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The illustration shows similar tram 18 and trailer 26 (built 1894) from the Verkehrshaus Schweiz at an open day of SVB (Bernmobil) in Bern. and was taken by Peter's uncle who regrettably will have to remain anonymous for now.

For the first time in about 100 years, from 22 September 2002, a steam tram and trailer commenced regular service in the capital. The G3/3 steam tram, number 12, dates from 1894 and was built by SLM. It was recovered from Technorama, Winterthur in 1994 and has been fully restored. The trailer, number 31, was built by Gangloff, Bern and Lehrwerkstätten Bern between 2000 and 2002 to the original designs. The reformed Berner Tramway Gesellschaft, in conjunction with Tramverein Bern, was operating on a number of dates in September and October.

Sunday 22 September: launch of the service. Steam tram operating 11 00-1700 hours, only between Wallgasse and Heiliggeistkirche, in the city centre

Saturday & Sunday 28/29 September: operating 1100 -1700 hours between Bahnhof

and Guisanplatz in conjunction with the Swiss Toy exhibition.

Wednesdays 2 & 9 October (1500- 1700 hours) and Sundays 6 & 13 October (1500-1700 hours) on two routes - "Albert Einstein" from Wallgasse via Weissenbühl to Wabern and return and "Fanny Loeb" from Wallgasse to Zytglogge and Guisanplatz then to the depot at Burgenziel and finally back to the centre.

Hourly departures were operated from the city centre. Fares were SFr9 for adults and SFr6 for children. Special prices for families and groups and a special package including a trip up the Gurten were also available. The steam tram and trailer can be hired for private parties from the start of the 2003 season.

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