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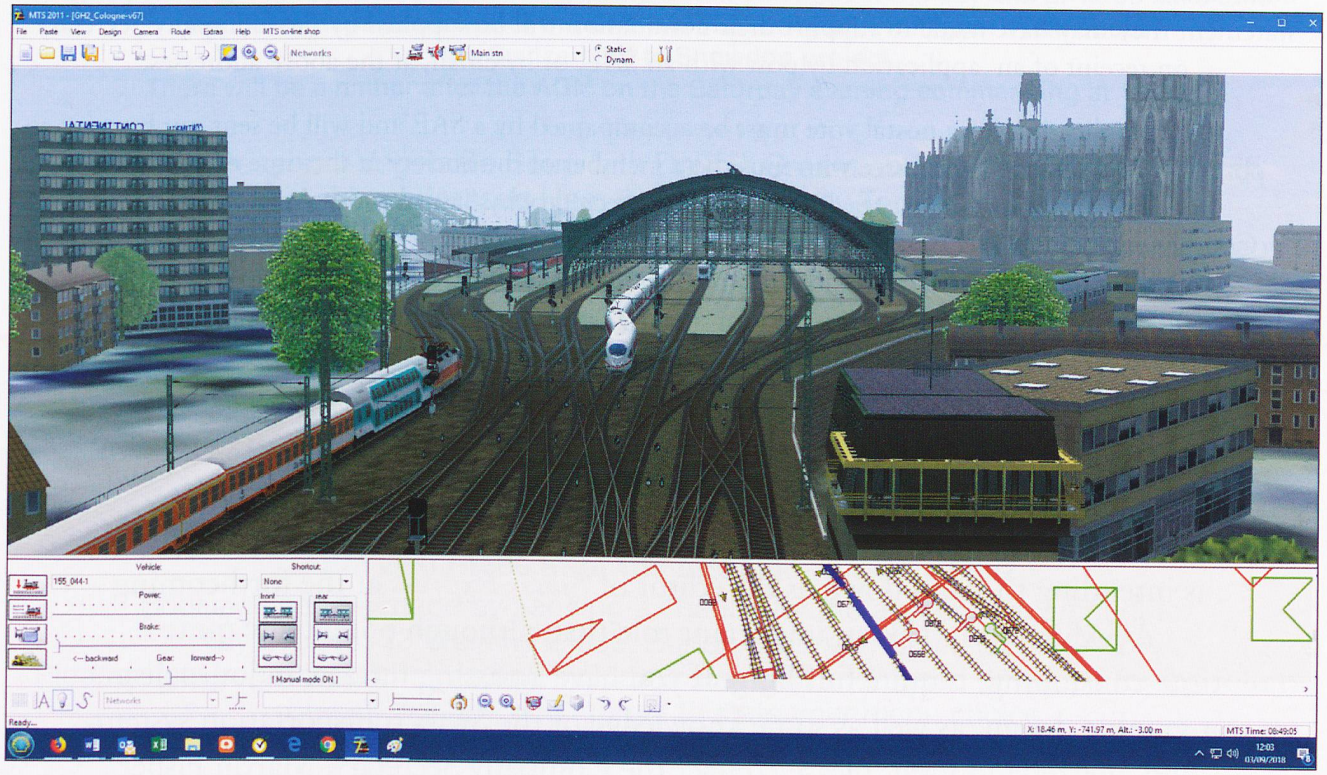
Train Simulators

- a follow-up from Chris Harvey.



Following-on from Garry Peacock's article on p18/19 in September's *Swiss Express* about Train Simulators I have put together some thoughts on these interesting ways to create your 'own' railway, albeit in digital form.

While 'Train Simulator 2017' and the much earlier Microsoft version are well known, there are several similar products that provide the opportunity to build virtual routes and accompanying scenery. The degree of realism in some of these is excellent and provides the user with not only the opportunity to 'play the game', but also to view the scene from the driver's cab as it unfolds. This may prompt some individuals to visit the places represented in the program. I would recommend one other specific simulator which is based around the European rail networks and that is Trend Verlag's EEP. This is a comprehensive simulator, currently in its 14th version and which has many European examples of rolling stock including a few Swiss examples (e.g. a 'Crocodile') but perhaps with an emphasis on the German environment.

There are also some excellent layouts based on real routes and stations, user timetabling, and optional automatic running - just watching the trains go by. One Swiss layout is based on Arth Goldau. In addition, there are several tutorials and video recordings on YouTube, as well as many optional add-ons available for purchase. The website **https://www.eepshopping.de** is mainly in German but some pages are available in English. Like many similar products, some game versions are available on 'Steam'. I attach a snapshot from the layout 'Köln' that, as its name suggests, is based around DB's Köln Hauptbahnhof.