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Nürnberg 30. Jan – 3. Feb 2019

The 2019 Nürnberg Toy Fair

Tim Mulhall reviews the new arrivals to be seen at this iconic event

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The Nürnberg show once again offered the widest range of model and hobby products being produced in the world. The Toy Fair filled the entire conference centre – fourteen massive halls!

Many halls contained just a single themed range of items – Dolls, Wooden Toys, Electronics, Fireworks, even a hall reserved for Children's Dress Up costumes! This year the trains hall had been moved and merged with Radio Control – a sign of the times, as 20 years ago trains filled this and half of a neighbouring hall. So, this year we returned to Hall 7A – a return to my first fair 20 years ago.

Across many manufacturers there was a good showing of new items, and plenty for the Swiss modeller. The items mentioned below were either on display or referenced in literature; obviously some manufacturers do not display at the event and some may not have announced their full range.

You can find more images and details about these items on manufacturers' websites, or from your normal retailer.

Bemo - www.bemo-modellbahn.de

One from the home market to start – Bemo produce the widest range of Narrow Gauge models including my favourites – the RhB.

New tooling this year is the RhB Maloja Steam Loco, new liveries of the Allegra, Ge2/2, container wagons and Ge4/4. They are also offering an MOB Goldenpass in standard HO gauge.

My top picks were:

- 1293 123 RhB G 2/2 + 2/3 23 'Maloja' Exclusive Metal Collection
- 3253 148 RhB 2318 EW I "Bearland Arosa"

AB-Modell - www.n-schmalspur.de

Not a firm I had seen exhibiting in the show before and, although German based, they seem to produce almost exclusively Swiss outline in N or N Narrow Gauge. They market a wide range of RhB – locos, coaches and wagons, plus the MOB Golden Pass. They round it off with lineside detailing packs. Quite a find, and one I would use if I modelled in this scale.

Märklin - www.maerklin.de

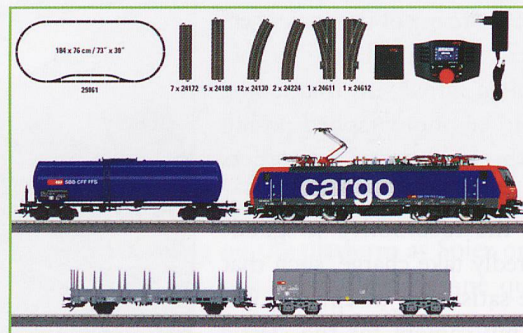
This year Märklin celebrate 160 years since the company's founding.

HO items – (remember Märklin use an AC 3 rail system not compatible with other track and control systems).

- 39320, 43935, 43385 D96 Isar-Rhône Express Train. (43385 being a set of three SBB coaches with LED lighting and passengers in them).



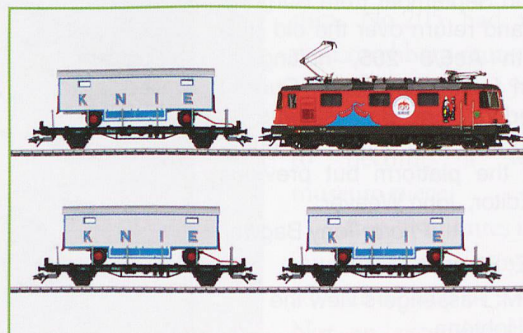
- 29861 Swiss Cargo Digital Train Set. Nice branded starter set for people interested in starting with Märklin.



- 32560 SBB class Ce 6/8 II "Crocodile" electric freight locomotive, Gold Plated. Celebrating 100 years of Swiss Federal Railways. Rather eye-catching, but not one for running often!



