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THE OLDEST, COGWHEEL MOTORCOACH STILL IN OPERATION NEEDS YOUR HELP by Urs Aeberhardt

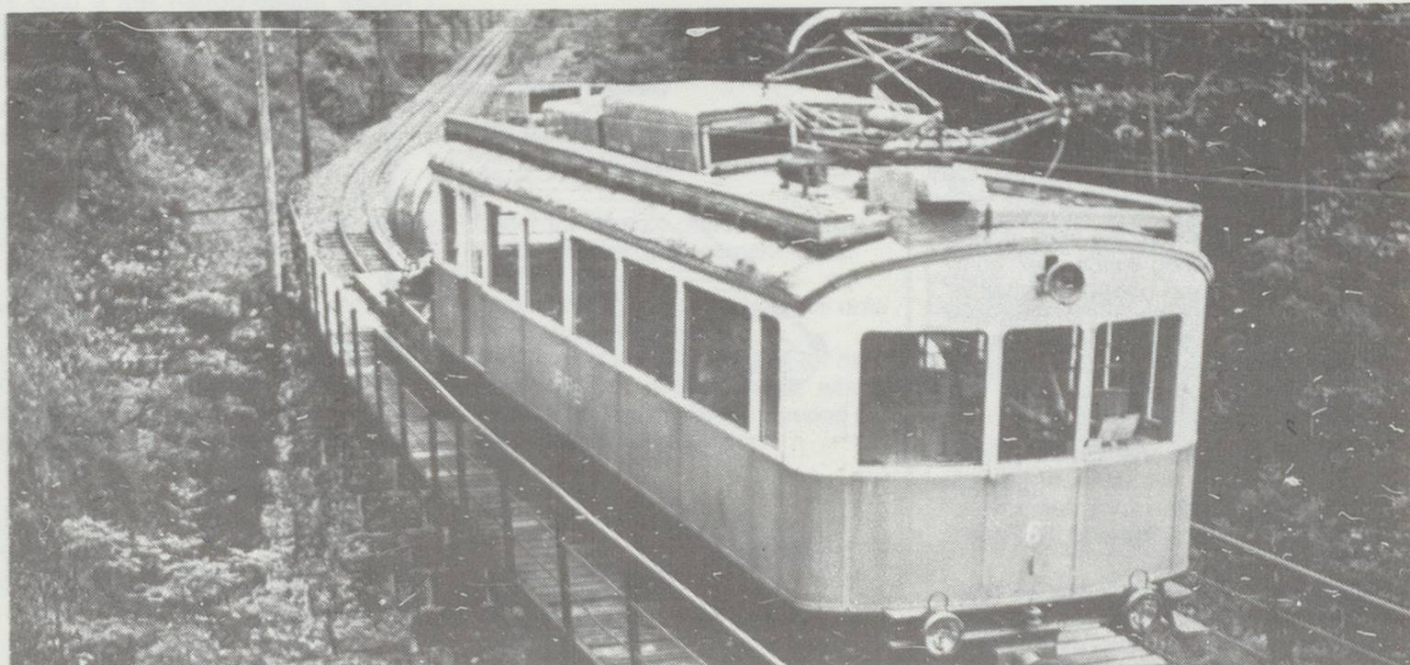
In 1911 the Arth-Rigi-Bahn in Goldau, Switzerland, put a unique cogwheel motorcoach into service. It was ARB-Triebwagen Nr. 6.

As one of the first electrical motorcoaches for cogwheel railways in the world the axle could take 70 passengers up the world famous Mt.Rigi, also known as Queen of the Mountains. There was a big and sudden success as the famous Gotthard-Pullman of the 1920's stopped at the important railway junction Arth-Goldau.

Triebwagen Nr. 6 made the connection and brought kings and queens, writers, composers and painters in the High Society from all over the world up to Rigi-Kulm. Therefore it got the name "Rigi-Pullman".

Unfortunately time changed, Triebwagen Nr. 6 was put back in regular service and because of its power it was even used for snow clearing, for freight trains and so on. After 74 years the mechanical part was found to be in very bad shape and the wooden body construction was rotten.

The end was foreseen, scrapping !



Arth-Rigi-Bahn No. 6. Photo A.R.B.

Fortunately some railway enthusiasts convinced the railway management how important it would be to restore Triebwagen Nr. 6 and to bring it back into service as the old fashioned Rigi-Pullman once again.

Soon after that a campaign to raise money for the restoration for Triebwagen Nr. 6 started. The target was Swiss Francs 260,000.--. In the first weeks money came quite fast, up to 200,000.-- Swiss Francs. Right now it is very hard to proceed. So please help us, every subscription is very welcome.

Subscribers will benefit as follows:

For SFr. 50.-- a free ride on the Rigi-Pullman as soon as it is back in service.

For SFr. 1,000.-- a brass nameplate inside the coach.

For SFr.5,000.-- a 5 year free pass for unlimited travel on the Arth-Rigi-Bahn.

Thank you for your valuable help.

Subscription can be made to Urs Aeberhardt, Commercial Manager Arth Rigi Bahn, CH 6410, Goldau, Switzerland or to Kantonalbank Schwyz, Goldau CH - 6410 Goldau/Switzerland Kto "ARB Triebwagen Nr. 6".