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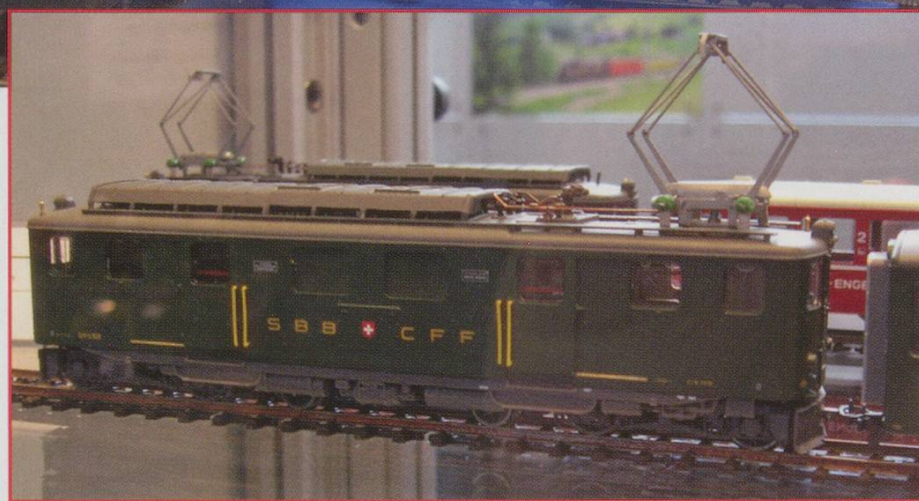
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NUREMBURG TOY FAIR - 2008

John Jesson



PHOTOS: John Jesson

ABOVE: HAG: BLS
Control trailer in new
grey/green livery

LEFT: Bemo: SBB Brünig
Deh 909

As usual after a big trade event (and 2007 saw two of them), the choice of new models for 2008 is more limited. However, the new models are there, together with a large number of detail and livery variations.

This is a welcome practice for both manufacturer and modeller, as it enables the manufacturer to keep costs down, while the modeller gets (maybe eventually) the particular version or livery that is wanted.

Weathering is another means of announcing a "new" model, and has been adopted by several manufacturers in previous years. The practice shows no sign of letting up. Another practice is the re-introduction, sometimes in an improved form, of previous models that have been out of production for a while.

My full report was posted on our website some weeks ago and many of you have accessed this whilst a number of other members have obtained a printed copy

from the Editor by sending him a stamped addressed envelope. – an offer that still stands. This year, I have tried to get a few photographs. The difficulties of photographing through glass are fairly obvious. As I found, it is not only this that causes problems, but the numerous lights as well. The established magazines, which usually have all the week to take photographs, usually remove models to their own mini-studios. It is therefore not unusual to find gaps in the showcases. Many of the announced new items do not yet exist, even in mock-up form, but there are usually displays of the most recently released models. For a combination of all these reasons, coupled with my limited abilities as a photographer, there is no chance of a comprehensive visual summary of all the announced new models, however a few shots of my favourites are reproduced here.

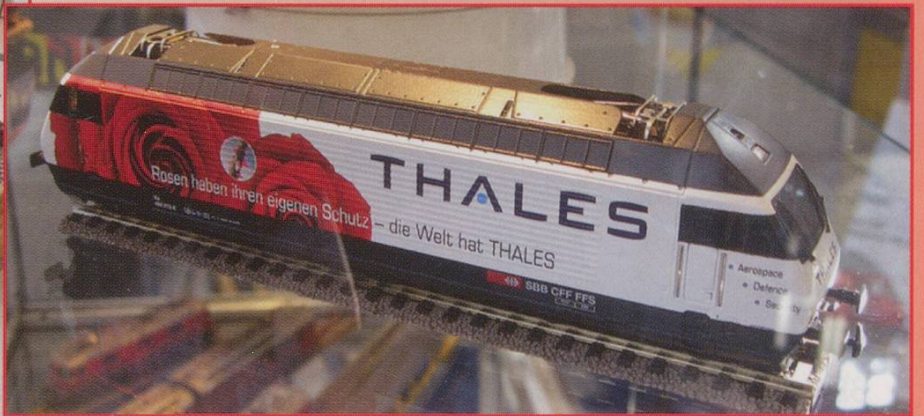
RIGHT: Mehano: SBBC
Am 4/4 843.091



ABOVE: Mä/Trix: SBB Ee 3/3 16367

RIGHT: Rivarossi: DB
BR 58 2-10-0

LOWER RIGHT: HAG: SBB
Re 460.012 in "Theles" livery



ABOVE: abe: French loo

RIGHT: Piko: SBB flat wagon
with PTT containers

BELOW: Kato: 2-axle tram/trailer
of "Siegener Kreisbahn"



RIGHT: Mä/Trix: SBB Re 4/411
in TEE livery