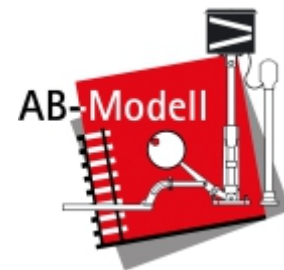


Novelties Information from Stuttgart fair

Dear friends of the Swiss narrow gauge railways,
we were in Stuttgart and looked around for the latest news. In this newsletter we have
compiled all kinds of interesting information for you.
We hope you enjoy reading it.

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Swiss Models

Massimo Icardi produces interesting models under the label ICH-Models (facebook page). On display was the ABe4/4III railcar of the Rhaetian Railway in 1:150 scale, as a 3D-printed model. The body is enhanced by etched parts. A 3/2 white/red front/ rear lighting changing with the direction of travel is installed. The Kato close coupling is fitted as standard. All six car numbers in red ABe4/4 51 to 56 are offered, as well as promotional versions for the Bernina anniversary and UNESCO World Heritage and a non-powered dummy version.

The chassis was redesigned after Tomix engines were not available in sufficient numbers. Due to the 150mm radius of Kato, the model running on 9mm gauge has to struggle quite a bit, otherwise it runs well, with clearly audible gear noise.

Visually, the model is well done, even if the paint job does not come close to the quality of other small series manufacturers. On the other hand, the model is available from 250 Euros for the dummy and from 330 Euros for the motorised red version.



The ABe4/4 of Rhaetian Railway were presented in the displays of N-Club-International.

Interested parties please contact Mr. Massimo Icardi directly, preferably by eMail: icardimax@libero.it
Correspondence in Italian or English. Delivery is "from private" without invoice.

A hint for the narrow gaugefans: the chassis cannot be converted to Nm. We therefore cannot offer you any conversion options.

Kato had its latest novelty, locomotive and freight car set on display in the showcase. We reported about it in detail in our newsletter.

Unfortunately, neither NOCH nor Kato were present, so we were unable to find out any current information about ongoing projects.

In the context of the general reporting, it was already announced that there would be a new edition of the Glacier Express starting in spring. The vehicle numbers will remain unchanged - as they unfortunately were before. However, a new and hopefully better engine will power the Ge4/4III. As soon as we have samples, we will report on them.



Unfortunately no real novelties. In the Kato showcase were the familiar freight wagons, combined with the Ge4/4III 618 Bergün and large RhB advertising.

German Models

Last year we were already able to report briefly on the Lemiso company, which offers German narrow-gauge prototypes in model form.



On three levels of the NCI showcases, the narrow-gauge models in N scale were bustling about.

And best of all: Lemiso had brought along part of his exhibition layout, on which the Nm models eagerly did their rounds.

For the near future, models with 750mm gauge are also to be converted into Ne, 4.5mm gauge, including suitable track material. Models were already circling on a small operating diorama.

So if you haven't yet dared to build the Ne cogwheel turnouts for our Schynige Platte railway, you would be well advised to take a look at Lemiso's website in a few months to see how things are progressing.

The models are very well made using 3D printing technology and without a magnifying glass the fine print structures are almost impossible to recognise.



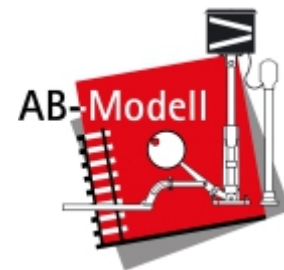
Pre-Christmas atmosphere on the snow diorama by Lemiso, with BR99 222 and long passenger train.

The tracks from Lemiso are interesting. There are ready-made turnouts with conductive frog with 15° angle, curved turnouts with generous radii of 330/220mm, as well as a whole range of elements to build Nm tracks.

If you are looking for a combination of standard and narrow gauge, you will also find what you are looking for here! Tracks in Ne gauge with 4.5mm profile spacing are announced for the near future.

