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It's only a bit of snow

Welcome



Looking very smart in its new red livery, Salzburger Lokalbahn V85 is seen in Salzburg Hbf on 16th February. *Andy*

From The Editor

We love Austria, yes I know it is easy to say, but we really do. This country has so much to offer the enthusiast, maybe one of the reasons is that it reminds us of how the railways in the UK used to be run. Efficient frequent trains, often loco hauled with loads of space. A service where the customer comes first, connecting services that will wait if a train is late and no last second platform changes for no apparent reason. Did I also forget to mention that it runs freight services for its customers and is damned good at it as well. Vast marshalling yards constantly shunting and marshalling proper trains with proper loco's, we could go on and on. The best way is to experience it for yourself. Flights and accomodation can be very cheap.

You will notice from the front cover that rather than just call it a Special Edition, we have given the magazine a number, that's because we will be going back, and we hope that you, our readers, will go and send in your own photos from this wonderful country. We would also ask for any readers who live in Austria to please send us some pictures so that we may share them with everyone. I have decided to include an Archive section because I have some great shots from a few years ago and also a Trams section because they are an integral part of the network.

On our recent visit to Austria we were fortunate enough to have some really great snow in which to take pictures, and it is such a contrast to the UK, travelling about we were unhindered by the sometimes blizzard like conditions.

So please send us your articles, pictures, etc, especially if you are from Austria, we would love to hear from you and see some recent photographs.

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OBB 1016 049-7 approaches
Bischofshofen on 18th February
with a service from Salzburg.

Andy

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Contrasting well with the standard OBB "City Shuttle" livery, Siemens built Class 1116 033-0 in the livery of "Telekom Austria" pauses in the yard at Schwazach-St Veit. The loco and stock will work a service later in the day towards Zell am See. [Class47](#)



Not known at this point if the loco was stranded, but it certainly is in deep snow. 1163 004-3 is pictured in a loop near Golling-Abtenau on 18th February. [Andy](#)



Top: A snow covered loco from the Mariazellerbahn line is pictured arriving at St. Pölten during a snow storm on 17th February. [Class47](#)

Above: Carrying the distinct orange and silver livery of RTS, Class 1216 902 storms through St. Valentin. [Class47](#)

Right: A pair of OBB Class 1116 locos wait at Salzburg Hbf on the morning of 18th February. [Andy](#)







A new OBB service has been launched under the "Railjet" banner, and inside it is finished to a very high standard including real time info and location, along with up to date connections and maps. This is a shot of the non powered end leaving Attnang-Puheim. [Class47](#)





Another Dispolok loco, this time wearing the branding of the loco's hirer, Eurogate Intermodal, is seen working an service through St. Valentin. [Andy](#)









A Class 1116 loco waits for this train to pass on the single line near Steinach, and it looks like the snowplough has been through here recently. [Andy](#)









Preserved



A different view



The scenery in Austria is amazing and with many lines that have views like this, the journey from Bischofshofen to Selzthal is made much more interesting. [Class47](#)

Trams



