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The Gotthard Railway Vol: 1. 1871 - 1909

Publication date,
due August 2012

A PPC Gloss laminated covered hardback book with 289 A4 size pages containing 371 large illustrations of which 15 are in full colour.

The text starts with the Gotthard Treaty and ends with the nationalisation of the Gotthardbahn in 1909. The planning & construction is described in text and illustrated with maps along with B/W photographs. All locomotive types and coaching stock is covered by text, photographs and drawings including locomotive modifications. Freight stock is covered by text and drawings.

Included are lists of locomotive and rolling stock specifications with details of changes made by the Gotthardbahn during the lifetime of the stock.

Price £35.95 plus post and packing.

5 % discount for SRS members who purchase from the SRS shop.

To order, or request further details, contact the author on gothard@tiscali.co.uk or via the S.R.S. Shop.

Payments to the author by UK bank payment or by PayPal.

Swiss Tips Good ideas and information about Switzerland from travellers.

● In a blizzard in Bergün? The new museum and tourist service centre at Bergün station which opened had, last December, already started a small rustic 'buffet' serving drinks and a more extensive menu. It has room to sit down and see the trains. This is good for sledge riders (the Schlittelzug to Preda starts across the yard) and those who have already put that thrill behind them. The traditional Gerstensuppe is to be recommended as a winter warmer. When Swiss News editor Bryan, accompanied by Bramble visited (in a blizzard), he found that SRS Members Aubrey and Jane had already discovered this facility.

● Going to a winter sports resort in the summer? To attract visitors in their 'off season' several Swiss resorts offer guest cards to visitors staying in hotels, giving free travel on local transport facilities. For example in the Villars – Les Diablerets area this is known as the 'Free Access Card'. The most valuable facility with this is free travel on the Villars-Col de Bretaye section of the Bex – Villars – Bretaye line, which is normally very expensive. Short sections of the BVB as far as Gryon, and the Aigle – Sepay – Diablerets line as far as Les Aviolats are also included. Another useful feature is the Summer only bus between Villars and Les Diablerets (mid-June to mid-September, three journeys/day), which is the only public transport link between the top ends of the BVB and ASD. 

SWISS RAILWAYS SOCIETY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & SPRING EXHIBITION 2013

This will be held at the WHITE HOUSE HOTEL, Foregate St, Worcester, WR1 1EA on Saturday 23rd March 2013 from 11.00-16.30

The formal AGM will begin at 14.00.

Non-members of the Society are welcome to attend the Exhibition and a donation of £2 per person would be appreciated.

This event is organised by the West Midlands Group of the SRS with the support of the Management Committee.

INVITED STANDS

Contikits, Gerald Savine Railway Prints, Platform 5 Books, Hornby International, NScaleCH and WINCO.
Society Sales, Society Bring & Buy, Italian Railways Society, Swiss Travel Centre.

LAYOUTS

A selection of layouts have been invited including "Switzerland in Spain", the RhB, SBB, San Pellegrino and others.

LUNCH

The hotel have agreed to add a Bratwurst lunch to their regular lunch menu. Hot sausage and beer to get you in the mood!

SATURDAY EVENING DINNER

A moderately formal dinner will be held on Saturday evening at 1900 for 1930 with a speaker of volcanic reputation, a quiz which can be answered and the following tasty menu:

Smoked Salmon & Prawn Parcel Set on mixed salad leaves & dressed with a raspberry & grain mustard vinaigrette

Pan-fried Pork Escalope topped with cranberry, glazed with brie & served on with a port wine jus

Served with potato rösti and seasonal vegetables (vegetarian option available)

Tarte Au Citron, accompanied by clotted cream

Coffee, Tea, Mints & Swiss chocolate

The cost is £25 per person including VAT. Drinks and wine are available.

Please make your cheques for the dinner payable to the Swiss Railways Society and send to:

Malcolm Job, 8 Hill Farm, Inkberrow, Worcestershire, WR7 4JE

Please ensure bookings and payments are received by Malcolm by 9th March 2013 at the latest.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

We have a special rate of £79 per night for a twin/double or £67 per night for a single both including breakfast. To book with the hotel please ring 01905 24308 (please note this is the correct number, it is one of the last analogue exchanges left in the UK) and quote ref no. 87146 and that you are attending the Swiss Railways Society AGM.

FRIDAY 22nd March - ENTERTAINMENT!

All members and indeed anyone who wishes are invited to join the West Midlands Group and Birmingham Branch joint meeting on Friday when the guest speaker will be Don Gatehouse, renowned photographer and freight expert. This will start at 2000.

Dinner is available in the hotel prior to the meeting although no formal arrangements for this will be made.