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## EDITORIAL

After some seven years of putting together *Swiss Express* from all the varied and excellent input that is submitted by you, our members, and by various friends of the SRS, it is normally a fairly straightforward task. But sometimes the fates conspire to intervene, pouncing on even the slightest signs of hubris. Such was the case with the June edition. For less-than-clear reasons things did not come together easily whilst editing the material, then some errors crept in under the radar to spoil the final edition. I apologise to the Blonay-Chamby Museum Railway for the silly misspelling in the heading on P20, to our Secretary for getting his name wrong on P42, and to David Adams for allowing his photo of the Sihltalbahnhof at Langnau (ZH) to creep into P18 where we were discussing the BLS at Langnau (BE). Two sharp-eyed members also spotted that the numbering given of some Ae6/6s in the first two articles was incorrect, as was a caption talking about Langenbrück, when the picture clearly showed Langenthal. There are probably other minor errors out there that I have yet to detect, or have yet to be pointed-out to me. As US President Harry S. Truman famously said 'The buck stops here.' Mea Culpa. ☐

**Willie McKnight** Dave Howsom writes:

"I am very sorry to say that Willie McKnight, after a period of being in and out of Monklands Hospital, Ardria, passed away there on 14th July 2014. Willie joined the Swiss Railways Society in the mid-eighties and served on the committee from 1987 until 1993 when he became treasurer, a post he held until 1997. He also organised two memorable AGM functions at Carlisle in 1992 & 1997. His love of railways extended through the Caledonian Railway Association, the Branch Line Society, Austrian Railways Group to his occupation as a Senior Controller in Network Rail's Operations Control Room at Glasgow. He also acted as Booking Clerk at Bo'Ness station on the Scottish Railway Preservation Society line.

He was a great guy who was always the same whenever you met him, Willie always had a story to tell and a day with him was always full of laughs. A warm hearted, generous gentle man who will be sadly miss by all who knew him. Our thoughts are with his wife Christina."

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