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Bemo Closed Vans - Doors & Ventilators

In conversation with Mike Polglaze, I asked if it was a difficult job sawing the doors and ventilators from Bemo vans so that they might be displayed open. He pointed out that they are separate mouldings which are not even cemented in and can be easily prised out. This seems so simple but I wonder how many other owners of these models were, like me, in ignorance of this?

The doors and ventilators have small fixing lugs which need to be cut flush before cementing in their new place. Incidentally, the interior floors of the vans have moulded planks.

David Broomfield
London

RhB Stock List

In the September issue of *Swiss Express*, there was a request for an RhB stock list. Mr Moberg may wish to know that a *Bahn Amateur* set is available from both Bever and Bergun stations, price SFr.30. It contains a list of all RhB motive power, their home stations and the current locomotive diagrams.

G.S.Allen
Chatham

In the September issue Mr.Phil Moberg enquires about an RhB fleet list. Currently available are:

Die Locomotiven und Triebwagen der Rhatischen Bahn

by Theo Stollz and Andreas Hanecke, published by Theo Stolz, Alpenstrasse 32, CH-3084 Wabern Switzerland. German text, all motive power illustrated, nothing on unpowered stock. My copy is dated 1985 and there have certainly been changes since then.

Volume IV of Peter Willen's *Locomotiven und Triebwagen der Schweizer Bahnen* covers the RhB. German and French introductions and a German into French technical dictionary. Published by Orell Fussli of Zurich. My copy is dated 1983 and is showing its age.

Platform 5 should publish their Swiss book by the end of the year, largely written and compiled by Chris Appleby with some input and photographic editing by myself. It will be far more up to date than either of the above, but the illustrations will be less comprehensive. Cover price is planned to be 9.95 and it will cover all of Switzerland.

What I have discovered is that compiling a fleet list is far less straightforward than it would seem! 90% of the effort is getting the last 10% of the information.

Paul Russenberger
London.

Publications

In a short visit to Switzerland in August I picked up two publications that I think might interest members. The first is *Fehlt ein Stuck, bleibt's Stuckwerk*, published in July 1990, is free and concerns the extension of Bern line G from Helvetiaplatz past the station to Bern Wallgasse and some double tracking. The 32 page pamphlet is in German. The second is *75 ans du Chemin de Fer Aigle-Sepey-Diablerets* at SFr.45. The 160 page book is in French and contains many photographs, some in colour.

Angus Scouler
Totton