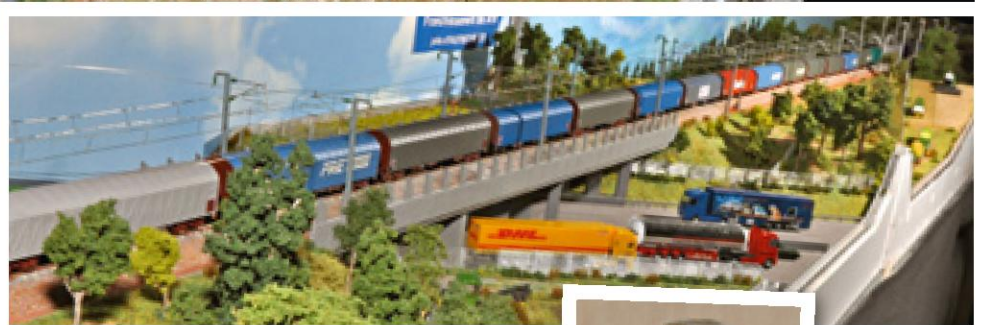




Record train at the Mondial du Modélisme: 104 Minitrix freight cars hauled by two Minitrix FRET-liveried electric locos – the N-gauge railroad club AFAN was loudly cheered with its Long Train Event in Paris.



Minitrix record-breaking train at the Paris model engineering exhibition

La Grande Parade du N

The French N-gauge Club AFAN created an enormous stir at the Mondial du Modélisme model railroad exhibition in Paris: they put a record-breaking Minitrix train out on their main line.

With the announcement that it intended putting an extremely long freight train on the rails at the Paris model railroad exhibition, the AFAN (French Association of N-gauge Enthusiasts) put itself under real pressure: visitors and the press thronged around the modular layout of the “Atlantique” high-speed line – on the line itself, two world records have already been set with the full-size TGV. But project organizer Jean-Marc 69 of the AFAN had all his sums right, as René Treier, Märklin’s Regional manager, reports: “Two Minitrix class 422200 electric locos in the FRET colors of the French National Railways SNCF hauled a train of 104 freight cars, with a total length of some 14 meters (46 feet)”. The record was

Decorated: record train organizer Jean-Marc 69 (right) receives the Certificate from Regional manager René Treier.



Proud: AFAN President Michel Grannec maintains a close contact with manufacturer Minitrix.

confirmed to N-gauge J M . 69 at the Mondial du Modélisme with a certificate in the name of Minitrix.

The fact that the record train was composed entirely of Minitrix models bears witness to the mutual high esteem and the superb cooperation between the AFAN and the Minitrix company. “For years now, Minitrix has been producing attractive French models and is thus an important supplier for the many N-gauge enthusiasts in France”, states Regional manager René Treier, who describes the N-gaugers and clubs like the AFAN as very active. Thus a

number of diorama competitions have been held together with the AFAN on the basis of Minitrix material, where the most attractive modules have been awarded prizes. In their module design, the layout constructors show themselves to be typical N-gaugers, as René Treier remarks: “Some of them build railroad engineering perfection, others are brilliant at landscape design while others again put action cameos together and a fourth group manage to combine engineering, building artistry and pleasure”.

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