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Swiss Railways 150th Anniversary celebrations

Lausanne 14-15 June 1997

The provisional list of locomotives which will be present is as follows:-

10 steam locomotives: "Limmatt"; "Zephir"; Eb2/4; Ed 2x2/2; Czm1/2; A3/5; Eb3/5; B3/4; C5/6; Ed3/3 HWB.

6 electric locos with coupled driving wheels: Ee3/3; Ce4/6 SEZ/BLS; Ce6/8"; Ce6/8"; Be4/6; Ae3/6".

8 pre-WWII electrics with individually motored axles: Be4/7; Ae3/5; Ae3/6"; Ae4/7; Ae8/14 11801; Be4/4EBT; Ae6/8 205 BLS.

5 pre-WWII railcars: Fce2/4 SZU; Be4/4; Rae2/4; Bde4/6 STB; Rae4/8 1021.

1 diesel Bm4/4" (ex AM4/4 of 1939).

1 express luggage car RFe4/4 renovated by the OeBB.

5 bogie locos: Ae4/4 BLS; Re4/4'; Be4/4 RVT; Ae6/6; Bm4/4.

A pair of dual voltage shunters.

5 railcars from the 1959-60 period: BDe4/4; Rbe4/4; ABDe4/4 MO; Bde4/4CJ; RABDe12/12.

5 locos of the 1960-1980 period: Re4/4"; Re6/6; Am6/6; Ee6/6", Re446 SOB.

3 recent railcars/emus: RABDe4/4 GFM; RBDe4/4 Pont-Brassus; "Train des Vignes".

4 modern locos: Re4/4 BT; Re465 BLS; Bm 596 MThB; Am841.

5 'prestigious' traint: RABeEC (ex TEE); TGV; ICE; ETR 470; 'Thalys'.

The 'Anniversary' class 460 with a '2000' coach.

There will also be numerous locos and other rolling stock on show which will not be in the parade.

Rhätische Bahn

Saturday/Sunday 7/8 June at Chur and Landquart sees 'Open Days' at the SBB and RhB works, loco naming ceremony and other events.

Steam trains will run on the following dates:-

Engadin: 13 July; 3 August; 7 September; 28 December.

Davos: 18 May; 22 June; 27 July.

Surselva: 8 May; 12 October.

Bern Lötchberg Simplon

Train with open coach between Spiez and Zweisimmen 22 July; 3 Aug.

SGV:

An event which certainly cannot be repeated for at least three years will take place on Lake Lucerne on Saturday, 26 April, when all five steam paddle boats will celebrate 160 years of steamer services on the lake and the 25th Anniversary of the formation of the Association for the preservation of the lake's paddlers. The ships will parade along the whole length of the Vierwaldstättersee (Lake of Luzern).

In the autumn, "Schiller" will start a 3 year refit at a cost of Sfrs. 5.8 million.

Swiss Parc Vapeur, Bouveret

This popular multi-gauge miniature rail system opens its season on 23 March on Wednesdays from 1330 to 1800 and at weekends from 1000 to 1800 until 18 May. From 19 May to 22 September, it is open daily from 1000 to 1800 and thereafter 1330 to 1800 (weekends 1000 to 1800) until 2 November. The large site is close to the CFF station.

Rigi Bahnen 1997

By popular demand Lok 7 will be running again this year for 116 days starting on 4 June when there will be a big rail parade. From Thursday, 5 June, until Sunday, 27 September, No.7 coupled to 1871 built B2 coach will have a daily programme as follows:-

Goldau dep. 0910 Rigi Kulm arr. 1100

Then running between Rigi Kulm and Rigi Staffel approximately every 30 minutes.

Rigi Kulm dep 1435 Goldau arr. 1645

A fare supplement of Sfrs. 15 Goldau to Rigi Kulm or Rigi Kulm to Goldau are payable. A single journey Rigi Staffel to Rigi Kulm attracts a supplement of Sfrs. 5 and the reverse direction is Sfrs 3.

Every first and third Saturday from 7 June to 29 September, steam locos 16 or 17 will operate from Vitnau at 1036 arriving at Rigi Kulm at 1200 with parallel running with Lok 7 between Rigi Staffel and Rigi Kulm. There is a supplement of Sfrs. 15.