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CHRYSLER had sold its ADtranz rail business to Bombardier of Canada for Eu700m (£480m).

## Ostwind

The St Gallen S-Bahn network is marketed under the name Ostwind. The following eight routes are worked:

S1 (Altstätten- Wil) and S2 (Heerbrugg - Herisau), worked by SBB Kolibris.

S3 (Schaffhausen / Romanshorn - St Gallen Haggen) and S6 (St Gallen - St Gallen Haggen) are

worked jointly by MThB Low Cost railcars / trailer and BT RBDe566.

S4 (Uznach - St Gallen) by BT RBDe566.

S5 (Weinfelden - St Gallen) by SBB RBe 540.

S11 (St Gallen - Appenzell) by AB BDeh4/4 sets.

S12 (St Gallen - Trogen)

Bus - rail interchanges have been provided at both Altstätten and Heerbrugg, adjacent to the S-Bahn terminal track.



*Furka Oberalp Sportwagen B4241 formed in the 0839 Brig-Disentis at Andermatt. 23/6/200.*

*Photo: Nick Freezer*

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The SBB and BLS have agreed some major changes in principle. SBB is to take a large stake in BLS. The BLS is to take over local SBB routes around Bern and in return the BLS will withdraw from International services. These changes are still the subject of much discussion and are likely to be amended, Members and readers who are on the internet can keep themselves up to date by referring to the BLS website. A full report will be in the next Swiss Express. The site is : <<http://www.bls.ch/>>, go to the full german site and look up aktuell or medianstelle.

## Brian Hemming SWISS FEDERAL RAILWAYS - STOCK CHANGES

On order: 17 GTW 2/8 from Stadler AG for the Seetal line. These 3 car plus power section units will be air conditioned and have vacuum retention toilets.

### March 2000

**New:** RABDe 500 003 (comprising - Bt 500 103/B 500 203/AD 500 303/AD 500 309/A 500 403/B 500 603/Bt 500 703)

**Withdrawn:** Te<sup>II</sup> -80/6 Te<sup>III</sup> -122/31/5/6 Tm<sup>I</sup> -40/30 Re4/4<sup>I</sup> -1003/7 Ee3/3 -16394

### April 2000

**Rebuilt & Renumbered:** RABDe12/12 1102 to RABDe 510 001

**New:** RABDe 500 004 (comprising - Bt 500 104/B 500 204/AD 500 304/AD 500 310/A 500 404/B 500 604/Bt 500 704) Tm -234 051/2/4

**Withdrawn:** RBe -540 023 (fire-Eglisa-26/3/00) Te<sup>II</sup> -74/6/97 Tem<sup>I</sup> -252

### May 2000

**New:** Tm -234 056 **Withdrawn:** Te<sup>III</sup> -138

### June 2000

**New:** RABDe 500 005 (comprising - Bt 500 105/B 500 205/AD 500 305/A 500 405/WRA 500 505/B 500 605/Bt 500 705)

**Withdrawn:** Am6/6 -18524 (first of class)