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On a recent visit (June 2002) to the Bernina railway Debra and I stopped at Alp Grüm, as one does, for the view and a coffee on the best terrace in Switzerland. When we got there I got very excited, as did several others at the sight of the two ex - Bernina cars in BB yellow. I rushed around taking some pictures and the staff were kind enough to manoeuvre the cars so that it looked as though they were coming up from the valley, this was at the prompting of another gentleman staying at the Grischuna at the same time. For some reason I got it into my head that this was a special and as it departed I was surprised to see that a conductor was on board complete with accoutrements. We heard the next train coming up the valley and duly waited at the platform. We also waited at the platform as it carried on through without stopping. I realise that you have all guessed by now. The Bernina cars were the service train at 1548, the next train was a non-stop and the 1615 is winter only, we had to wait till 1642. The moral of the story is check the timetables even if you think you are an expert and then write to someone in authority and question the needless complexity of the Bernina timetable in the afternoons. I got some nice pictures though. Photos: Toggenburg





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