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ZB

Stans station has been rebuilt with new (outside) platforms with track 1 abolished and a bus interchange provided. At the launch on 9th June, ABe 130 003 was given the name 'Brisen'.

Former LSE BDeh4/4 6 returned to service in March 2007 renumbered BDeh 140 006. It had been out of service since 2005 after colliding with a works train.

TRAMS

BM

The Bern system is reduced to a through service between Guisanplatz and Saali / Ostring via the link at Zytglogge while the Bahnhofplatz is rebuilt; this will last until December. In early July, the Hauptbahnhof tram station had completely disappeared.

VBG (Verkehrsbetrieb Glattal)

Services on the extended VBZ Line 11 (Rehalp – Auzelg) are provided by a mixture of twin Tram 2000 sets and single unit Cobra trams. Triangular junctions with the next stage of the Glattalbahn system, the extension of VBZ Line 10 to Zürich Flughafen, have been installed at the Leutschenbach and Glattpark stops.

HISTORIC

Club 1889

The latest restored coach, Berninabahn BC 110, was released to traffic on 31st March. Originally built in 1909 and withdrawn in 1974 as B 2087, the coach was originally restored to passenger service by the SEFT group on the Misox line in 1997 before being transferred to Samedan for full restoration to original condition in 2003.

SBB Historic

Ae6/6 11402 Uri is now based at Erstfeld for Gotthard centenary work

TMZ

Burgwies tram depot, the oldest surviving in Zürich, opened as a museum on 24th May.

VHS

The museum has made a feature this year of Swiss tunnelling, with the Gotthard 125 and NEAT tunnels featuring strongly. With the entrance block demolished, access to the museum is from a temporary entrance by the railway section, so the first exhibit everyone sees is Ae 610 486 'Burgdorf' with two vans as the Swiss Cargo exhibit.

New acquisitions are Ae6/6 11413 'Schaffhausen' and BLS Ae4/4 258, the latter being currently coupled to a car-carrier wagon carrying 1960's cars.

SWISS FEDERAL RAILWAYS - STOCK CHANGES

January 2007

New:

Am 843 028

Withdrawn:

TemIII 353 TmII 791, 846 RBe 540 073

February 2007

New:

RABe 514 013, 015

Withdrawn:

TmII 654/99, 710/16/52/68/73, 833/40/53

Ee3/3 16405/44 XTm 91511/22

March 2007

New:

Tm 234 206, 207 RABe 514 014, 016

RABe 524 002, 003 XTmass 92 19 001, 002

Withdrawn:

Tell 87 TmII 628/29/53/74, 730/41/90/94

Ee3/3 16364 RBe 540 026

XTm 91508/62/63/79 XTms 95 85 584

April 2007

New:

RABe 514 017

Reinstated:

RBe 540 042

Withdrawn:

Tm 235 003/8/11

SWITZERLAND - CHATEAU D'OEX

Beautiful apartment (sleeps 2) in newly-converted period hotel with superb facilities (indoor pool, fitness room, sauna, laundry room, computer room etc) in Chateau D'Oex, a small winter/summer resort in the Bernese Oberland.

The apartment is a few minutes' walk from the station, a stop on the famous Golden Pass Line between Montreux and Zweisimmen. This makes it an ideal base for exploring a wide variety of main line, narrow gauge and mountain lines in the Lake Geneva, western Rhone Valley and Bernese Oberland areas.

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