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Above: ABDe4/4 1, of the ASD, called the "Trans Ormonan" Express, the second coach is a bar car, seen here at Aigle station in October 1994, the service runs at weekends and National holidays. The scene painting depicts the many activities that are available along the line.

150th Anniversary of Swiss Railways

The SBB chose the 48th General Assembly of the Schweizer Verband Eisenbahn Amateur in Biel on 22nd April 1995 to announce proposals for the celebrations to commemorate the event. Our representative was there so we are able to give some of the advance information. Much more information is available to us which will be published in the next editions and we shall be receiving updates. The SVEA is playing an important role in developing numerous activities countrywide. This is being managed by our member, Ruedi Steinmman. We wish him well in his challenging task.

Activities will start in April 1997 and will continue to mid-October. A selection of some of the most significant events are as follows:-

- (i) Famous vintage and replica locos will be visiting and, hopefully, running; 'Le Continent' from France; the 'Rocket' from the UK; 'Der Adler' and 'Saxon' (now in Dresden) from Germany.
- (ii) Special period trains will run in various parts of the country:-
 - 1847 Spanische Brötli Bahn
 - 1930 Representative Express train
 - 1939 The Ländilok, SBB Ae8/14 11852, with a representative train. This is subject to funds becoming available to restore the machine to working order. At the end of April, the loco was standing opposite the Luzern Museum.
 - 1945 Light Express train plus Bdt.
 - 1997 DOSTO - Double deck express coaches of the future with appropriate motive power. The coaches plus new sleeping cars are due to enter service on 1st July 1997.
- (iv) Special commemorative stamps to the value of SFRs. 20 and medals.
- (v) A 250 page, profusely illustrated, book in French, German, Italian - and English