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Bahn im Bild was a series of 36 books published in the 1980s and I have two from the series. They give excellent coverage of various Austrian lines and there is a second series of 5 dealing with other European lines. More may have been published and I would presume that none are now in print.

From: John Eve - Hitchin

In September We Went to Zürich for Lunch

One Wednesday in September my wife and I decided to take advantage of an easyJet offer paying our airport taxes and have a day out in Zürich (£30.00 each return). We decided on the first flight out (07.55) and the last back (21.45), as Luton is only 10 miles from home. EasyJet was on time in both directions, and the weather was fine and warm. In fact it was still shorts weather in Switzerland.

We arrived about 10.30am local time, bought our 24hour Zürich cards (SFr15 each) from the Airport station ticket office. An official City Guide is available from the Tourist Office at Kloten Airport. This card, complete with map of the area covered and details of museums and restaurants, gives unlimited travel on trains, a "Kleine Rundfahrt" on the lake (as far as Erlenbach and Thalwil, the Felsenegg cable car and the trams and buses in the Central area. You can also obtain welcome drinks in some restaurants, admission to various museums and trips on the river Limmat. See <www.zürich.ch> for full details.

We took first the train to the Hauptbahnhof and then found the platforms for the SZU to the Uetliberg for lunch, in the inevitable Bahnhof buffet. We then walked for two hours to the Felsenegg for coffee and cakes. We used the cable car down to Adliswil and the train back to the city.

After a stroll down to the Bürkliplatz we went by boat to Erlenbach (ZH) via Thalwil and used the train from Erlenbach to Tiefenbrunnen and walked back to the Bürkliplatz through the park and along the lake-side. As we were not due back to Kloten until 19.30 we had time for a meal and a stroll along the Bahnhofstrasse, looking at all the things we couldn't afford! It was a well worthwhile day out, and made a change from driving up the M1 to Derbyshire for the day.

From: David Russell - Ilford

Back in Action: The World's Most Modern Steam Locomotive

The world's most modern steam locomotive has been returned to steam in Switzerland, following two months of overhaul work and fine-tuning. Ex-German 'Kriegslok' No. 52.8055, which was rebuilt in 1999 and modernised complete with oil-firing, improved draughting and alterations to its wheels and axles, passed its boiler inspection on November 7.

The locomotive's first public trains are on December 11/12 from Zürich to Schaffhausen with the Nostalgie - Istanbul - Orient - Express luxury train. The locomotive is to be used on NIOE charter trains, and for further tests of modern steam traction ideas. The 2-10-0, ever-distinctive because of its bright yellow running plates, is owned by DLM, the company that is also actively involved in the construction of a small fleet of brand new rack locomotives for Swiss mountain lines (*Steam Railway* 288).

THE CLASSIFIED SECTION - Members Adverts

FOR SALE: HOm layout "Taste of Switzerland" as seen at 1995 Derby AGM, now with modified fiddle yard. Loosely based on RhB. 10 ft x 5ft 8 ins; splits into 3 sections for transit. Complete with transformers and 3 hand held controllers. No stock. £400. Collection/delivery to be arranged. Tel: Brian Hemming at 01276 856051 or e-mail b.j.hemming@btinternet.com

FOR SALE: Chris Appleby's Swiss Railways 1997 edition (published by Platform 5). Duplicated Christmas gift. Pub: £13.50. Offered at £8.00 including postage to UK and CI. Michael Farr, 1 Trethurgy Gardens, Callington, Cornwall, PL17 7RH.

INFORMATION REQUIRED: I would like to convert a BEMO coach into a Brünig driving trailer and need some photos to assist. If you have any please contact Ron Thomas on 01397 269469. Many thanks.