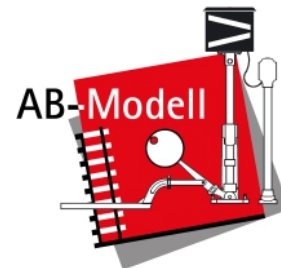


Dear friends of N narrow gauge,
Dear fans of Swiss railways,

for the 19th time, N gauge enthusiasts gathered in Stuttgart from 20 to 23 November 2025 for the N Convention.
We took a look around and compiled the most interesting things for the narrow gauge community, but also for Swiss N gauge enthusiasts, in today's newsletter.

We hope you enjoy reading it.
Yours sincerely,
The AB-Modell team



Let's start with the manufacturers, in alphabetical order.

Aare Valley Models

Beautiful steam locomotives come chugging along from Tägertschi in the canton of Bern. Stefan Luzi exhibited his models as part of the display case exhibition. All models are standard gauge (9 mm).



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The Sauerlanders had both a module with them (see below) and the first new products for 2026 on display in the N-Club International showcase.

The MOB train in midnight blue and pearl white will be getting three more vehicles this year: the As114, Bs251 and Bs252 panorama cars. Various decal sets for locomotives and cars are also planned. The RhB Ge4/4III 649 in light blue Engadin Skimarathon livery was on display and in operation.



finescale München

At Schwinghammer, various model railway sets from the world of RhB and MOB were available for purchase at their own stand.



Kato

The Japanese mass manufacturer had booked space in the exhibition showcases in addition to a stand, where it presented its latest models. Among other things, visitors could discover the Krokodil and the new Glacier Express with its Excellence Class carriage.
The Krokodil also comes with a train set that includes the green EWI and a matching luggage carriage.
A report on this year's new Kato models is in preparation.



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Lorenz Kästner and his wife Juliane had also travelled from Radebeul. They brought with them a beautiful section of the exhibition layout featuring a Zeppelin garage and railway ferry, as well as lots of traffic on N gauge tracks.
Narrow gauge fans were able to admire the fine Nm and Ne models on display in the showcase.



Pirata

Our Italian friends also made their traditional trip from Lake Garda. Various models were available for purchase at the stand, and the display of the well-known stake cars in the showcase delighted the eyes of narrow-gauge fans. The vehicles from Italy are generally available for 9 mm tracks.



And if that wasn't enough, visitors could also check out what's new from other manufacturers at their stands. This year's exhibitors included:

Arnold-Hornby, De Isebohner, Fleischmann (Modellbahn GmbH), Kuswa, LoCo, Lork, Märklin, Minitrix, Modellbahn Union, Spur-N-Teile, and others.

Let's now take a look at the modular layout of the N narrow gauge group. We were also able to capture some model impressions here.

As already mentioned, we travelled to Stuttgart with our own 'Bergünnerstein / Fallboden' module.
We were able to run our Jungfrau Railway continuously up and down the panoramic route along Lake Fallboden, which the locomotives mastered with flying colours on all four days. In the picture: the Eiger Ambassador Express ...



with He11 and two wagons.
The Engadin Skimarathon locomotive could also be seen on the Nm tracks, pulling a lavish freight train behind it. The containers are from Dominik Sackmann, the lettering from AB-Modell. Decals for decorating some of the containers are still available from us (info@n-schmalspur.de).



From Switzerland, the Swiss N-Club sNs presented modules featuring numerous impressive homemade models. A small selection: pictured here is a train from Chemin de Fer Yverdon-Ste-Croix ...



... and a freight train from VBW (Bern-Worb).



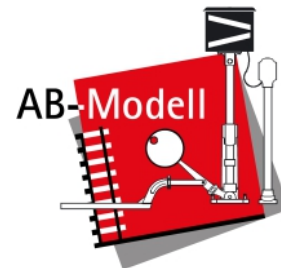
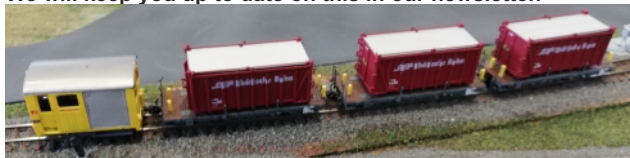
Our Belgian friends also didn't miss the opportunity to bring their own modules. At that time, narrow-gauge railways operated in Belgium, usually interurban trams. The models for these are homemade and eagerly run across the module layout.



The module by Friedrich Klett and Andreas Schultz (Klett Modellbau) featured the Tm2/2 91, announced last year, in yellow service locomotive colours and with closed roller doors. We were told that work on the chassis is progressing rapidly, so nothing should stand in the way of this beautiful model becoming a reality.

The adjustments to the 3D-printed housing should be completed soon.

We will keep you up to date on this in our newsletter.



