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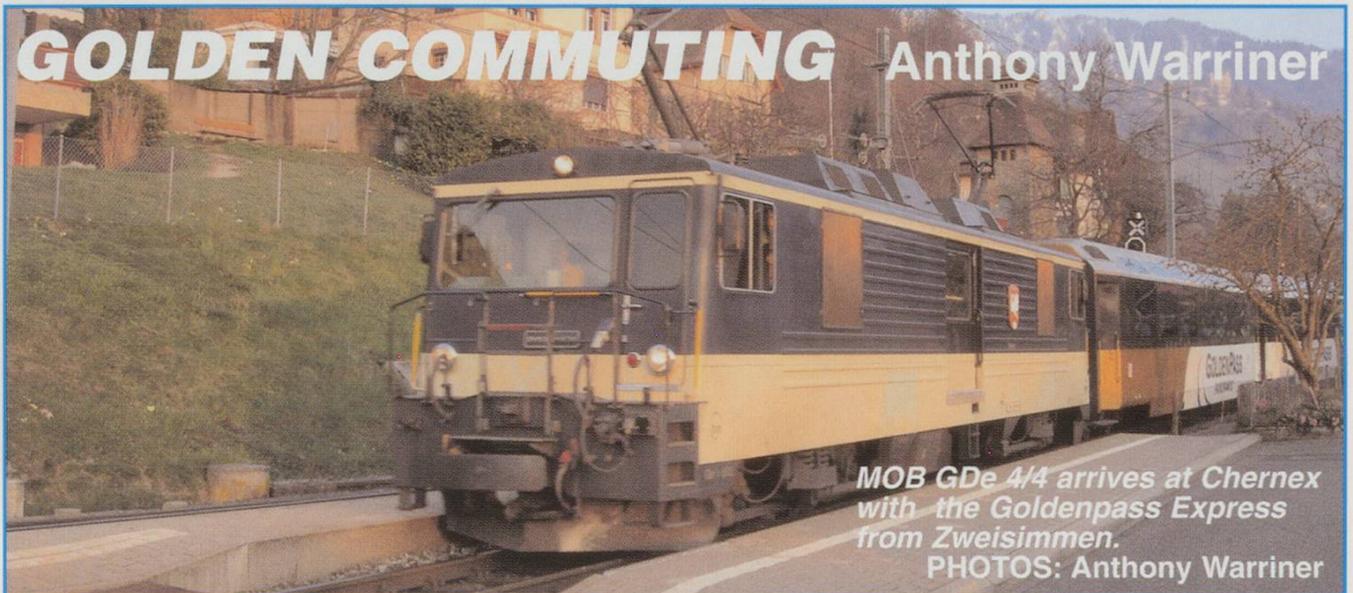
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supporters of the BC to preserve the locomotive – somehow, somewhere!

The future of No.2002 needs to be settled soon, before rust attacks the body-work and it attracts the attention of the graffiti artists. Finding a new, secure home

has been given even more urgency because only last year the final vestiges of sister locomotive 2001 were scrapped by MOB after being stored, dismantled but still in the hope of restoration, in various sites along the line.

GOLDEN COMMUTING Anthony Warriner



MOB GDe 4/4 arrives at Chernetz with the Goldenpass Express from Zweisimmen.

PHOTOS: Anthony Warriner

Whilst staying in Montreux in March 2007, I was intrigued to see the considerable use made by local business commuters of the 17.45 Goldenpass Panoramic train. This train, complete with the VIP observation driving car, has its first stop at Chernetz where there is a six minute connection with the local Postbus that serves the surrounding communities. This is usually provided by a Renault Minibus.

The timing of the 17.45 service seems very advantageous for local people wishing to alight at Chernetz, or the next stop at Chamby. The earlier service at 17.18 was provided by a MEV (formerly CEV) Be2/6 EMU, built by Stadler, and that service calls at all stations to Chernetz.

After the Goldenpass service at 17.45 from Montreux, the next east-bound service is at 17.53, on weekdays, and is also a MEV Stadler unit, though that service terminates at Fontanivent. At Chamby the 17.45

service crosses the 16.28 Goldenpass service from Zweisimmen. On the day of my visit that service was hauled by a MOB GDe4/4.

For UK residents accustomed to the overcrowded commuter services in many of our conurbations the prospect of being able to do their homeward journey on a luxury service amidst the splendid surroundings of Montreux would seem like a dream situation. Lucky residents of Chernetz !

EDITOR: The cover photograph of June 2007 issue of 'Swiss Express' is also related to this article.



LEFT: Local Postbus waits for commuters at Chernetz.

BELOW: MEV Stadler EMU waits at Montreux.

