

Davos - Filisur 100

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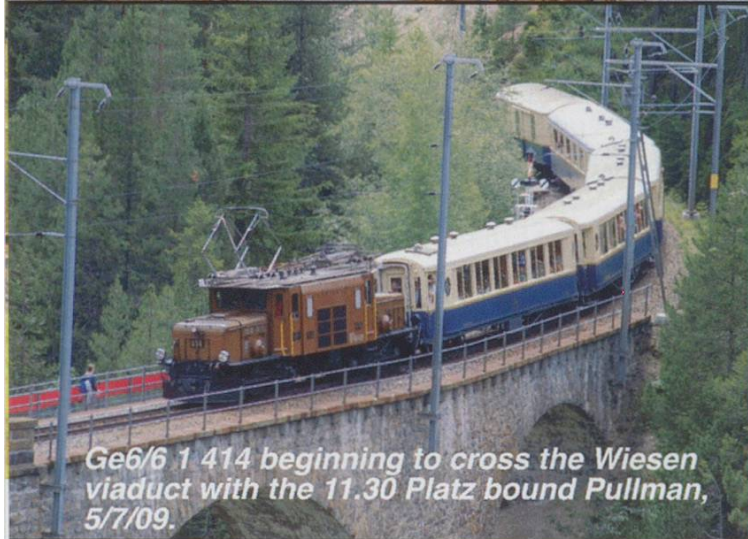


'Super Power' 8,400hp as Ge6/6 3 642 'Briel' and 650 'Seewis' arrive in Klosters with the 08.25 to Davos Platz, 4/7/09.



Geoff Turner

G4/5 107 'Abula' departing Davos Glaris with the afternoon steam passenger to Filisur, 5/7/09.



Ge6/6 1 414 beginning to cross the Wiesen viaduct with the 11.30 Platz bound Pullman, 5/7/09.



Ge4/6 353 departs Davos Platz with the 09-50 mixed goods to Filisur, 4/7/09.

The *Jubilaeumfest* to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the RhB's Davos to Filisur occurred over the weekend of June 4th and 5th 2009. Thanks to the STO website I was able to arrange a competitive package in the Davos 'Hotel Sport' that had the advantage of having a free Railover ticket for all journeys between Klosters and Filisur as well as all mountain transport in the Davos/Klosters area.

For the event there was a special timetable for all trains from Davos to Filisur for use by both the enthusiast and traveller alike, although the former outnumbered the latter by some amount. Tickets, to cover all services, were available and over 12,000 were sold over the weekend. As part of the event there was free entry to a superb model railway exhibition on display in the Davos Platz goods shed. Unfortunately, some poor planning by the RhB saw the use of limited capacity 'vintage' trains early in the day, resulting in congestion at Davos, rather than first using the more modern, longer (some of 11-coaches) trains to move enthusiasts out to Filisur, Wiesen and the photo-points en-route.

There was what seemed to be an endless procession of special trains hauled by a whole range of motive power. It was enthusiast heaven! Other associated things were also taking place such as a model layout provided by Landquart-based Modellbau Pirovino in an RhB coach at Wiesen. Filisur was decorated for the occasion and "*Heidi*" was positioned in the bay platform. Beer and Bratwurst were in abundance and the specials came and went, interspersed with the service trains. The RhB had even laid on a free bus to the Landwasser Viaduct to see the remedial work that was being undertaken.

The accompanying pictures say it all.

This was a tremendous event that was enjoyed by all who took part and that has really spoilt people for all future celebrations undertaken by the RhB. This year will see the 100th anniversary of the Bernina route and an equally good programme of events can be expected for this. It is hoped that the West Midlands Branch of the SRS will be in a position to organise a trip to enjoy what the RhB has to offer. Keep an eye on the SRS website for further details.