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### Oswald Steam Centre (OSS)

The liquidators have been actively disposing of the stock to good homes.

The BT Be4/4 14 with the teak panelled restaurant car has gone to the SOB who will run it during the summer as a "mobile restaurant". This presumably means that it will be located at various places for the provision of meals rather than used as a dining car in a service train.

The Gotthardbahn 2-axle car has gone to Club San Gotardo at Mendrisio which plans to operate it on steam specials, hauled by their E3/3 on the Mendrisio - Stabio line once a month.

### Regionalverkehr Bern-Solothurn (RBS)

Steam loco G2/2 No.101 has returned from overhaul at Meiningen.

Steam specials will run between Worblaufen and Worb in the morning and Worblaufen and Solothurn in the afternoon on 12 June, 21 August, 18 September and 16 October.

### Städtische Verkehrsbetrieb Bern (SVB)

Steam tram G3/3 No.12, with a trailer, has been transferred from the Technorama at Winterthur to take part in the centenary celebrations of the Wabern - Bern and the RBS Muri line.

### General

#### ACMV/Vevey

This company has received a design and build contract from Matra, France, for the prototype aluminium bodied VAL 208 set to be delivered to Lille for testing in 1994.

#### Deutsches Reichsbahn (DR)

The demand for the successful DR class 142 locomotives is growing apace. In addition to 142.130/50, tested on the EBT, MThB and SOB from December, 142.042 is at Samstegen on the SOB. Apparently they are not fitted with "electric brakes" and this is to be rectified there. The hire of two more is envisaged.

The MThB proposes to hire six of the class and two more are required by its sister organisation, Reishbüro Mittelthurgau. This makes a total requirement of 13. There is a hint that the GFM is also interested.

### SIG

SIG have bought three BR sleepers for research into body design.

### SLM

Roger Waller, the designer of the new H2/3 rack locomotives of the Rothorn and Rochers de Naye lines, visited the Snowdon Mountain Railway in April. The Welsh company, who bought two new diesel locomotives in 1992, is considering the claim that the steam locomotive is cheaper to operate and more environmentally friendly.

### Vierwaldstättersee

The paddle steamer *Uri* has completed its overhaul and returned to service on Lake Luzern on 30 April, when she led the other four paddle steamers in review. She has now returned to regular service on the lake.

Despite the dreadful summer of 1993, no less than 2.2 million passengers were carried by the SGV during the year.

## SBB Stock Changes

*New locomotives up to the end of February 1994:*

Re4/4 450.070, 071, 072, 073  
Re4/4 460.069, 071, 073, 074, 075, 076,  
077, 078, 079, 081  
RBDe 560.100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105  
(4th series of NPZ)  
Am 842.001  
XTms 85400, 85700, 88101, 88400, 88700,  
88701 (Self-propelled cranes)

*Withdrawn:*

Re4/4<sup>I</sup> 10024  
Be4/6 1616  
BDe4/4 1635  
Ae4/7 10926, 10928, 10932, 10946, 10959,  
10992  
Te<sup>I</sup> 43  
Tm 403, 894  
Tm<sup>I</sup> 438  
Tm<sup>II</sup> 607, 636, 734  
Deh4/6 120.007, 009 (Brünig)

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