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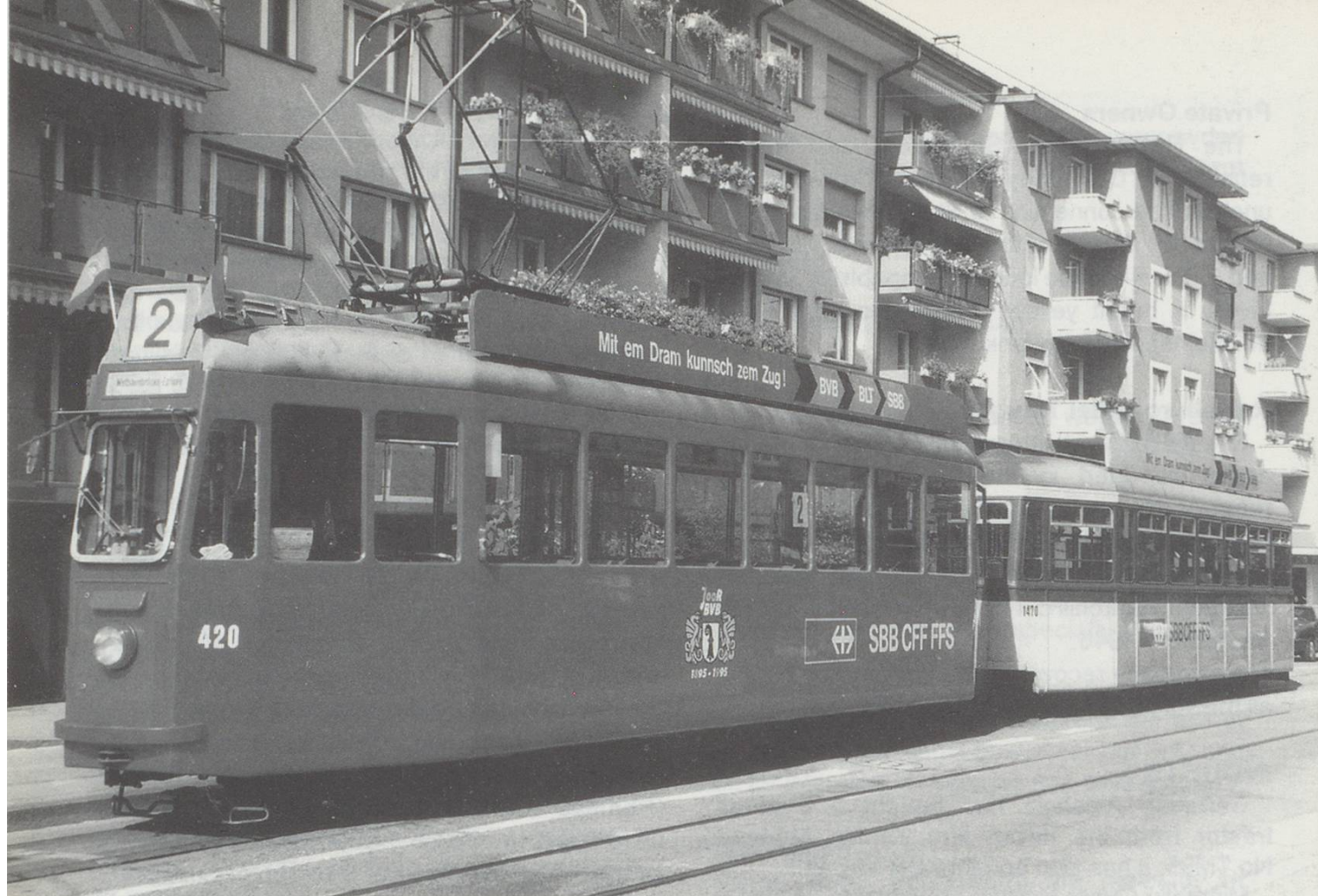
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Basel Tram Celebration

This tram thinks its an SBB loco and the trailer thinks its a second class coach, or so the livery is painted to give the effect. This pair were seen in Basel in October 1995, they have been painted as part of the 100 year BVB Celebrations. Be420 and Bt1470. Photo: Les Heath

East Anglia moves closer to Europe

As interest in European Railways grows there is a greater need for opportunities when like minded enthusiasts can get together and exchange ideas, share each others knowledge and generally have a good time. For some years, members of the German Railway Society in East Anglia have met on the last Wednesday of the month in each others homes. Members of other continental railway societies have always attended these monthly meetings and numbers have now grown to such an extent that it has become difficult for individuals to host these gatherings. Indeed the gatherings have become so cosmopolitan that it is now a European Railway Group.

We have recently obtained the use of the coffee lounge at Trinity Methodist Church in Bury St. Edmunds for these meetings. There

are facilities for slides and videos and the use of the kitchen. Although no alcohol is allowed on the premises there is a pub next door!

At the moment we get about 10 to 12 people attending. They come from as far as Caistor, Ipswich and Huntingdon so you see Bury St. Edmunds is ideally central with good road access. Apart from the core of members from the German Railway Society, there are members who are interested in French, Dutch, Scandinavian and other European Railways. Some of us are railway modellers and others purely interested in the prototype. We would like to invite any other folks in East Anglia with similar interests to come to the meetings. They last from 7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

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