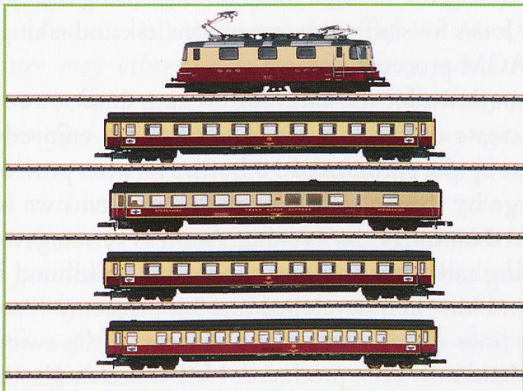
- 39468, 26615 100 Years of Swiss Circus – Knie. Commemorative locos and wagon set.



Plus there were 13 further new items:

In the smaller Z scale we have three new liveries on existing models:

- 88564 "Crocodile" Class Ce 6/8 III Electric Locomotive
- 81593 TEE 75 "Roland" Train Set Re4/4 and 4 TEE coaches.



- 82417 3 x Wascosa Sliding wall wagons

In the large Gauge 1, for those with deep pockets is the new loco, at €3,499!

- 55681 SBB Green Ce 6/8 III Electric Locomotive.

Trix - www.trix.de

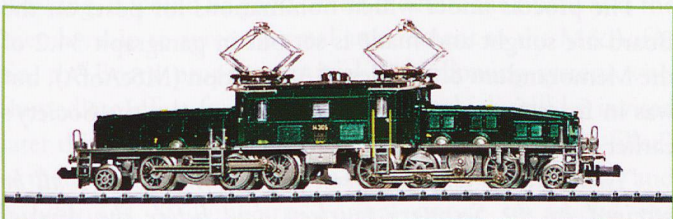
Sharing the stand with their parent was Trix and their HO scale models. Often the items are repeats of Märklin variants, meaning the owners of 2 rail DC track systems can enjoy the models

- 22432, 23132, 23133 D96 Isar-Rhône Express Train
- 22968 SBB Brown Fc 2x3 / 4
- 22867 SBB Red Arrow RCe 2/3. (See photo below.)



The Minitrix N scale range celebrates 60 years this year. They had on display 16681 SBB Green Crocodile Ce 6/8 limited to 999 pieces.

Also shown were 5 wagon sets and cross border locos.



LGB - www.lgb.de

In the large G scale models, there was a showpiece on display – the newly tooled RhB Ge 6/6 II in 60 years celebration livery, 22061. Priced at €1,349.



Also offered was 28444 RhB Ge 4/4 II in Rhatia loco branding plus complimentary coaches – 32520, 32521 and 30521.



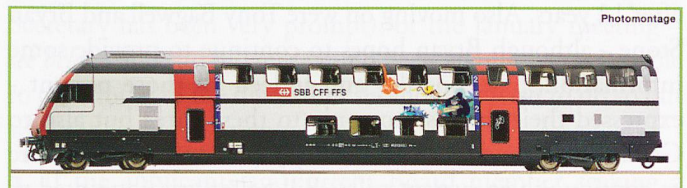
In what looks like a classic year for the RhB you can also add more recent red liveried coaches in numbers 33521, 34554 and 30692.

Roco - www.roco.cc

The next large stand in the hall was occupied by the Fleischmann/Roco group. They are still controlled by their bank and are officially up for sale but, whilst the stand has shrunk, the overall range of new items is still significant. There were 26 new liveries across locos, coaches and wagons in HO.

- 73116, 76198 HUPAC Vectron loco and matching wagon set.

Other nice additions are new versions of the EWII SBB coaches and the more modern double deck coaches including the 74505 Children's Cabin Driving Coach.



Fleischmann www.fleischmann.de

Fleischmann are now focused entirely on N scale models; we have some new Swiss tooling – Rils Tarpaulin sliding wall wagon and Post wagon. In total 18 new items. They range in eras from classic electrics to current day services.

- 737294 SBB Green Ae 6/6/ 'Stadt Basel'
- 781902 Zurich S Bahn Re450 and 3 coaches.
- 845321 HUPAC flats and trailers. ● 838312 Twin pack Die Post yellow sliding side wagons
- 864707, 827008, 827107/8 Classic HUPAC service train.



More manufactures will appear in the next issue of Swiss Express.