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one occasion, lending substance to the rumour that the SBB are trying to sell this small, non-standard but useful class to the SOB/BT locomotive pool.

Der Voralpen-Express links the Bodensee to the Vierwaldstättersee, connects with the Appenzellerbahnen at Herisau and St.Gallen and, at Biberbrugg offers a connection to Einsiedeln. It is therefore an extremely useful route for the railfan as well as those of us who enjoy a trip on a lake. The service operates at two-hourly intervals and takes an hour and

Bodensee-Toggenberg Re4/4 No.93 in *Voralpen Exprtess* "livery" at Herisau,, 27 August 1994.
Photo R.Smith

three quarters for the complete run. Although we have frequently made use of it, we have no idea what the bistro is like, since not only is it usually at the other end of the train from the first class, but the mini-bar trolley usually appears before any of us have summoned the energy to explore further.

Exhibitions

Oberfreidhof

2-4 Dec Manchester
 20-21 Jan Huddersfield
 25-26 Mar Southampton

Keine Name

17-18 Dec Bradford
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 10 Dec Mirfield fire station.
 Swiss presence. Proceeds to charity.

Swiss stock on international trains

On 17 October, EC2 *Rembrandt*, Amsterdam to Chur via Emmerich and Düsseldorf, was composed entirely of SBB stock, including a restaurant car. The coaches were apparently refurbished Swiss UIC and both the seating and ride quality was excellent. In the Netherlands, the Swiss dining car attendant served drinks through the train, but had to retreat to the dining car when in Germany, where their own trolley service was provided.