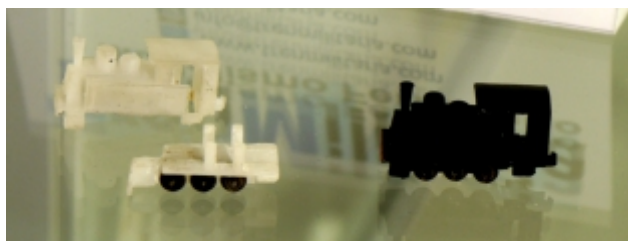
If you are interested, please contact the manufacturer directly at www.lemiso.de. A shop is available.

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Spanish Models

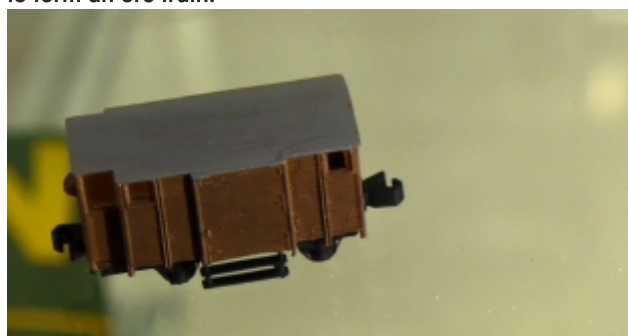
Javier Garcia Fontenla is certainly best known to friends of Spanish models under the name TrenMilitaria. We were able to talk to Javier at length at the fair. He again had three new models on display in the NCI showcases.



We start with a three-coupled C steam locomotive of the Ferrocarril Cargante-Denia (Alicante). Due to the small size of the model, it is not powered and is offered as a rolling model.



A small two-axle ore wagon of FC Sierra Menera completes the programme. Twenty of these wagons were put together to form an ore train.



There is a matching brake van from the same railway company. It was always the last car in the ore train.

As usual with TrenMilitaria, the models are offered both as finished models and in kit form. At www.trenmilitaria.com, interested parties can find the available narrow-gauge models under "Material rodante FEVE". Click on the individual models to see the decals that go with them. The new models are not yet listed. If you have any questions, please contact info@trenmilitaria.com. Correspondence language: Spanish or English.

AB-Modell

We were able to display our novelties, including the recently announced special model of the world record locomotive, in the showcases of the NCI, as we have done in recent years.

Our Jungfrau Railway passed its baptism of fire. During the four days of the fair, three compositions drove up and down our operational diorama without complaint. Unfortunately, the sound module with alphorn sounds was somewhat lost in the general background noise.

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Manufacturers Information

Unfortunately, this section is rather short this year, as hardly any manufacturers of Swiss prototypes were represented.

Kato and NOCH were conspicuous by their absence (see p. 1 of this newsletter). At the Märklin/Minitrix stand, current novelties were exhibited, which have already been discussed in the context of our newsletter. The company MDS was not represented, we did not meet Mr. Müller either, so we can only continue to wait for the announced models.

Fortunately, we met Stefano Ramuno at the Pirata stand and were able to clarify a few current questions with him. As a novelty for this year, the cab control car of the Chur-Arosa-Express will be offered in a blue colour scheme (we reported in the newsletter). The project has not yet started. Delivery of this attractive model is more likely in 2024 than in 2023.

The currently sold-out models of the dining car, the second-class Arosa Express and the Bärenland model will be produced again as soon as capacities are free. The target date for this is early summer 2023. Whether there will also be another vehicle number for the Bärenland coach in this context has not yet been definitively clarified.

The first prototypes for the first-class Arosa Express and the matching baggage car are in the works. The progress is said to be quite pleasing. Here, too, it is assumed that the models could be completed and available in the course of next year.

The situation with the freight wagons is less pleasing. In the case of the stake wagons, they are waiting for chassis components to be able to start production.

There is no new information on the boxcars, as the project is currently waiting in the drawer.

The new design of the ACTS transporter SI has also not yet developed further compared to the 2020 announcement.



Historical JB composition at Lake Fallboden, against the background of the Wetterhorn, shown in the model.