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LOVE ON WHEELS . Picture story supplied by SNT0 London

Touristically speaking, the North-Eastern region of Switzerland is not quite as "in" as other Swiss holiday resort areas. Its peacefulness is its major attraction. However, since about twenty years ago, the landscape has occasionally resounded with the rattling noises of a quaint old steam locomotive pulling two equally out-dated wagons. This little train, which is nick-named "Amor-Express", has meanwhile become a landmark-line institution in the lovely valley of Toggenburg, terminal point of North-Eastern Switzerland's Lake Constance-Toggenburg Railway. The somewhat strange combination of speed and love in "Amor-Express" may sound corny but actually means "Good speed to All Newly Weds". The steam-powered engine, the last relic of a once respectable fleet of steam locomotives of the local railway, was completely overhauled and put back into service together with two likewise shinily refurbished carriages dubbed the "Wedding Wagon" and the "Carozza Romantica". This old-fashioned little train is now serving as a very popular means of transportation for wedding parties, honeymooners and those afflicted with romantic nostalgia. And, believe it or not, actual and potential passengers are more numerous than you think !



The Amor Express hauled by Maffei built Eb3/5 no. 9. Photo supplied by S.N.T.O. London.

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