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FROM THE ARCHIVES - David Baker

Summer is over and I can now get back to railway matters. Looking at the June issue I am pleased to find that the Editor has found space for the 1983 quiz. This was not an easy quiz and I hope it has been attempted by many of you and has provided pleasure and some head scratching. The same issue, to my surprise, contained a review of the archival CD ROMs and several have now been purchased. I trust the format is acceptable and useful as, relative to reading, my computer knowledge is only just past the "cat sat on the mat" stage.

The review was by Brienzersee, which prompted me to investigate the use of pen-names in the magazine. We now have Badger, Brienzersee, Chamby, Chernex, Gerlad, Hafenmund, Schleithelm, Sorbus and Toggenburg and several contributors using initials. The initials are readily traceable, but we could almost run a competition for naming the owners of the pen-names.

Finally, I think I have the youngest reader of the magazine! I gave a spare copy of the December 2002 issue to my 22-month-old grandson and they are inseparable. It must be the most thumbbed-through magazine ever. I hope to maintain his interest, but would ask members to include church towers, station frontages etc. with "tick-tocks" in their photographs.

Note From Editor: David reminded me that we had not yet had a reply to the quiz in the June issue, neither have we had the answers yet. The original questions are in SE June 2004, p7.

ANSWERS TO THE 1983 QUIZ (AS GIVEN IN SRN WINTER 1983)

- 1 SFF - Strade Ferrate Federali (Italian) until June 1944.
- 2 The site was originally Basel Badische Bahnhof, from 1855 until 14 Sept 1913.
- 3 DSB Davos-Platz Schatzalp Bahn Dansk Staatsbanen
DB Dolderbahn Deutsche Bundesbahn
OeBB. Oensingen Balstal Bahn Oesterreichische Bundesbahn
VR Vitznau Rigi Bahn Finnish State Railway
- 4 ZSB Zermatt Sunegga Bahn, opened in 1988.
- 5 Hardturm Viaduct, Zurich (1126m) Lorraine Bridge, Bern (1080m)
- 6 Furka Basis Tunnel at 15,407 metres.
- 7 Montreux, where the MOB crosses the rack railway to Rochers de Naye.
(Archivist's Note: - What about the Toua and Zondra Tunnels on the Albula).
- 8 Again at Montreux. 1435 mm, 1000 mm and 800 mm gauges.
- 9 Between Interlaken Ost and Zweisimmen from 1941 to 1946.
- 10 Meiringen - Innertkirchen Bahn MIB - KW.
- 11 St Gallen - Mühlek (St.GM) 1949
Lausanne-Flon - Gare (LG) 1954
Lausanne-Flon - Ouchy (LO) 1958
Rheineck - Walzenhausen (RW) 1958
Romerhof - Dolder (DB) 1972
- 12 St.Gallen - Mühlek (St.GM) 1975
- 13 The Funicular from Lugano Paradiso to San Salvatore with two sections, but just a single cable carrying the two cars, with one car per section. Passengers change cars at mid-point.
- 14 Thayngen, Chiasso, Scuol-Tarasp and La Plaine.
- 15 Nr Locarno on FART at Lungolago G.Motta 196 m.
NB - Locarno Station lies at 205 m as per Kursbuch 2002
- 16 Rigi Kulm 1750 m (VRB - ARB)
- 17 Uitikon-Waldegg to Uetliberg on the SZU at 7% or 1 in 14.3.
- 18 Freiburg in Breisgau - Basel Badische Bahnhof in 1855.
- 19 Winterthur - Oberwinterthur from 1875 to 1903.
- 20 Brienzer Rothorn at 2349m metres. World's highest steam railway.
NB - Rated at 2252 metres in Kursbuch 2002. (Archivist's note).