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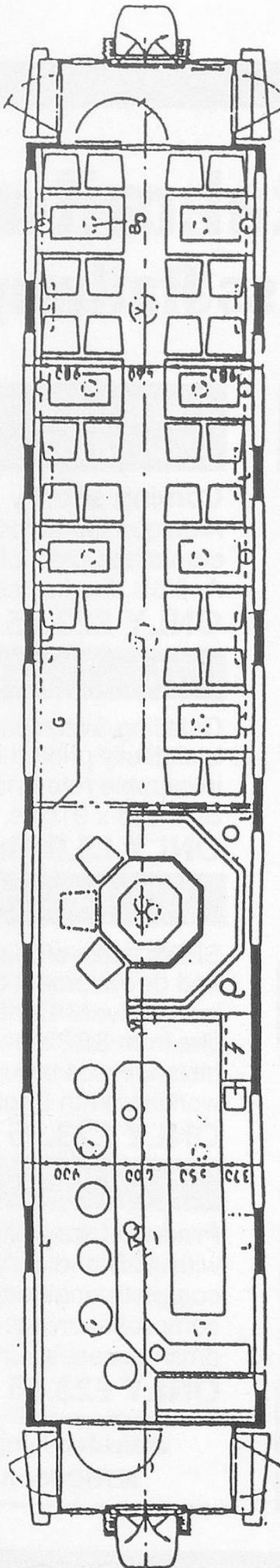
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Stiva retica

The RhB have recently refurbished another of the older heavy-weight cars of the A 1207-11 series to produce WRs 3821, a magnificent saloon for private hire. Branded *Stiva retica* - Rhätian parlour, it is intended for group and party hire and can be operated over any of the AC lines, the Arosa and Bernina routes are specifically disallowed.

The rustic Bündner parlour is entirely furnished in the local pine, right up to the original wooden ceiling. The old-style interior offers comfortable seating for up to 46 guests at either 4-person tables or at the large circular table adjacent to the *Stiva* bar counter. The coach is provided with just about every luxury imaginable, from draught Calanda beer to a hostess to cater for the traveller's needs throughout the trip. A refrigerator, coffee machine and CD music centre are also provided.

The charges are fairly stiff, for a mere 20 km return trip it costs SFr.800 off peak and SFr.900 from Friday-Sunday between June and October. For a 200 km return



trip it goes up to SFr.3200 at peak. As it is strictly a party coach, and not for use in normal revenue service, it could be difficult to sample, but for the fact that our member Andreas Jenny is arranging to use the car during one of his special railway weeks from the Hotel Stolzenfels in the first week in October 1994; further details can be found in his half page advertisement on page 47. This is an added reason for taking this popular holiday; be advised, book now.

The accompanying photograph of the coach in Landquart works, was taken by Steve Crebbin, to whom we are indebted for the information in this short feature.

