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Vevey Surprise

Ron Smith



BFD No. 3 at Vevey, 29.04.2016

On the outside wall of Vevey station facing the car park there is a bookshop that sells a selection of often up-to-date second hand books, which is good to know as new books are expensive in Switzerland. On my last trip I took a break in my journey, nipped away to the shop, and afterwards just looked around the station to see if there was anything interesting. There was, over on the meter-gauge platforms, and I captured images of this loco and train, prior to it obligingly setting off. It is BFD (Brig

Furka Disentis) Bahn No.3 HG3/4 (Abt rack fitted) built by SLM Winterthur in 1913 works number 2317. I subsequently discovered that the train was a special for FEDECRAIL who had been holding their 2016 Congress at Dornbirn, Austria, and this was part of the 'Post Congress Tour' which covered Switzerland, and also France. The majority of the attendees, were apparently British representing the preservation lines in the UK. 🇨🇭

Whilst at Vevey I saw the new emus were in evidence, and I guess being commissioned by Stadler - the shed view shows 2 Stadler vehicles parked there.

There was much shunting and whistling of new units around the Vevey station and yard between service trains. 🇨🇭

