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Trams

BASLER VERKEHRS BETRIEBE

The diversion of Routes 10 and 11 via Basel Bahnhof has seen a 10% rise in business.

Bernmobil (formerley SVB)

It is hoped to start construction work in 2004 on the new "Tram Bern West" which will replace trolleybus routes 13 and 14.

Transports publics genevois

The necessary infrastructure work started on 26th August on the next extension to the tramway network in Geneva. This section will run from Plainpalais to Lancy via the route des Acacias. This route is currently covered by trolleybus 4. The road works will probably last a couple of years, and the line will eventually link up with the current terminus loop at Pallettes. Work on the extension to Place des Nations along the Rue de Lausanne is currently well underway but track was still not yet in place in August.

Heritage / Historical

Lokoop

Ae477 905 has been repainted into a Wagon-Lit style blue livery to work with the Nostalgie Orient Express. If not available, two MThB Re 416 (SBB Re4/4 I) were substituted, but these have been withdrawn by the SBB

SBB / BLS

TEE set 1053, hauled by Ae6/8 206, was moved from Spiez to Bönigen Works for internal refurbishment on 30th July.

SOB

A private group is restoring Ex SOB *Glaskasten* ABe4/4 5.

Following the merger of the SOB and BT, there are now two serviceable Be4/4 locomotives in the fleet. 14, in the brown livery originally applied by Oswald Steam at Samstagern, is now the normal historic locomotive. 16 is available for work but is more often to be found shunting at Herisau or St Gallen Haggen. Be4/4 "BT-12 " has been sold to a private individual in eastern Switzerland

AB

The 'Klassiker' formation, normally formed of BCe4/4 30 (restored from ABe4/4 42) of 1988 and Ck 39 of 1889, have been used on a return working between Gossau and Wasserauen on Sundays during the summer. These were open to the public on payment of a supplement. It is expected that these workings will resume next summer.

ASm

Bt 152, ex BTI, which has been stored for some time and is no longer needed, has been given to a group of Solothurn railway enthusiasts for use as a clubroom at Rüttenen

SBB-Brünig

Historic vehicles He 4/4 I 1992 and As 101, now owned by the association BNB, have had to vacate Alpnachstad shed. They were hauled on 8th September to Post owned track in Luzern by LSE De4/4 122 (itself an ex Brünig locomotive) using open access arrangements.

The JungfrauBahnen have fallen into American hands, after troubled insurer, Swiss Life, sold its 27 per cent stake in the company. US investment group, Global Equity SA, now owns the largest single stake - 22% - in Jungfrau Holdings SA.
Berner Kantonalbank and BKV FMB Energie AG bought the majority of Swiss Life's shares and now own 16.5% and 7% of the company respectively.
But the 3% bought by Global Equity, run by Ron Langley, makes the American company the largest shareholder.

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SBB CFF FFS

May 2002
New: Tm 234 119 -121
Withdrawn: Te II 83/5 Tem I 26/7 Tm I 451/66 Tm II 732/71
Rebuilt &/or renumbered:Re6/6 11642 to Re 620 042 Xs 955 6 5212 to XTms 40 95 88 003
June 2002
New: Tm 234 122-24 RABe 520 002 Re 482 000-09
Withdrawn: Te II 91
July 2002
New: Tm 234 125-28
Withdrawn: Te II 75/8 Tem I - 270 Tm I 442/89 Tm 235 002 Re4/4 II 11382 (fire)
August 2002
New: Tm 234 129-30 RABe 520 001/3/4
Withdrawn: Te II 81 Tem III 321 Ee3/3 16347 XTm 91551, 96218
Livery changes: Re 620 042 New red and blue Cargo livery