Zeitschrift: Swiss express: the Swiss Railways Society journal

Herausgeber: Swiss Railways Society

Band: - (2013)

Heft: 113

Artikel: Travys sugar beet : Don Gatehouse spots his opportunity...

Autor: Gatehouse, Don

DOI: https://doi.org/10.5169/seals-854191

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: 02.12.2025

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



n SE 112 Ron Smith provided an insight into the history and operations of the metre-gauge line, now under the Travys umbrella, that links Ste. Croix to the SBB main line at Yverdon-les-Bains. When I visited West Switzerland last autumn, I had planned to photograph the seasonal sugar beet traffic on the YSteC and initially it appeared that my plans would be frustrated when at the start of the week I found no evidence of loading activities, with Ge 4/4 No.21 and numerous Rollbocke units stabled at Yverdon.

On the final day of my trip (Friday, 5th October), I was changing trains at Yverdon at 08:00 when I noticed that motor coach Be 4/4" No.2 'Baulmes' had just arrived in the Travys bay with three loaded Eaos open wagons, and was soon positioning them for transfer to the SBB standard gauge metals. So, later that morning I returned to Yverdon to

discover that 'Baulmes' was once again active and about to position another trio of loaded wagons for transfer to the care of SBB Cargo's waiting Class 841 diesel locomotive.

With a set of empty open wagons already in position for their move along the branch, I took my seat on the 12:12 departure to Ste. Croix and headed to Essert-sous-Champvent, where my picnic lunch was enjoyed in the shade while I was waiting for the anticipated trip working to the loading point at Vuiteboeuf. Once the down train from Ste. Croix had arrived at Yverdon, No.2 and its sugar beet empties were on their way up the line and they duly ambled through Essert precisely at 13:00. The turnaround at Vuiteboeuf was completed quickly and only 25 minutes later, No.2 was back with a set of loaded wagons, passing the looped and waiting Be2/6 GTW unit No.2001'La Thiêle' which I joined to move further up the line to view the loading operations first hand.

At Vuiteboeuf, the station car park was closed to traffic and the area was a hive of activity with tractors arriving and departing at regular intervals, ferrying trailers to be tipped into the portable loading machinery that was positioned alongside the wagons stabled in the headshunt at the west end of the station. Shortly after 14:00, the final brace of empty Eaos wagons arrived from Yverdon and by that time the loading of the third wagon of the earlier delivery was nearing completion. Unfortunately, I had to leave Vuiteboeuf on the next Yverdon bound service to make the connection for my ICN to Genève Airport, so I was unable to view the shunting operations to be undertaken. That said, I had at least achieved one of the objectives of my trip and naturally, presented myself with a need to return again to see some more!

BELOW: Sugar beet being loaded at Vuiteboeuf. BOTTOM: YSteC Be4/4" 2 'Baulmes' passing Essert-sous-Champvent with sugar beet bound for Aarberg via Yverdon.





MARCH 2013 27