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THE EDITOR HAS HIS SAY!

This makes a change, almost a whole page to myself, best not waste it then.

Readers will have noticed that I have been making use of swissinfo, the web based service from Swiss Radio International. Switzerland is not just about railways and it is good to know a little bit more about what happens. If you get the chance check the site out. In this connection one story was of particular interest.



Something completely different. A reporter at swissinfo/SRI wanted to make the longest train journey that never leaves Switzerland, takes the fastest and most direct route and which can be completed within a day. Markus Haefliger asked SBB and together with the computerised timetable the solution was to start at Le Brassus and end the journey at Poschiavo. The journey would take between 8^{1/2} hours and 10 hours 14 minutes depending on the time of day and is 568 km in length.

Now the question is whether this is correct? Probably it is but it is one of those maddening questions that demands a little more investigation. This is the point where I hand over to you. Is this the longest journey that can be undertaken within one day, by the fastest and most direct route or not? I thought about it for some time and looking at the map I felt that I could envisage longer journeys, but the rules have to be followed, longest, fastest and most direct. Another question raises its head as well but I am going to save that for another time and after someone out there has answered the first puzzle. I await with bated breath, please do not disappoint.

A question was asked some time ago about videos on the subject of postbuses. After a little research I found some that are for sale at major Post Offices and via the PTT website. Elsewhere in Swiss Express you should find some details. If any of you have any of these videos or buy them please send in a review and we can spread the word.

The holiday season is approaching fast and I wish you all a very happy summer wherever you are going. Those who, like me, are going to Switzerland please take lots of pictures and send them. Current events in particular.

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