

# **TT** Model Railway *Information Day*

**Bringing you the best in European TT 1:120 Scale Model Railways.**

## **Frequently Asked Questions Courtesy of AKTT:**

### **Why the name TT ?**

TT stands for table top – A model railway that fits onto a table top !

### **Why is TT called the Gauge in the middle ?**

TT Locomotives and rolling stock are generally to a scale of 1:120 and their proportions are halfway between HO ( 1:87 Scale ) and N ( 1:160 scale ).  
In the opinion of many modellers the scale combines the advantages of high detail levels in HO with the reduced space requirements of N and is therefore ideally suited for landscape orientated modelling.

The passenger coaches can be full length to negotiate the track curves.  
The detailing in TT is easier to achieve than in N and the scale allows for scratch building.

### **Who has invented TT ?**

The system was developed by an American engineer called Hal Joyce in Indiana USA in 1949. It was marketed mainly for the American market.

As a full oval fitted onto a standard dining table he called it TT = Table Top.

In Europe the firm of Rokal produced European models in TT scale from the mid 1950's but ceased production in the late 1960's.

In East Germany the firm of Zeuke and Wegwerth produced TT and gradually gained a large share of the market in East Germany. The firm was taken over by the State and was then marketed under the name of Berliner TT Bahnen.

Following the political changes in the East Tillig have taken over the former BTTB range and successfully transformed the range to modern standards including two very well designed track systems.

### **Is there a future for TT ?**

TT has gained a substantial market slice in Europe again thanks to the efforts of the major manufacturers and willing customers. TT is now considered on the same technical level as HO and N with analog and sound locomotives available with a vast range of rolling stock also available.

The scenic materials available are all supported by the manufacturers with Busch and Auhagen being particularly active.

We foresee a great future for TT !