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Weisstannen with the hourly service 432 awaiting departure at 13.42 to Sargens.

Remarkably an English guidebook is available. Returning home I consider that my Swiss Pass was both put to good use and excellent value for money. +



If you have not been to Arth-Goldau in the last few years you will not have seen the rebuilding of the base station for trains to the Rigi. Well this is where you used to board, but the rebuild has put the trains out at the southern end and this is now a very grand station entrance hall. Unfortunately the two new platforms are no longer under cover!!

An 'Oldtimer' Excursion.



For anyone visiting the Emmental region last year, apart from the network of railways and PostAuto routes serving this region of Switzerland that is off the main tourist track, on the first Sunday of the months between June and October 2017 there was the opportunity to ride an 'Oldtimer' PostAuto. Based in the small community of Biglen to the east of Worbligen is the 'Trägerverein Historische Postautolinie' an association founded in 2016, that began offering trips over the Moosegg mountain road during last summer, using an assortment of elderly Post Buses. The 2017 timetable showed two return trips between Biglen Bahnhof on the line between Burgdorf and Thun (Kursbuch Table 340) and Emmenmatt Bahnhof on the Bern-Luzern Line (Table 460). In addition there was a short return working between Emmenmatt and Moosegg Hotel that connected at the Hotel with a Sunday working on PostAuto Line 472 to Biglen. In addition to the monthly timetabled workings there were also special trips run in association with events at the Moosegg Hotel, which is a renowned destination in the locality for good food. The end-to-end trip takes 45 minutes, but the schedules allow for a stopover of up to 6-hours at the hotel, which is a base for a network of walking routes. The 2017 fares from either end to Moosegg were CHF7, or CHF12 for the whole trip. It is presumed that the service will operate again in 2018. **For details see www.oldiepost.ch.** +

Based on information kindly supplied by Richard Donithorn, the Editor of the Helvetia Philatelic Society's 'Newsletter'.

Where's Heidi?

You can't get here on a Magic Carpet, but if coming by train, where's the nearest station?

Answer on page 47. +

