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New services on the RhB

by AJP and NJF

A new train, the 'Heidiland-Bernina Express', runs from Landquart via Filisur, Samedan and Pontressina to Tirano with bus connections to Lugano. It leaves Landquart at 07.40 and arrives at Tirano at 12.24. A portion of the train starts at St. Moritz at 10.00. The return working is at 14.05 from Tirano. Ge 4/4" 641 "Maienfeld" has been painted in a special livery bearing "Heidiland-Bernina Express".

Maienfeld was the home of Johann Spyri, the author of the Heidi Books.

The service operates from May until 15 October 1995. Resuming in May 96.

Another service "Graubunden Fascination" is an all day excursion with a nostalgic train through the "Swiss Grand Canyon" to Ilanz, made up of salon coaches from the 1920's the new 'Stiva Retica' (restaurant car) and pulled by a "baby Croc" leaving Chur every Tuesday from July until 12th September 1995.

Heidiland
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Other RhB News:-

Chur-Arosa re-electrification at 11Kv AC. In the first phase, all trains will be loco hauled by one of four Ge4/4" locos to be allocated to the section. During this period, the three DC driving trailers will be rebuilt to work with the Ge4/4". AC operation is planned for autumn 1997.

The public had the opportunity to travel over the Misox line from Castione as far as Cama at Whitsun. BDe4/4 491 and an ex Appenzeller Bahn ABe4/4 41 were in use. Let us hope that this experiment will be repeated.

Van Gbk-v 5603, has been painted in Suchard's "Milka" livery.

The whole of the new bridge at Klosters is 'superelevated' thus obviating the need for superelevation of each track to allow smooth riding through the curve.



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