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This edition of *Swiss Express* marks a small milestone in the 32-year history of the Swiss Railways Society's magazine, as it is the twenty-fifth to be published in A4 format since we moved away from the smaller A5 magazine at the end of 2010. The first edition in the new format was only 32-pages as we merely moved the same amount of editorial space onto less pages and took the opportunity to use larger, and more, photographs. As I said in my editorial in that edition it was difficult to type with fingers crossed, as we were not sure how things would work out! Well they seem to have worked-out fine as we have progressed to a regular 48 page magazine that is currently easy to fill each quarter with a regular supply of articles being submitted. However over the six years there has been a subtle change in the magazine's content, as the balance seems to have moved more to articles about Switzerland's wealth of smaller railways, its funiculars, cable cars, etc. In an age of standardisation of operations and rolling stock perhaps this is inevitable. We also have more members supplying interesting stories and information regarding the historic side of Switzerland's transport system. We do have reports and news items on major events like the opening of the Gotthard Base Tunnel, etc., but the day-to-day workings of the mainline railway system are less commented-upon now by our correspondents than they were just six years ago. As editor I publish what I receive, and thankfully I receive a lot of good material, but I would welcome more input on the core Swiss system to try and balance the content of your magazine. ❑

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