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EDITORIAL

This journal is the first edition in the tenth year of the Swiss Railways Society, and hopefully the full colour photographs will help to portray the sense of occasion. If the society can recruit enough members we may be able to make colour photographs a regular feature. When I took over as Editor of the S.E. just two years ago the membership for the society stood at just over 250, now thanks to the magnificent efforts of the committee at exhibitions etc and especially the membership co-ordinator in the United States the membership is over 600. With the much larger membership the Society has a bigger base for information gathering. May I ask all members who see something of interest while on holiday in Switzerland, to please pass the news on to the society so that the Swiss Express journal can keep members up to date. If any member has a question about the railways, please pass it on to the Swiss Express to try and obtain an answer.

My apologies for the 'boob' in the article by the Society Chairman on snow clearing. Due to a last second change to layout the closing sentence went walkabouts, and should have stated that the article was to be concluded in the March issue.

May I please re-iterate a statement made in an earlier issue, that Swiss Express welcomes any article, whether it be about a railway, a journey or a scratch built model made of string. All suitable articles will be used according to the balance of the respective edition.

In answer to many requests for articles about the signalling of the Swiss Railways, you will be pleased to see that an article on the subject appears in this issue. John has spent a long time translating the various books, and over the next two years will, hopefully, cover the S.B.B. and private signalling systems in depth.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY

We welcome our Tenth Anniversary Year, and the new decade, with our first colour edition. It may be a 'one off'; perhaps we can have further issues; and it might even become regular. It depends on whether membership figures remain high enough to justify the cost and most importantly whether you like. Please let us know your feelings on this subject.

A Reminder: the Annual General Meeting of the Society is on the 10th March at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row (not too far from Euston Station). **PLEASE** try to attend for this is where you can help to mould the future of the Society. Try this new venue for the dinner, too, and don't overlook the fact that while the dinner costs less than hitherto, the special room prices for overnight stays are a bargain for a Central London Hotel. (The Society does not get a percentage!) Details of the hotel etc were in the December 1989 issue of the Swiss Express on page seven.

Colour Photograph Captions.

Front Cover. Appenzellerbahn Triebwagen ABe4/4 No.15 leaving Teufen.
Back Cover. S.B.B. Re4/4^{II} No.11266 as pilot loco leaving Martigny.