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Ex SBB Tm' 450 at Romanshorn.



Rhenus Logistics Tm 98 85 5230 496-2 at Romanshorn.

Photos: Keith Scotland

Whilst in Romanshorn, intending to travel as a passenger on the car ferry across the Bodensee to Friedrichshafen, ex SBB Tm 2/2 No 450 was spotted at the buffer stops of a large anonymous industrial site adjacent to Romanshorn station. At the other end of the site a similar Tm', now registered to Rhenus Logistics, was present. These locos (Tm 2/2 Class 401) were part of a batch of small diesel shunting tractors built for the SBB between 1957 and 1965 by Robert Aebi. These 13t engines were later rebuilt by SBB with Deutz engines and almost all have now been scrapped or, like these two, sold to other operators. It is

assumed that both are now operated by Rhenus Logistics for shunting on their site. This German company (with a €3 billion turnover) is one of Europe's largest logistics operators, operating on some 290 sites worldwide. Incidentally readers may be interested to learn that the SwissPass no longer gives a full fare reduction on this useful crossing of the Bodensee. I presented my pass only to be asked for CHF11, the half-fare price. I checked this with the operator's office and asked when it changed. The person present did not know but confirmed that a SwissPass now only now qualifies for a half-fare concession. 



ABOVE: Don't let the rain stop your photograph

BELOW: Passengers enjoy the sunshine while they can



ABOVE: The view at Alpweg

BELOW: Why will people always wave at the photographer ??

