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# MOVING A KROKODIL

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All photos: Georg Dockhorn

Recent editions of Swiss Express have carried news items regarding the development and opening of the Bahnmuseum Albula in the old armoury at Bergün station. The Foundation that created the museum is now formally linked with the Albula Bahn Club (ABC) which has a few members in the UK including myself. The main asset of the ABC is the ex-RhB Ge6/6 'Krokodil' No.407, that for many years was displayed on a plinth located on the road between the station and the town. Unfortunately the locomotive had become subject to vandalism and the theft of some parts in this isolated position. One of the outcomes of the co-operation between the museum and the ABC has been the ability to locate the 'Krok' in a new home immediately outside the converted army building. On the 2nd October 2011 the loco was partly dismantled, transported the short distance to the new museum and re-assembled. It now occupies pride of place, under a protective canopy, together with some items of historic rolling stock on a spur of track running along the front of the museum, where all who travel the line can now see it. The 2012 edition of the ABC's magazine 'Das Krokodil' featured some photographs of the major task of moving the locomotive and with

the permission of its editor Georg Dockhorn some are reproduced here. 

1. 10:41 am - The local kids watch attentively as the centre section is lifted off the ends prior to its move.
2. 12:26 pm - One end section craned onto low-loader.
3. 4:08 pm - Centre section being lifted prior to reconnection to one end.
4. 4:57 pm - Nearly all back together at its new home

