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A POT POURRI OF IDEAS TO KEEP YOU, YOUR LOVED ONES AND YOUR FAMILY AMUSED WHILST AWAY IN SWITZERLAND.

DAMPFBAHN BERN

Having now made a contact at Dampfbahn Bern I hope to be receiving updates and information as soon as it is available. In the meantime read on. This was received with the help of Steve Horobin who sent the original flyer and then by email from Barbara Fankhauser of the Dampfbahn Bern and who has promised to keep in touch.

The Dampfbahn Bern are based on the Sensetalbahn at Laupen and also have locomotives based at Spiez (BLS) and Burgdorf (RM) as well as St Sulpice (RVT). They operate various specials throughout the year, the remainder for this year are detailed below:

JOURNEYS FROM LAUPEN

- 19th August The whole length of the STB, including the dewired portion from Laupen to Gümmenen.
- 16th September The GFM, Laupen-Fribourg-Romont-Bulle and return including journeys up and down the branch.
- 26th December Traditional winter journey up and down the STB, fare includes a drink and a cake.

FROM BURG DORF

- 2nd September Steam round 'Den Napf'. The latter is the mountain in the middle of the circle formed by the RM and the SBB Bern-Luzern line.
- 9th December Traditional Swiss St Niklaus steam train.

ON THE BLS

- 30th June 100 years of the Bern-Neuenberg
- 20th October 'Chabisfest' on the Gürbetal. I'm not sure what the 'Chabisfest' is.

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Rhätische Bahn
Ferrovia retica
Viafier retica

Steam services will operate on the following dates:

Landquart-Filisur-Davos Circular: 24th June, 19th August, 23rd September.

Landquart-Vereina-St Moritz-Albula-Landquart: 28th October.

Landquart-Scuol-Zernez-Samedan: 22nd July, 13th October; the stock is electrically hauled to Scuol-Tarasp as steam is not allowed past the Vereina tunnel.

Christmas Special, Landquart-Chur 'in the forest': 8th December

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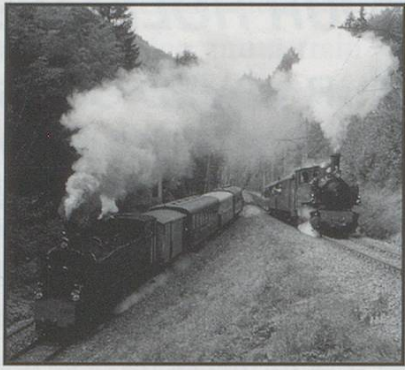
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STEAM ON THE JURA LA TRACTION



You've read the review, bought the MITV video, now experience the real thing with two ex Douro Mallets on the 'Train à Vapeur des Franches-Montagne'.

Various timetables are offered on the following days:
24th/25th July, 1st(1)/4th(2)/5th/7th/8th August,
15th/16th(3) September

- (1) The famous attack by brigands on the train.
- (2) Pré-Petitjean - Tavannes by moonlight.
- (3) Special timetable with both locos working

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Chemins de Fer du Jura, Postfach 357, CH-2350, Saignelégier, Switzerland

