



5 November 2003

**"South Hampshire 16mm & G Scale Railway Group.
Incorporating "Southdown Railway Co."**

(Associate members of Fareham & District Model railway Club.)

So that's the last of the shows for this year, we had a very busy October taking Southdown for the last 3 outings of the year, All 3 shows went very well and I was continually asked about taking it to new venues for 2004 and 2005. It is getting to the stage where I have to turn folks down now as we have a number of Regulars throughout the year. The new 2 day show at Exbury was a lot better than expected and although we had reservations about the location and the poor lighting in the shed it worked out very well as our display illuminations were more prominent. Chichester was again very well supported and our relocation from the main hall to the gym worked well for setting up. The final trip across to Exeter was the best we have had there. For a start we drove all the way without road works or traffic jams for the first time and the show was their most successful every. It was packed all day and here I really did have to turn away prospective future exhibitions. We had the absolute maximum of operators but no one got bored as there was so much there to see and buy.

That just leaves me to say thank you to all those of you that have once again been so supportive and helpful with Southdown, from maintenance, transport, set-up, operation and packing up it is a big undertaking and I am very grateful for all the help. We have a reputation for putting on a very professional show these days and we are the benchmark for the others to follow. Now we have to work on the improvements for next year.

I am planning a little film show all being well next Friday, that is unless I get lots of dissenters of course. I'll show some video of my last trip to the WhitePass, or anyone else's tapes if that proves more popular (and if I can get the equipment to work).

Thanks again for all your support.

See you soon.

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Friday dates are;

14 November

12 December