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It is always rewarding to receive positive comments about the magazine and I am pleased to say the feedback received is more positive than negative. With a growing readership we need to review the magazine contents from time to time to ensure that it is still what you, the readers, want.

I am pleased to now have the help of Peter Marriott as my assistant editor. As you may be aware Peter has contributed various modelling, technical and travelogue articles to the magazine over the past three years. He has also supplied articles, photographs and news reports to nearly every UK magazine during the last 20 years and his modelling work was featured in Eisenbahn Zeitschrift.

We now need your comments and input to enable the magazine to move forward. Which articles and aspects of the magazine do you enjoy the most? Are there any types of articles which are not of great interest to members? Please use the enclosed questionnaire to give us your thoughts.

You will appreciate we can only use submitted material in the magazine. If we do not receive material on certain subjects we cannot always include this in the magazine. We would therefore welcome your contributions. Complete articles with or without photographs are the mainstay of SWISS EXPRESS, but, commencing with the September issue we intend to devote some of

the pages to compilations of Your Modelling Ideas and Your Favourite Journeys in Switzerland. Just send us 50/250 words about either subject and this will provide a useful platform for the interchange of information between members. If you can supply a picture or two all the better but don't let the lack of a picture delay the submission of your words!

A member has written showing a concern about the content of Swiss Express in the last issue both John Jesson and myself made reference to using cars to travel around in Switzerland might I just say we both make extensive use of the Swiss Passes to travel around Switzerland. I for my part travelled to Switzerland by air and used the railways on nine occasions last year alone. I was not suggesting that people avoid the railways, but, there are a lot of members who have to count the cost carefully, especially with a family, using their car to travel to and around Switzerland is a way they can afford to travel there. The Swiss franc has improved this year but it is still relatively expensive to go there.

Lastly may I thank the members who were at the AGM for the compliments made about the magazine and of course thanks to my wife for her continued support and understanding, I really do need to visit Switzerland again to see the new 460's and visit the BLS, MOB, FO, RhB etc.

Les Heath