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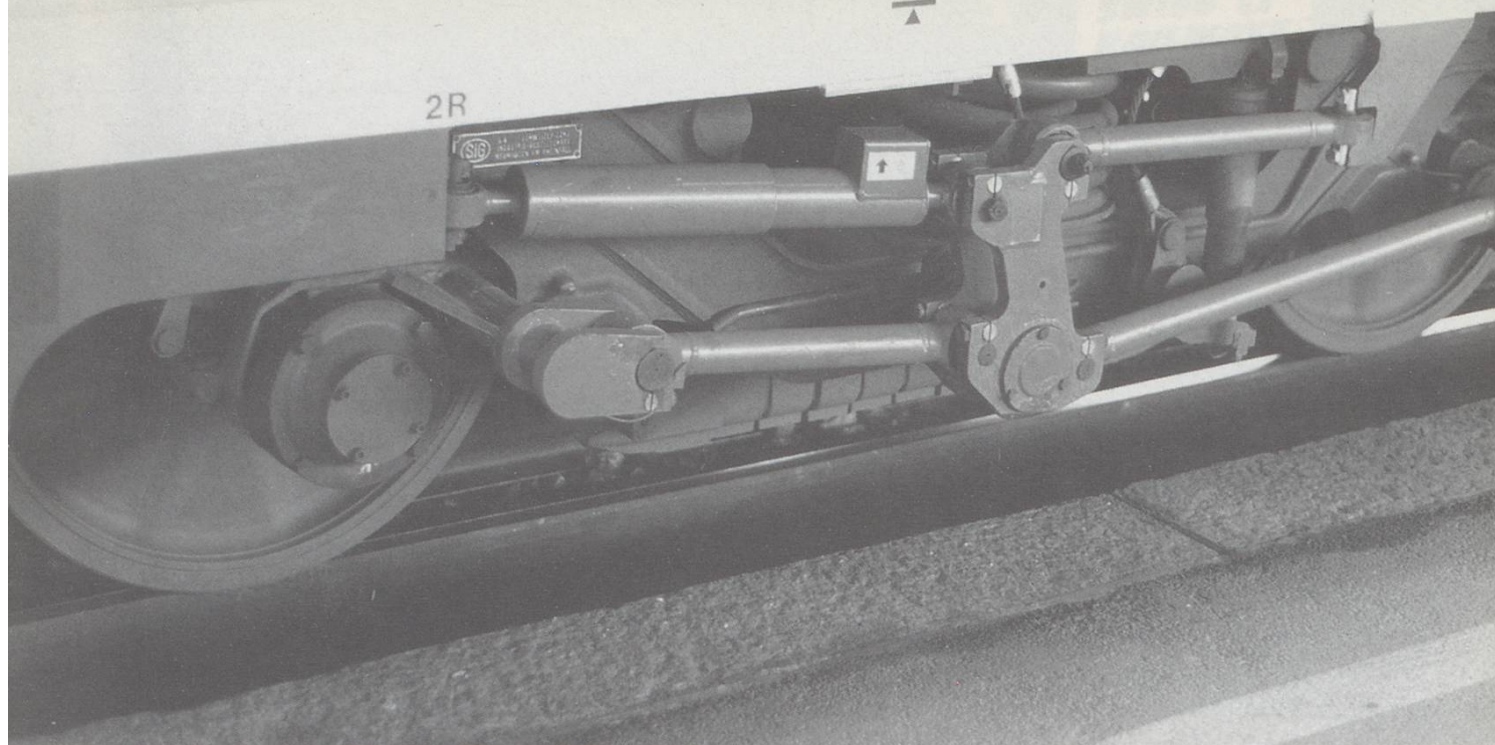
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BLS coach bogie

The photo above might be of interest. It appears to be an experimental steerable axle bogie it was seen on a public service train in Brig station on 6 September 1995.

The coach a BLS EW IV but unfortunately the coach was reserved so I could not travel on it to see if there was any difference in the ride.

If anyone knows any more details of this innovation and whether it was/is a success I would be most interested.

Alastair Pell
Lancaster.

BLS Ae6/8s

I was interested in John Jesson's article on the BLS Ae6/8s, and the recent new model.

I have long admired these locos and have added a Roco model to my collection. I note John's comment that the model appears wrong since the worksplate shows 1939, whereas 208, as modelled was built in 1943.

I photographed 208 at Leissingen in January 1993, including the worksplate, this was 'SLM 3678, 1939', this is the plate from 205?, in that respect the plate on the model is correct.

This raises the question have 205 and 208 exchanged plates or identities?

Peter Bowen,
Macclesfield, Cheshire.

Above: The BLS bogie referred to in the first letter.

Modelling Swiss Railways

As an addendum to the articles in Swiss Express by Peter Marriott about buildings, I have the following information. Marcle Models of Turnagain, Finch Lane, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9NE, have a huge catalogue (£2.50) of card models including architectural models at a scale of 1:87 and 1:160. Models include buildings sufficient to be a small 'German' town but more importantly at least five sets of buildings to build an 'Alpine' village. There is even a model Schloss Thun in 1:160 scale at a cost of £26.95, the other buildings being considerably cheaper from £5 or so.

The building of the models is straightforward, they are self coloured and very robust, I have had a series of three German castles for over ten years with no sign of deterioration.

Mike Harris,
Overton on Dee.

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