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A glimpse of Nuremberg Toy Fair 2015

Peter Marriott



Plenty of interest at the Liliput stand.

All photos: Peter Marriott except where stated

The major manufacturers announced their new items at or before the 2015 Nuremberg Toy Fair that was attended this year by over 70,000 visitors from 126 countries. Hall 4A is the model railway hall though some items of interest were to be found in other halls. Just some of the scenic innovations this year are described below.

- Auhagen are expanding their useful range of plastic industrial building bits and pieces including machinery, pipes, brackets and brick wall panels in various colours. These parts form part of a comprehensive integrated building system not often seen in use in the UK.

- From Faller there are lots more new building kits including some with illuminated and working parts. The "green" modern station looks as if it could easily be a rebuilt station in Switzerland and the Car System has more improvements. There are also more tree kits and some new modelling compounds.

- This year's theme for Kibri is building kits with LED working lights including an electrical substation. There are a selection of catenary installation rail vehicles, plus road vehicles with flashing lights. Most of these are in HO scale. Viessmann has new light kits in various scales, a functional tamping machine and catenary laying wagons. Various new electronics including opening and closing door mechanisms and animated figures in HO and O scales.

- Noch's theme for 2015 is "Right and Left along the Tracks" with lots more laser cut building and detailing kits.

There are new painted figures plus unpainted figure kits. There are now TT and N scale figures with LED lighting effects. There are various buildings that include moving parts and lights, including loco shed doors and a Film Festival screen. There will be a new layout making guidebook in English .


- Last year Vollmer announced that it was to stop trading in summer 2014 but its products are now available once more under the Viessmann brand and this year introduces a new stone-effect tunnel portal and retaining walls, plus a number of building sheets including cobblestone road surfaces with integrated man hole covers.

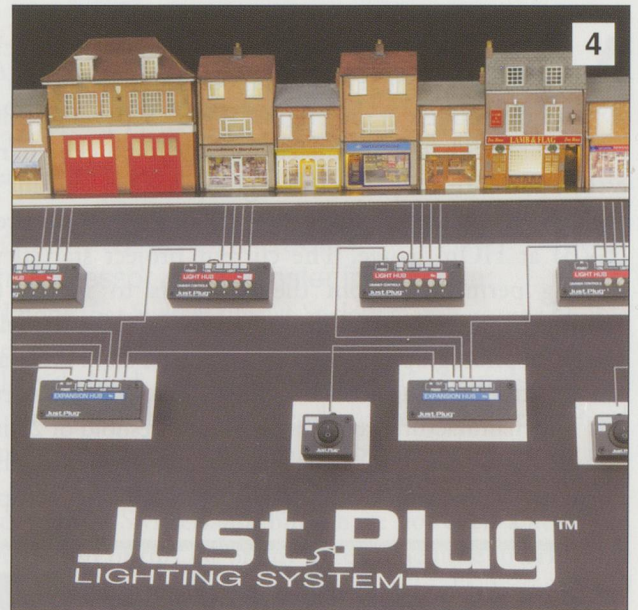


The railway logo at the Nuremberg Toy Fair.

MODELLING NEWS

● Woodland Scenics introduced the Just Plug Lighting System for buildings where individual bulb brightness that can be controlled and with its modular design it can

be easily expanded. Just Plug is compatible with DCC and is suitable for any scale. 




1. New from Kato, Rhätische Bahn locomotives and coaches
2. Roco are endeavouring to attract more young modellers into the hobby with their Next Generation branding.
3. New good looking fir trees for O scale by Heki.
4. Woodland Scenics introduced the Just Plug Lighting System for buildings.
5. Bemo Om tractor.
6. HO scale figures by Noch with LED lighting. Photo Courtesy Noch.



The Bex - Villars - Bretaye - 87 times smaller!

Maxi-Models, the model shop in Aigle, is launching another limited range of models after its success with the models of the original Aigle - Sépey - Diablerets rolling stock that it produced for the line's centenary in association with the preservation group ASD1914. This time the models will feature stock from the Bex - Villars - Bretaye (BVB) at HOm gauge. The current project started with gaining permission from the operators to model their equipment, then the manufacturer, DH Präzisionmodelle of Hanover, photographed the chosen vehicles from every angle along with obtaining accurate dimensions, technical details, etc. The manufacturer requires an order threshold of 20 items before going ahead with each model, so Maxi-Models are currently marketing the project and will be accepting

pre-orders up to 31st July 2015. The models will be at 1:87 scale, made of brass, and will be able to climb miniature rack lines. It is expected that the arrival of these items will please HOm modellers who are normally limited to commercial rolling stock based upon MOB and RhB prototypes. It is planned that the models will be produced in both the current, and a period livery. Loco He 4/4 No.31 'Lavey Morcies', 2nd Cl. Car No.51 and control car No.54 will be in today's ivory, whilst loco No.32 'Villars', 2nd Cl. Car No.52 and control car No.62 will be in period livery. For more details contact Maxi Models, Rue du Borg 5, CH 1860 Aigle, or Email bvb@maxi-modelisme.com. Their website is www.maxi-modelisme.ch where there is also details of their store. 

