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The B222x numbered coaches have seen some alterations, one has become Xa-v9001 and painted all over orange, its home appears to be Samaden depot. B2226 & 8 have been gutted and adapted to exhibition coaches (photo) the exterior has been painted white and has A & M Recycling in large green letters on the sides. Strangely the data and number panel is still in red and no renumbering into service stock has taken place.

An unidentified member of the class was seen without windows and with 4 large square holes cut in the sides was seen at Landquart, could it now have been scrapped.

There are several new engineers wagons in the 78xx and 93xx number series. Gbk-v 5607 formerly in Bemo advertising livery and Gbk-v 5611 PTT Telecom livery are now both back in plain brown, however 5536 (photo) has been painted in Zuoz Lyceum Alpinum livery and no

doubt Bemo will produce it in model form soon. X9073 was seen at Brusio having had its bodywork removed, it was previously a long wheel base brake van.

Near Reichenau-Tamins on the banks of the Vorderrhein is a new high-water mark dated 19 July 1997, it is only about 1 foot lower than than 1927 marker, and about twenty feet above track level!

The cement silos are now history, they were cut up on site, further station alterations are to take place in the near future, including the removal of the turntable which will spell the end of steam workings to the station.

The station loops at Breda have been extended to about three times their original length.

The staff at Filisur post the following day's locomotive diagrams on a notice board in the shelter opposite the vending machine, this lists the activities of all main line (not Bernina Bahn)

and gives details of special (steam and 411-415) workings.

The RhB have produced an advertising leaflet promoting the hire of the refurbished Pullmans crocodile locomotive and three coaches is yours for around £3500.

On the Furka Oberalp a new siding has been built at Bugnei, such is the slope on it down to the river, it is rack fitted. It has been installed in conjunction with the Alp Transit scheme.

