



What you should know about us

The **Arbeitsgemeinschaft Schmalspur*** is a registered society that represents a group of independent enthusiasts of narrow-gauge railways. The acknowledged aim of the **ArGeS** is the advancement of historical, current and future activities of narrow-gauge railways in prototype and model.

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The members of the **Arbeitsgemeinschaft Schmalspur** are sociable, internationally orientated and tolerant. Within the wide bounds that the term "narrow-gauge" embraces, we share a wealth of interests and desires which we want to deal with in an informal, neither fanatical nor authoritarian manner.

To a large extent, our members work together in the regional groups shown in the address list. Additionally, local model railway clubs, industrial railway societies and preservation railway groups identify themselves – either directly or through committed ArGeS members – with the ArGeS and its objectives. Naturally, there are also many members who keep in touch mainly by telephone, letter or e-mail. As already mentioned, everything is informal and relaxed.

Our members interests embrace all facets of narrow-gauge prototype or model railways from park railways, peat-, slate- or logging railways to public transport. We are inspired equally by modern alpine railways as by worn-out, improvised "jungle expresses".

We research, document, discuss, experiment, renovate, handicraft, fabricate, bargain, swap, play and inform each other on what we do. Several times each year we publish the **ArGeS-INFO** for our members and various railway media. Our **List of Members** helps those narrow-gauge enthusiasts who are looking for contact with fellow hobbyists of similar "wavelength". A wide range of books on narrow-gauge subjects can be borrowed for just the postage costs from the **ArGeS Library**.

Every year, the ArGeS stages the popular **Narrow-Gauge Exhibition (Schmalspur-Expo)** with displays and sales. Invited are all ArGeS members and narrow-gauge enthusiasts. Those who come can present their work, meet friends, get the latest information and make new contacts. As a matter of preference, the annual exhibition is located close to an operating narrow-gauge line. This is also an opportunity to hold the annual general meeting where the chairman is elected and, for example, the annual membership fee determined. Currently this is EUR 40.– for normal membership, EUR 60.– for families and -on application- a reduced fee of EUR 20.– for youngsters under 18, and students etc.

Would you like to know more about the **Arbeitsgemeinschaft Schmalspur**? Then please write to one of the addresses given here. Please enclose an addressed envelope. If you belong to an EUR-country, please attach EUR 1.50.

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