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SOCIETY NEWS

SRS 2010 Calendar

After the sell-out success of the 2009 Calendar we will be producing one for next year. It will be a smaller format (the only complaints for the 2009 edition regarded its large size) and we will be increasing the print run. The cost (including P & P) will be around £10. More details will be available in the September magazine.

The 2010 AGM is in ???

It is not too early to put Saturday 20th March 2010 into your diaries so you do not miss our next AGM which is being organised by the Bristol and Bath Branch. Due to problems with sourcing a economically viable location in Bristol the venue is currently uncertain. Details are still being confirmed as we go to press so look out for the full information in the September Swiss Express. Have you a model railway that you could bring along to this event? Swiss themed layouts would obviously be good, but it could be of anywhere. Why not bask in the admiration of your fellow members as they admire your model making skills. Next year we are planning to have a small fund available to offer partial assistance to layout owners with their travelling expenses. Contact Roger Ellis at REllis@alfnalf.fsnet.co.uk or on 01935 824 428 for more details.

West Midlands Group 2009 Summer Trip - 24th June

It is not too late to join those intrepid members of the West Midlands Group who are off to Geneva by easyjet on the 24th June. For more details contact David Stevenson on 01905 358440 (or preferably <u>bodensee@btconnect.com</u>). They hope to have least 10 hours in Geneva or its surroundings.

The Autumn Social Event

It is also not too late to join Roger Ellis and over twenty members of the SRS at this year's autumn event that is taking place from the 17th to 21st September in Erstfeld. A number of special trips are being planned. The event will be based at the Hotel Frohsinn, whose advert regularly appears in *Swiss Express*, and if you intend to join the group we urge you to make a booking as soon as you can. All the details of the event were in the December 2008 magazine and they are available on our website, or from Roger.

Hampshire Branch

The new Hampshire Branch are publishing their own Newsletter and Edition 4 is available to see on the Society Website. On Saturday 14th March 18 members of both the SRS and the Solent 'G' Scale Society gathered on a sunny spring afternoon in Branch Chairman Glyn Smith's garden to sample tea, cakes and the Smith Family garden railway together with visiting Swiss-outline locos and rolling stock. The branch is now meeting in the Central Library located in Southampton Civic Centre just 5 minutes walk from the Central Station and its frequent train services from all over southern England. This must be one of the most easy-toreach venue of any of our branches. The Editor has fond memories of many hours spent keeping warm in the Library when he was studying in the City during the bitter winter of 1963!

