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these locations although the SBB does still handle some wagon-load consignments. Recently the area around Worb SBB has attracted some light industry, but all freight movement in the area is now by road and this is the way the products of Worb's famous brewery, Egger AG, founded in 1863, are shipped-out. Although Grenchen too has numerous manufacturing establishments their products also go by road today.

There are probably many other locations around the network where other unusual, in today's world, railway features still survive in situ, and some possibly may still see some use. So, when visiting Switzerland, do not just take photographs of trains but capture images of these aspects of railway history before they are swept away on the tide of uniformity.



WHY SWITZERLAND?

My initial interest in Switzerland came through railway modelling. After successful layouts in 00-gauge (GWR) & early British N-gauge I thought continental models might display better running qualities and detail. In the early seventies I started a Swiss N-gauge layout and then joined the Swiss Model Group, that became part of the Swiss Railway Enthusiasts Society and then the SRS. This whetted my appetite for Switzerland so 1981 saw my family sail from Dover to Ostend, travelling on through Basel to Interlaken by train. Having missed out on a 1959 school trip to Austria this was my first trip abroad.



Switzerland did not just live up to my expectations - it exceeded them in every aspect! Gosh it had even more to offer than Yorkshire! We travelled extensively on our Swiss Pass, marvelling at the scenery, transport and all things Swiss. I was hooked and have returned to sample Switzerland's delights every year since.

In 1984 I built a small RhB H0m layout, using Bemo materials and, true to form, then visited the Graubünden finding out how inaccurate my model was. Finally I did learn, and did some research, before building Perrapswil! Now there always seems a pressing need to visit Switzerland to check up on something!

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