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LEB

Ex CJ two car unit 601+ 702, which arrived at Echallens from the BOB, has been taken into LEB stock as BDe4/4 28 + Bt 53 and will not be going onto the NStCM as reported in the last Swiss Express.

OC

On 31st October, Be2/2 14 collided with a LEB-owned lorry on the level crossing at Chavornay! The damage sustained meant that services had to be maintained by 1921-built Be4/4 13, as the Uetliberg line set recently purchased from the SZU has yet to be modified for service.

RhB

Six new Tm2/2 to the same design as 111-114 of 2001 have been ordered from Schöma.

On the evening of 6th January, Train 1270, 22 15 Chur – Disentis, ran into a small landslip in the Rheinschlut near the avalanche gallery east of Valendas-Sagogn. The derailed locomotive, Ge4/4 ii 632, then knocked out the first four of the columns supporting the gallery, collapsing the concrete slab roof onto the engine and leading luggage van. Fortunately, neither the driver nor any of the 30 passengers were injured, being walked to Valendas or Versam stations and continuing their journey by road. The line between Reichenau and Ilanz was closed until Wednesday 10th, with passengers transferred by road between Chur and Ilanz. Although the bodyshell of 632 is damaged beyond economic repair, it is hoped that the mechanical parts (bogies, transformer, etc.) can be overhauled and fitted into a new bodyshell.

SOB

The first FLIRT unit arrived from Stadler on 5th December. This series will allow the retirement of BDe4/4 48-59 of 1960-1979.

TPC

The roadside alignment between Aigle and Ollon closed on 18th September, with extra trains provided for photographers between Aigle and En Châlex. The new alignment opened on 28th October.

TRAMS

Zürich

One or two production Cobra Be5/6 3007-3074 are being delivered each month. Their arrival has allowed VBZ to retire the 'Karpfen' series Be4/4 1416-30 + B 771-786 series from December 10th. 14 sets will go to Vinnitsa (Ukraine), with one being retained in Zürich as a museum vehicle.

The first section of the Glattalbahn extension, from Oerlikon Hallenstadion to Auzelg, opened on 10th December as scheduled. It is being worked as an extension of VBZ Route 11 from Rehalp.

HERITAGE

BLS (RM)

On the Emmental 'Slow Up' day, 10th September, an hourly steam service was provided between Ramsei and Huttwil using SMB Ec4/5 11 and BD 64 518.

RhB

G4/5 107 and 108 were named 'Albula' and 'Engadiana' before the main parade of the Untervaz Dampffest on Sunday 29th October.

The 'Tigerli' visible from the RhB south of Chur is identified as 8527, later Von Roll (Klus) 2, previously at Kaufdorf.

SEFT

The group has acquired ASm Be4/4 109, originally built for the Biasca – Acquarossa line in 1963. It is expected to enter service carrying its original number 5 in summer 2007.

TMZ

The Zürich tramway group has received a 1m SFr lottery grant to aid the conversion of the former VBZ Burgwies depot into a museum. It is planned to open the museum in 2007 to commemorate 125 years of tramways in Zürich.

SHEDMASTER

SWISS FEDERAL RAILWAYS - STOCK CHANGES

July 2006

New:

RABe 514 005, 006, 007

RABe 521 023

Acquired:

RABDe 566 631-634

(from THURBO, originally MThB)

Withdrawn:

RBe 540 033 TmII 686, 691, 844

Bm6/6 18501

August 2006

New:

RABe 514 002, 003 RABe 521 024

Withdrawn:

TmII 643 Tm 235 004