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# **CARTES POSTALES**

# **Michael Farr**



For many years the Lausanne-based firm of BVA published a series of photographic postcards of continental railway subjects. They have always been reproduced to the highest standards, whether taken from original negatives or as copies of old postcards. The residual stock has been acquired by M. Bernard Gueret, Hameau de Rozieres, F-71480, Joudes, France, who has produced a list of almost five hundred single cards or sets of which about half are of Swiss railways.

When I contacted M. Gueret earlier in the year he was charging 7 Euros per series, reducing to 5 Euros for an order of more than twenty sets. Individual cards are 0.50 Euros or 0.30 Euros for over 100. M. Gueret prefers to issue a pro-forma invoice against a specific order so he can include the correct postage. His e-mail address is labressane@wanadoo.fr and his website http://perso.wanadoo.fr/cartes. ferroviaires. If members prefer or do not have access to the Net, M. Gueret has given me permission to photocopy the eleven page list for SRS members. If you would like a copy of this list, please contact me at the address below, sending two first class stamps to cover the cost of photocopying, and a suitably stamped SAE (large letter

postage please - C4 or C5 size).

Many of the photographs are taken by M. Jean-Louis Rochaix who directed BVA from 1973 to 1996 and he has kindly given us special permission to reproduce the accompanying photograph. I have chosen this particular shot from the hundreds available to whet the appetite of those members who at the time of writing are, like me, eagerly awaiting the release of the Bemo Metal Collection Model of the MOB DZe 6/6. Some members may have read of M. Rochaix's superb model based on GFM and MOB practice which recently appeared in Eisenbahn Amateur, and possibly be aware of an earlier article he wrote for Continental Modeller featuring his model of one of the vehicles on the former Clarens-Chailey-Blonay line.

BVA also published a series of excellently-illustrated books about railways in south east Switzerland and those titles which are still in print can be ordered through Appeva, BP 106, F-80001, Amiens Cedex, France (<u>www.VoieEtroite.com</u>). Many of the photographs included in the books also feature as BVA postcards.

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