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From: Trevor Sprott - by email

Barcelona to Geneva & other routes.

A short query about the "Spanish - Switzerland" train: I wonder if any of the "Swiss Railways Society" members could tell me something about this train and where, besides "Barcelona & Geneva" it travels to. I was in Switzerland this autumn for a holiday, crossing the Alps in the "Glacier & Bernina Express" trains when I later saw the "Electrotren - Talgo Pendular 200" set of carriages in a model shop in Luzern.

I was amazed by them and in particular the coupling that links them together. I immediately bought the set and wondered which locomotive pulled these from "Barcelona to Geneva" etc and back again? The "Electrotren Instructions" sets out in table form a list of "Spanish, French, Italian and Swiss locomotives - both Electric & Diesel - which are said to do this. This is all very well, I have the SBB CFF FFS versions - Re 4/4 & 6/6, but only know one of the Spanish locomotives, the "Renfe Loco - Series 252 which I believe is made by "Arnold - A.2393, p.140 in their 2001 Catalogue." Unfortunately this seems to be unavailable as "Arnold" are having troubles of their own at present - I have no idea how to get copies of the SNCF models *CC 65 & 7200, BB 72 to 9300 or the Italian model FS E656 "Caimano" or indeed the Spanish "Maniobras - 276 model.

I know nothing about the diesel models quoted, "RENFE - 333 to 354" the "Maniobras - 311" or the "SNCF - BB 67300 or 400" or indeed who to approach to get these models. I would be grateful if any member knows about any of these locomotives and was prepared to Telephone, Fax or email me. I would particularly be interested in the "Arnold RENFE - a.2393" model?

As I have just begun modelling again, now that I have retired, and am searching around for a scenic track on which trains of many of the countries of Europe can be seen running, I would be particularly be interested if someone who knows the railway lines in central Europe, better than myself, could possibly enlighten me as to where to look?

This is the basic reason why I have asked the first part of this question, the route of the "Barcelona to Geneva etc " train. I would certainly be prepared to look carefully at such routes with a view to choosing one or a variety and making it the centre of a future model.

My Tel/Fax numbers and email address are as follows:

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THE CLASSIFIED SECTION - Members Adverts

HELP REQUIRED: 1) What is the identity of the steam loco dumped alongside the Bern-Belp-Thun line in a car scrap yard at Kaufdorf? 2) Is any member aware of anyone that produces a video of the spectacular routes of the PTT post buses? I have asked MITV but they do not know of any
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HELP REQUIRED: Can anyone in the SRS help with track layouts for the Meiringen-Innertkirchen Bahn stations at Meiringen and Innertkirchen? I have general photos of both locations but am missing the track configurations. The best way to send them would be by e-mail as I live in Canada. (And for the benefit of the Editor, I was born and raised in Worcester!).

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