bashing a keyboard, but the principle is the same.

It is my very great pleasure to thank everyone who has worked for and supported the Society through the year. Without you, we could not function, so please keep it up.

I recently spent a very pleasant weekend helping Bill Salter with the SRS stand at the Hornby Open Weekend at Margate. Business-wise it was quiet, but we both enjoyed ourselves, and having two people meant that we both had opportunities to see what else was there, as well as being able to have our lunch in peace.

This brings me to one point I want to raise. Bill is, at the present time, holding down two Society jobs - Editor and Exhibitions Officer. Having taken on the role of Editor, he is not standing for re-election to that of Exhibitions Officer at the next AGM. Also at the next AGM, I will be standing down as Chairman. We need new people to come forward to help in the running of the Society. Knowing this has led to the new proposals to make it easier for members to do so, proposals which were included in the June magazine. Please consider getting involved. After all, the present committee cannot continue for ever.

May I end up with wishing everyone my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. 

SOCIETY WEBSITE - www.swissralsoc.org.uk

The 2019 password for the 'Members Area' of the Society's website is printed on your 2019 Membership Card and will be valid until the end of January 2020. Please "like" our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/swissrailwaysociety and get involved with our Facebook Group: www.facebook.com/groups/swissrailwaysociety

Magazine Editor: BILL SALTER 1, Bramble Way, Bransgore, Christchurch. BH23 8HD.
E-Mail: editor@swissralsoc.org.uk
Telephone: 01425 673551

Photo Editor: DAVID STEVENSON 3, Aldersey Road, Worcester. WR5 3BG
E-Mail: photographs@swissralsoc.org.uk

Advertising Manager: NEIL WHEELWRIGHT E-Mail: advertising@swissralsoc.org.uk
Proof Reading: LESLEY AND CHRIS JOHNSTON-SENIOR and TREVOR GÄUNTLETT
Design & Production: GERALD SAVINE E-Mail: geraldsavine@btconnect.com
All text contributions and correspondence to the Editor
All pictorial contributions to the Photo Editor

PLEASE PREFIX 'SWISS EXPRESS' ON ALL E-MAIL SUBJECT HEADINGS

The Editor is pleased to accept any article for inclusion in *Swiss Express* but cannot accept liability for any material that is damaged or lost, howsoever caused. A prepaid return addressed envelope should be included if photographs are to be returned. The views and opinions expressed by contributors are not necessarily those of the Society or Editor.

Advertising: Members' private sales and wants for Swiss railway related items are printed free of charge providing space is available. Trade rates on application to the Advertising Manager. The Society cannot accept liability for the actions of any advertiser.

Publication Dates: *Swiss Express* is published quarterly in March, June, September and December.

Copy Dates: Closing dates for the receipt of all copy material are the 1st of January, April, July and October respectively. Any queries concerning distribution of the magazine should be addressed to the Membership Secretary.

Copyright: ©2019 Swiss Railways Society. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, without the written prior permission of the Management Board of the Society.

Swiss Railways Society – Membership Details

If you are not currently a member of the Swiss Railways Society, and have only just discovered *Swiss Express*, why not join so you can keep up to date with railways and the transport scene in Switzerland? For a modest UK subscription of £20/year in addition to receiving four quarterly issues of this splendid publication you can also take part in the other activities organised by the Society.

For a Society Prospectus you can either write to
Steve Buck, 55, The Boulevard, Wylde Green, Sutton Coldfield. B73 5JB,
or email him at membership@swissralsoc.org.uk

WHAT'S INSIDE?

- 1 EDITORIAL
- 2 BACK FROM THE DEAD
- 3 WHERE'S HEIDI?
- 4 THE RED ARROWS
- Part Two
- 7 LÉMAN EXPRESS
EVACUATION EXERCISE
- 8 AN INTERESTING SUNDAY
- 10 CLASS 501 AND 502:
FIRST IMPRESSIONS
- 13 TRADITIONAL NAMES FOR
NEW TRAINS
- 14 SBB HISTORIC AND
ERSTFELD
- 18 HOCHDORF REMISENFEST
2019 - "WHERE THE MODEL
MET THE ORIGINAL"
- 20 A SWISS CELEBRATION
- 21 A 'PARLIAMENTARY TRAIN'
WITH A DIFFERENCE
- 24 MEMBERS' PHOTO GALLERY
- 26 THE CROCODILE
CELEBRATES ITS
CENTENARY THIS YEAR -
Part Two
- 29 SWISS NEWS
- 35 MISOXER MEMORIES
- 37 STAMP NEWS
- 38 MODELLING NEWS
- 40 SOCIETY PAGES
- 42 WHERE'S HEIDI?
- 43 SWISS EXPERTISE
WORLDWIDE
- 45 TRAVELS OF A BAG AND
SUPERB ZB SERVICE
- 45 AND FINALLY...
- 47 IVAN RODRIGUES FROM
THE STC WRITES

COVER PICTURE:

As we report in this issue, Dampfbahn Furka-Bergstrecke HG 4/4 No 704. saw a triumphant return to service in late June following its extensive restoration. Here it is seen on 30 June at Muttbach during one of its initial journeys.

Photo: © Andreas Huwiler