# Novelties Announcement

Dear friends of Swiss narrow-gauge railways,

if you want to see the latest innovations in the model railway industry, you can't avoid a visit to Intermodellbau in Dortmund. Almost all the well-known manufacturers were represented there. We took a look around and report today ... We hope you enjoy reading

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#### **Novelties Kato**

The absolute highlight for narrow-gauge fans was probably the Rhaetian Crocodile, which was on display in the showcase and also did its rounds on a track circuit.

### RhB Ge6/6I 414

Kato 3103-1

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no

Rhaetian Crocodile, brown

with headlights, movable pantographs (non-functional), fully movable steering mechanism, excellent controllable and slowly turning motor for exemplary speedminimum minimum radius 150mm

analogue version

digital version with sound will follow later

## RhB Ge6/6I 415 - set 1980ies

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no

Rhaetian Railway train set from the 1980ies, consisting of:

- Ge6/6I 415, brown, 'Rhaetian Crocodile'
- D4220, green, baggage car, shape change
- A1235, green, standard coach I, 1st class
- B2355, green, standard coach I, 2nd class
- B2362, green, standard coach I, 2nd class

Typical green train of the 1980ies, before repainted in red. The luggage coach is given a new roof, without the pantograph for heating the stationary train. In addition, the windows of the standard coaches are adapted, which in terms is probably primarily due to the omission of the bicycle symbols, as in the 1980ies the luggage coaches took over the transport of bikes and suitcases.

The set will initially be released in an analogue version, later also with a digitised locomotive with sound.

#### Models

The Crocodile is likely to be the bestseller par excellence and make the hearts of many Swiss enthusiast beat faster. The analogue version will go on sale at a very moderate price of EUR 199 and can already be pre-ordered from Lemke or Meterspur-Schweiz, in some cases with discounts.

The set is also already listed there as available for pre-order. There was no precise indication of when the models will go on sale

The new Glacier Express is due for delivery first in August (we reported on this in our newsletter at the beginning of the

Model railway enthusiasts can also look forward to the digitalised version of the nick-named "Kroki".

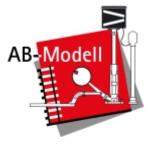
As Mrs Nakahara, Kato's representative in Germany, revealed to us, further, highly interesting trailers for the crocodile are planned. Further variants of the crocodile are also to be expected in the future, as we were told with a wink.

A look under the model showed us that the conversion to metre gauge will be a real challenge. Whether and when this will be possible, and above all at what price, cannot be estimated at the moment.

#### **Orders**

For orders, please contact the Lemke company or specialised dealers.

Please also note the offer from our business partner Marco Schilensky at <a href="https://www.meterspur-schweiz.com">www.meterspur-schweiz.com</a>
We do not accept orders.



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The new crocodile in Kato's trade fair showcase is beautifully designed, with filigree roof parts, new pantographs and fine steering mechanism. The still unpainted and unprinted model gives an excellent impression.

Kato also exhibited the models already announced at the turn of the year. On the right, the new front of the Ge4/4III with additional brake hoses, sockets and raised emblem. There were also hand samples of the new Glacier Express car of the **Excellence Class** (photo below), as well as the modified baggage car (without photo).

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## Novelty Meterspur-Schweiz

Another real highlight for model railway fans of Swiss narrow gauge railways is the announcement from Meterspur-Schweiz. They are planning the realisation of a mainline locomotive: the Ge4/4I of the Rhaetian Railway!

The locomotive model will be based on a Kato chassis that has been tried and tested thousands of times. The body will be produced using injection moulding technology, not somewhere in the Far East, but in Germany. A chassis made in Japan and a body made in Germany, this promises to be another excellent 1:150 scale model. As Mr Schilensky told us, the mould construction and injection-moulded parts are made by a medium-sized manufacturer that produces medical products for well-known companies such as Siemens. Painting and pad printing are also carried out in Franconia. The model is already listed in the www.meterspur-schweiz.com shop. All model railway enthusiasts who are interested in expanding their collection and vehicle fleet are urgently requested to place their pre-order there. Due to the high cost of this type of modelling, the locomotive will only be produced if a sufficient number of pre-orders are placed. The pre-order price is estimated at 250 to 280 euros for the standard-gauge version. A narrow-gauge version is also available for pre-order.

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### RhB Ge4/4I 605 "Silvretta"

Meterspur-Schweiz

Ge4/4I 605 "Silvretta"

Version in red, with modern driver's cabs and two-part front windscreen

Printing analogous to the 1990ies to the present day (see pic on the right, prototype photo AB-Modell, Thusis, 22nd April 2004) If there is sufficient interest, another road-number will follow.



#### Novelties Mafen

Mafen presented its new railroad-crossing flashers and had the two-piece sets available on the stand. The signals are completely wired and ready for installation. Depending on the situation, the prototypes are equipped with additional Andreas crosses, which are included in the set.

## Flashers, set of 2

Zub-3832.01

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no

Two alternating flashing signals, without flashing electronics, with additional Andreas crosses

## Flashers, set of 4

Zub-3832.02

Art.-Nr./item-no./produit-no.

Four alternating flashing signals, with flashing electronics, with additional Andreas crosses

This set is not yet available. The supplier of the indicator electronics is behind schedule.

The flashers can be ordered from us under the accessory numbers Zub-3832.01 and .02. The pre-order prices are around 10 euros cheaper than the RRP from Mafen:



Zub-3832.01 instead of 49,90 Euro for EUR 39,- (pre-order price, available)
Zub-3832.02 instead of 69,90 Euro for EUR 59,- (pre-order price)

#### Pirata

Various new product announcements are still pending from the Italian small series manufacturer Pirata. As Mr Ramuno told us, the 1st class coach of the Arosa Express is due to appear this year.

All other vehicles are in preparation. This applies to the other Arosa Express models as well as the freight wagons. As usual, the question of delivery dates remains rather vague. After Kato has brought out the stake wagon with single stanchions, they will not produce the almost identical model (see picture on the right). The vehicles with double stanchions are not affected by this decision.

We will still be delivering the models that we receive this year to our customers. After that, sales of the Pirata models will be discontinued. Interested parties should contact Lemke and Meterspur-Schweiz.

We will inform our pre-order customers by e-mail in the next few days about the adjustment of their orders.



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