Zeitschrift: Swiss express : the Swiss Railways Society journal
Herausgeber: Swiss Railways Society
Band: - (2008)
Heft: 96

Artikel: Swiss railways centenary stamps
Autor: Farr, Michael
DOI: https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-854656

Nutzungsbedingungen
Die ETH-Bibliothek ist die Anbieterin der digitalisierten Zeitschriften auf E-Periodica. Sie besitzt keine Urheberrechte an den Zeitschriften und ist nicht verantwortlich für deren Inhalte. Die Rechte liegen in der Regel bei den Herausgebern beziehungsweise den externen Rechteinhabern. Das Veröffentlichen von Bildern in Print- und Online-Publikationen sowie auf Social Media-Kanälen oder Webseiten ist nur mit vorheriger Genehmigung der Rechteinhaber erlaubt. Mehr erfahren

Conditions d'utilisation
L'ETH Library est le fournisseur des revues numérisées. Elle ne détient aucun droit d'auteur sur les revues et n'est pas responsable de leur contenu. En règle générale, les droits sont détenus par les éditeurs ou les détenteurs de droits externes. La reproduction d'images dans des publications imprimées ou en ligne ainsi que sur des canaux de médias sociaux ou des sites web n'est autorisée qu'avec l'accord préalable des détenteurs des droits. En savoir plus

Terms of use
The ETH Library is the provider of the digitised journals. It does not own any copyrights to the journals and is not responsible for their content. The rights usually lie with the publishers or the external rights holders. Publishing images in print and online publications, as well as on social media channels or websites, is only permitted with the prior consent of the rights holders. Find out more

Download PDF: 16.03.2026

ETH-Bibliothek Zürich, E-Periodica, https://www.e-periodica.ch

SWISS RAILWAYS CENTENARY STAMPS

Michael Farr

© SWISS POST

The Swiss Post Office marked the centenary of their country's railways in 1947 by issuing not one but two sets of stamps. The first series was used as a charity issue in support of Pro Patria, the lowest value (5c + 5c for charity) featuring track workers, while the other three stamps (10c + 10c, 20c + 10c and 30c + 10c) showed three stations, Rorschach on the Bodensee, Lüen-Castiel, on the RhB Arosa line and Flüelen on the Gotthard line. This is where passengers taking the Wilhelm Tell excursion from Lucerne to Lugano or Locarno now change from SGV ship to the train.

The second set, issued on 9th August 1947, sold at 5, 10, 20 and 30c, illustrated locomotives or trains. The lowest value showed the familiar Spanisch-Brötli-Bahn, the 10c a C 5/6 steam locomotive from the Gotthard line and the 20c the Landi locomotive. The highest value stamp, at 30c, showed two electrically-hauled trains crossing a bridge which the artist based on Bern's Lorraine viaduct. These were common value stamps at the time and millions were produced and many philatelists will have them in their collections.

Editor's note: Michael prepared this item for us in 2007 (the 150th anniversary of Swiss railways) but pressure on space left it as an orphan in the magazine library. Sorry.