A dedicated model railway enthusiast is offering friends of the Rhaetian Railway 3D-printed containers and decals that fit perfectly with Kato models. The range is diverse and offers an excellent opportunity to add extra splashes of colour and shape variations to the somewhat uniform Coop, Post and Railcare containers. Interested parties should contact us for further information.



The Swiss sNs has a larger selection of modules. Whether it's a two-gauge station or a turning loop, they arrive with an entire trailer to add modules to the layout. This year, there was an opportunity to thoroughly test a private railway rack-and-pinion railcar on the Jungfrau Railway's 150‰ steep ramp.



A model railway enthusiast from the Allgäu region once again gave his tram models a real run. The self-designed and finely printed models did not miss this opportunity and could be found everywhere on our Nm modules, ...

... here for example the Zurich tram vehicles at the crossroads in a small Belgian town.



It remains to be mentioned that Christian Weiß from N-Club International approached us. He manages the estate of a deceased club member with a large number of Nm models. Anyone interested in a narrow-gauge model that has been out of stock for years should contact him and ask for photos of the vehicles on offer. The list is attached to our newsletter. Please contact c.m.weiss@t-online.de.

We cannot cover all models and model railway enthusiasts in our trade fair report, but we hope to have given you a small impression.

With best regards from the Sauerland region,
Your
AB-Modell team

At the end of our report, we would like to briefly mention our new products.

We have introduced new MOB models and an RhB locomotive, which we will discuss briefly below. We also had the opportunity to purchase a whole series of containers for the stake cars and have redesigned them. In addition, we have a remaining stock of decals that we are selling at a low price.

Let's start with the new products for 2026:

From next year, you will be able to extend the MOB train by three additional vehicles. The colour scheme is based on the most recently produced models and is midnight blue/pearl white. We have slightly modified the body of the panorama carriages and now also include the roof vents at the ends of the carriages.

The following variants are available to order now:

KT-022.2N - MOB 2-car set, Bs251 and Bs252 for N gauge (9 mm) with Arnold couplings
EUR 299 pre-order price

KT-022.4N - MOB single car, As114 for N gauge (9 mm) with Arnold couplings
EUR 159 pre-order price

KT-022.2Nm - MOB 2-car set, Bs251 and Bs252 for Nm gauge (6.5 mm) with Kato close couplings
EUR 339 pre-order price

KT-022.4Nm - MOB single carriage, As114 for Nm gauge (6.5 mm) with Kato close couplings
EUR 179 pre-order price

The models mentioned above are based on the Glacier Express carriages manufactured by Kato. Delivery is expected to take place in the course of 2026.

The following decal set is also in preparation for the Kato models:

KT-062.2D - RhB Ge4/4III 649 'Engadin Skimarathon' for labelling a Kato Ge4/4III (we recommend the latest version with front sockets)
EUR 11.90, including detailed instructions

For the N Convention in Stuttgart, we wanted to add more colour to the freight train tracks, so we searched the web. There are now a wide variety of containers available for purchase. We were particularly taken with a few container types and used them for our conversions. Most of the decals have now been used up, but we still have a few in stock that you can use at low cost for your own container loads. The decals are available immediately.

Crüzer - Decal set for redecorating two open high-sided containers. The model is based on a Graubünden waste disposal company with orange containers.
EUR 5.95, without instructions

gevag - Decal set for redecorating two refuse containers as used by gevag for the towns of Davos and Arosa. The refuse containers are painted sea/turquoise green.
EUR 5.95, without instructions

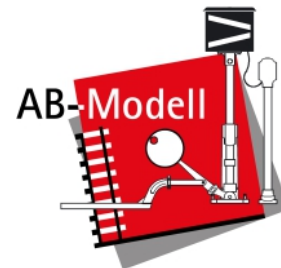
Hardox - Decal set for redecorating two open waste containers. The Rhaetian Railway used these primarily for transporting stones. The containers were painted silver for this purpose.
EUR 5.95, without instructions

There is no item number for these decal sets, which are only available in limited quantities. The pictures on the right give an impression of the designed stake cars.

Further interesting decal sets are in preparation for the coming year. We also have new vehicles in the pipeline for fans of Nm hand-built models.

You will receive all the information you need in the newsletter for the Toy Fair in Nuremberg.

Yours sincerely,
The AB-Modell team



KT-022.2N: MOB Montreux-Oberland-Bahn Bs251 und Bs252 Set, nachtblau-perlweiß, für Spur N (9mm)



KT-022.4N: MOB Montreux-Oberland-Bahn As114, Einzelwagen, nachtblau-perlweiß, für Spur N (9mm)



KT-062.2D: Decalset zur Umbeschriftung einer RhB Ge4/4III in Lok 649 „Engadin Skimarathon“



All prices quoted include German statutory value added tax at the current rate of 19%.