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RhB HISTORIC

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No. 107 arrives at Filisur from Davos

The RhB has several outings for its historic locomotives and rolling stock each year. One of the many attractions of staying at the Grischuna at Filisur is the prospect of seeing these excursions pass the hotel as they make their way along the Albula line. The Alpine Pullman Express runs three times per year from St Moritz to Zermatt and return, taking two days in each direction allowing passengers to enjoy the scenery on a leisurely journey whilst pulled by historic locomotives. On the RhB a Krokodil takes the train from Disentis through to St Moritz via Chur, enabling it to be seen twice at Reichenau-Tamins. This working usually reaches Filisur around 18.30 where it can be seen from the Grischuna's dining room. The Davos Round Trip is operated twice a year by the vintage steam locomotive G 4/5 No.107 Albula. In February this journey is often in a snow swept landscape, but on the first weekend in August it is usually warm and sunny. The train starts from Landquart at 09.30 and runs slowly to Davos Platz arriving at 12.22. In 2010 I went to Davos Platz to get a photograph of the train arriving, only to be disappointed as the steam engine was headed by an electric locomotive. After a long lay over at Davos Platz the train departs at 15.09 to arrive at Filisur at 15.49. A well co-ordinated operation is now required to turn the steam engine round before the incoming local service from Davos. Volunteers man the turntable to turn the locomotive and it is normally back on its train before the regular service arrives. The throng of people has to be cautioned about the train movements. Eventually the steam special departs at 16.11 for Tiefencastel and Thusis, arriving back at Landquart at 18.57. As a special treat this summer the Krokodil took an extra train every Sunday from Landquart via Chur to St Moritz and return. It left Landquart at 08.55, passing through Filisur at 11.13, arriving at St Moritz at 12.30. On the return trip it left St Moritz at 14.15, made a long stop at Bergun for passengers to visit the new museum, then ran through Filisur at 16.29 and arrived back at Landquart at18.27.

TOP: No 415 returning at Filisur

MIDDLE: No 107 is turned at Filisur

BOTTOM: Ge 6/6 "Baby Croc" No 414 at Reichenau Tamins on an Alpine Pullman