Some Swiss Model Shops

Whilst Geoffrey Elmsly, an SRS Member from Christchurch, New Zealand, was touring Switzerland in November 2014 he visited a number of model shops and compiled a list that may be of use to others. The opening times have been checked to April 2015, but please remember that these can easily change. Swiss shops do not normally open on Sundays. The Swiss Railways Society does not endorse any of the organisations he has listed.

Shop: Modellbahn Boutique.

Location: Frankenstrasse 5, CH-6003 Luzern.

Directions: From Station, L into Zentralstrasse, 1st R into Frankenstrasse, store on L.

Opening Hours: Mo. Closed; Tu. We. Fr. 09.00-11.45, 13.30-18.20; Th. 13.30-18.30; Sa. 09.00-16.00.

Stock: Emphasis on Swiss HO, HOm & N + small selection Om & LGB. Aku; Bemo; Born; Hag; Kombi Modell; Märklin; Roco; RM; Brekina; Herpa; Wiking; Faller; Prieser; Kibri; Noch; Vollmer. Swiss Railway Books. 'Bargain Bin'.

Shop: Schlapfer Spiel + Freizeit.

Location: Kornplatz 1, CH-7000 Chur.

Directions: From Station into Bahnhofstrasse to Postplatz, R into Grabenstrasse to Fontanaplatz into Nicolaigrasse then Kornplatz, store on opposite corner.

Opening Hours: Mo. 13.45-18.30; Tu.-Fr. 09.00-12.00 13.30-18.30;

Sa. 09.00-12.00, 13.30-16.00.

Stock: Toy shop with Märklin; Bemo; some HAG & some N-Gauge. On stairs leading to upper floor display cases of model railways.

Shop: Zuba-Tech.

Location: Schützengasse 7, CH-9000 St. Gallen.

Directions: From Station, L into Bahnhofplatz to Kornhausstrasse. Crossover opp. Rathaus into Poststrasse, 1st R into Schützengasse, store on R.

Opening Hours: Mo. 13.30-18.30; Tu.-Fr. 09.00-12.30 13.30-18.30; Sa. 09.00-16.00.

Stock: Large store with extensive range of O, HO, HOm, N & LGB. ACME; Bemo; Brawa, Electrothron; Fulgurex; Fleischmann; hag; Jouef; KombiModell; Lux; LS Modells; Lima; Märklin; Metropolitan; NMJ; Piko; Roco; Trix; Virtrans Modells.

Shop: Bercher + Sternlicht.

Location: Spalenberg 45, CH-4051 Basel.

Directions: From SBB Station Tram 8 (Dir. Neuwilerstrasse) or 11 (Dir. St Louis Grenze) to Marktplatz, then on S side into Huttgasse and climb uphill into Spalenberg, where store is on L near top.

Opening Hours: Mo. Closed. Tu.-Fr. 10.00-12.15 13.15-18.30; Sa. 09.00-12.15 13.15-17.00

Stock: Narrow, but deep store on two floors with a vast range too large to list individual brands. Gauges from Z to G.

See article in *Swiss Express* December 2014. Good English language website.

Shop: Roundhouse Modelleisenbahnen

Location: Birmensdorferstrasse 101, CH-8003 Zürich.

Directions: From Zürich Huptbahnhof Tram 14 (Dir. Triemli) to Bahnhof Wiedikon tramstop. Walk in same direction as tram and shop is 100m on L. This store is a short walk from 'M.Neisser'.

Opening Hours: Mo.-We. 17.00-18.30; Th. 16.00-20.00; Fr. Closed; Sa. 09.30-17.00.

Stock: Extensive range in most gauges. ACME; Bemo; Brawa; Flieshman; Fulgarex; Hag; KombiModell; Liliput; Märklin; Piko; Roco; Trix; Ruco; weinnert; Lemke; Kato; Hobbytrain; Gunther; Navemo (tram models). Swiss Railway Books.

Shop: M.Neisser Modelleisenbahnen.

Location: Birmensdorferstrasse 38, CH-8004 Zürich.

Directions: From Zürich Huptbahnhof Tram 14 (Dir. Triemli) to Werd tramstop. Walk in same direction as tram and shop is 50m on R. This store is a short walk from 'Roundhouse'.

Opening Hours: Mo. 14.00-18.30; Tu.-Fr. 09.00-12.30 14.00-18.30; Sa. 09.00-16.00.

Stock: Gauges from Z to 1. Bemo; Fulgurex; Fleischman; Hag; Lima; KombiModell; Märklin; Piko; Roco; Navemo (tram models). 