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1993 Review

At long last we have the summary of the 1993 articles. First by a very comfortable margin, having received nearly half the votes cast, was our President's articles on RhB Freight Traffic. John Jesson's Simplon Tunnel series came second, with the ever popular Notepad in third Place. The President's account of the new locomotives was fourth with David Broomfield's *die Bergeller Bahn* fifth. The only other feature mentioned was signalling, which leaves us all puzzled since there were no signalling articles in 1993!

The votes for the content were interesting, the main features polling very similar amounts. An anomaly was a fairly respectable vote for non-railway transport articles, which amounted to just two short fillers.

A Different Angle

The September meeting of the London Area group was addressed by Les Heath who took as his subject "Switzerland from a different angle". Despite the fact that the meeting took place in the middle of a 48 hour signalman's strike, so that no-one could expect to get home by train, over twenty members managed, one way or another to attend.

This speaks volumes for the quality of the meetings. Now rail services are back to normal, why not make the trip. The next meeting will feature Nick Freezer's Christmas slide quiz which is certain to tease and tantalise.

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Bahn-Atlas Schweiz

Published by Bahn Extra, Dm19.80

As we understand it, an atlas consists primarily of maps. This is not an atlas, the only maps are cut haphazardly from the free map supplied by SNTG to advertise the various concessionary passes for visitors. It contains a quantity of well reproduced colour photographs with rather inadequate captions. There is a sort of gazetteer theme in some of the text, but this is so jumbled as to make reference difficult. It is neither atlas, album or gazetteer and so succeeds in falling between three stools.

Bernina Express/Glacier Express

Photoglob AG CH 8054 Zürich

All except three pages of this booklet are occupied by superbly reproduced scenes along the routes of these two trains. The great majority include the railway and a number of the pictures have been taken from unusual angles. Some will be recognised as being the subject of the postcards which are produced by this company. There is a short text in German, French, Italian and English. Recommended.

Information wanted

WESA

Dr.Stefano Giovanni of Via Alccide De Gaspari, 00053 Civitavecchia, Italy wants to know where to buy items in the WESA model railway system.

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K.Jones of 1/130 Buck's Road, Douglas, IOM IM1 3AH, would like to obtain a catalogue of this range. Photocopies would be acceptable and he is prepared to meet reasonable expenses.