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MEMBER'S ADVERTISEMENTS

For Sale

Storage space constraints mean I must cull my accumulation of mostly unused Bemo HOm (mainly MOB) stock and accessories, Lemaco BDe 4/4 (18) and a few HO (s.g.) items including a HAG BLS Re 4/4. Also film overlays for MOB special coaches (see CM, Jan 2010). List available by email (pandmfarr@talktalk.net) or post (C5 s.a.e appreciated). Contact Michael Farr, 1 Trethurgy Gardens, Callington, Cornwall. PL17 7RH

For Sale

Swiss Kursbuch (S) Summer (W) Winter. Used, but in good condition: 1965(S); 1968(S); 1970(S); 1972(S); 1981/2(W); 1982(S); 1982/3(W). Mint condition: 1987/8 Year (includes separate bus and Int. volumes); 1990/1 Year (includes separate bus volume). Also 1991/2 (W) - a one-off that SBB produced of train services in France, but which SNCF objected to and refused to sell. All at £10. Swiss transport maps. 1925 (SBB) pictured; 1926; 1976; 2004 (Kümmerly & Frey). All at £5. Available for collection in Merton Park, SW London, or posted by arrangement. Contact Robert Vidler at robert_vidler@blueyonder.co.uk

MEMBERS' LETTERS

From: Mel Barnes – by email

Regarding the article by Alan Jackson in issue No.120 of *Swiss Express* some readers may be surprised to know that Pilatus Aircraft Company built some of their aircraft on the

Isle of Wight between 1978 and 1998 under the name Pilatus-Britten-Norman. I believe the present Company of Britten-Norman may still be producing parts for Pilatus here on the island.

Alan Jackson has supplied the following useful notes: Pilatus-Britten-Norman was the name of the company on the Isle of White while the Swiss engineering conglomerate Oerlikon-Bührle, who also owned Pilatus in Switzerland, had ownership of it. Oerlikon-Bührle subsequently sold both Britten-Norman (around 1998) and Pilatus (in 2000). I am not aware that any complete Swiss Pilatus models were ever built by the facility at Bembridge, home of the famous B-N Islander range of aircraft, although some parts may well still be sub-contracted out to them.

From: Tony Lamdin – by email

I wonder if members of the SRS are aware of the Book Depository - bookdepository.com. This offers quite exceptional deals on books with worldwide free postage. I order quite a few railway books but I am quite often put off by the huge cost of postage living as I do in South Australia. For example: The "Eisenbahn-Reiseführer Schweiz" reviewed in *Swiss Express* No.120 can be had for £12.08 through the Book Depository instead of the £18.00 quoted in the review. I recently bought a copy of Ian Allan's Pre-Grouping Atlas and RCH Junction Diagrams for £23.00. This would have cost me £39.00 had I gone through Platform 5 Publishing. 🇨🇭

DVD REVIEW

Gotthard Northbound Cab Ride

by Perren Films – Double DVD
price £36 from SRS Sales including UK postage

This is the 25th DVD in the series and marks the halfway point in the project to produce a cab ride of every Swiss line. This was filmed in mainly good sunny weather (there is a brief shower of rain just beyond Wassen), partly in 2012 and partly in 2014 and being northbound, the sun is behind the train for the majority of the journeys. The first DVD covers the routes from Chiasso to Bellinzona, Luino to Cadenazzo and Locarno to Bellinzona. The second DVD features the rest of the route, from Bellinzona to Arth Goldau a total running time of well over three hours. The shorter journeys are filmed from the cab of a TILO FLIRT multiple-unit, whereas the principal route from Locarno is filmed from a Re460. There are a few establishing shots at the start of each route and several chapter points are featured, allowing a journey to start from selected intermediate stations. Filmed in High Definition to the usual high standards expected of Andreas Perren the camera is set to quite a wide angle so the view not only shows the track ahead but plenty of the surrounding countryside. The routes are shown in their entirety, including the Gotthard tunnel, apart from the stationary time in stations, which has been reduced. There is no commentary,

just the actual sound recorded within the cab. Each section starts with a map showing the route and all stations, and some tunnels have on screen captions in German, but are easily understood. This double DVD can be recommended not only as a cab ride over this most important of Swiss lines, but also as a scenic record of the view from the train and as a reference for modellers. 2015 will be a busy year for Perren Films with plenty of new releases planned. The 26th production will be a single DVD of the Gotthard route in a southward direction and later in the year a double DVD of the railways of the Jungfrau Region, which was filmed in exceptionally good weather. So there is plenty to look forward to. For more information their website is www.fuehrerstandsmitfahrten.ch

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Führerstandsfilme

Gotthardlinie
(nordwärts)

Chiasso – Bellinzona
Luino – Cadenazzo
Locarno – Arth-Goldau

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Doppel-DVD