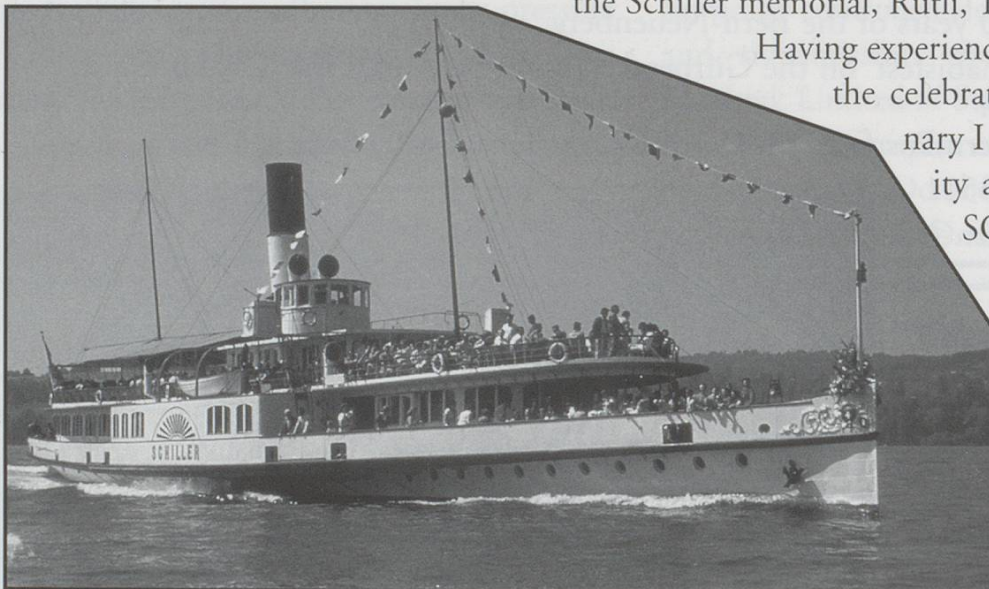
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The picture shows the two Mallets at Combe-Tabellon. Courtesy of and ©La-Traction

TELL ME ON LAKE LUZERN

The Lake Luzern Boat Company have introduced an excursion entitled 'Tell Me' - Stories and the History of Lake Uri. The boat leaves Pier 2 in Lucerne at 1835 every Saturday from July 7th till August 25th. Whilst the boat sails towards and round Lake Uri there is an audio-visual presentation on board and on shore with photo stops at the Schiller memorial, Rütli, Tellskapelle and Treib.



Having experienced it in May as part of the celebration of DS Uri centenary I can vouch for its quality and interest. Please let SGV know when you book that you are English and they will try to broadcast accordingly.

The next Swiss Express will include an article about the celebration.

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Photo: courtesy STS

RIDE THE FOOTPLATE

As far as I am aware it has not been mentioned before that it is possible to have a footplate ride on a BRB locomotive. There is a SFr50 surcharge but where else can one experience something quite so exciting? Reservations are obviously essential.



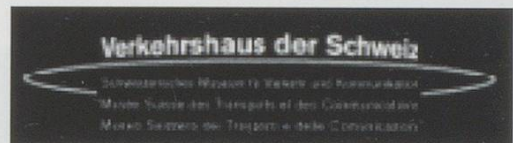
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BAHNEXPO AT THE VERKEHRSHAUS



The transport museum in Luzern is holding a special large railway exhibition from 29th September to 28th October and which will incorporate this year the bi-annual Model Railway Exhibition from 6th-14th October.

Entitled BAHNEXPO 01 the exhibition will include lectures, model displays, the opening of a new exhibit called 'The Modern Railway' as well as the current developments on the 'Railways in Art' exhibit. Lectures will take place daily at 1400. The model railway displays will be coordinated by SVEA and will include dioramas and a model railway under construction. 'The Modern Railway' is conceived around the theme of high technology and will become part of the permanent displays. Involving inter-active and responsive displays, play learning and information technology it will be quite an experience for those who see it, young and old.

The Model Railway Exhibition is extensive and well worth a visit on it's own account. With the added attractions of the Museum it is not to be missed.

The exhibition has been made possible by the participation of the SBB, BLS AlpTransit, AlpTransit Gotthard and the Ministry of Transport as well as the Verkehrshaus itself.

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REGIONALVERKEHR BERN-SOLOTHURN (RBS)

The regular steam specials will operate this year on the following Sundays: August 19th, September 16th and October 14th.

The days start and finish in Worblaufen and it is possible to order breakfast should you require it.

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Direktion RBS, Postfach 119, CH-3048 Worblaufen, Switzerland

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