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introduced over the St Gallen – Lichtensteig section on 19th March. During the summer, the section between Romanshorn and St Gallen St Fiden will also be resignalled, with control from Wittenbach.

RM BDe 576 251 and its associated driving and intermediate trailers, purchased by the SOB as accident replacement, entered service on 10th April on the Biberbrugg – Einsiedeln shuttle service in two car format. The stock has been renumbered in the SOB series, with 251 becoming BDe 576 060.

Asbestos-stopped BDe 556 041, formerly WM BDe4/4 1, and 'Glaskastern' ABt 930 went for scrap to Kaiseraugst on 16th February.

THURBO

The Bülach – Schaffhausen local service has been operated by THURBO RABDe 526 units since the end of March.



Swiss voltage TGV 111 worked a Bulle – Paris charter service on 5th March. The party returned, by (unrecorded) TGV, on 7th March.

TRAMS



All 28 Combino trams in the fleet were taken out of service on 13th March following a global 'recall' by Siemens, due to concerns about distortion of the bodyshell by roof mounted equipment on trams

with over 12000 km on the clock. The first five sets did not re-enter service until 20th April following ultrasonic testing.

The unplanned withdrawal left Routes 6 and 8 without their normal fleet; to cope, the BVB drafted in cars from other routes, shortening formations where required, suspending peak hour Route 12 and peak hour extras on the remaining routes. All non-essential overhauls were also stopped. In addition, 4 Düweg articulated sets were borrowed from the BLT fleet (these had been part of the City fleet until the Combinos arrived), 4 trailers that had been sold to Belgrade were retained for service and Swiss Bogie car Be4/4 413 reinstated from the historic fleet.

BERNMOBIL

The Bern Combino fleet was not withdrawn from service following the Siemens 'fleet recall', as none of the cars had exceeded 12000km in service.

HERITAGE



Former SGA works car Xe2/3 17 has been restored to its original condition as Altstätten-Gais-Bahn CFe2/3 2 by the 'Club AG 2' group, apart from the rack equipment, which has not been refitted.

Club Salon Bleu.

This group has purchased RM De 586 258 and 586 259, and has also taken over the custodianship of RM BDe2/4 240 of 1933. Ex BLS Te2/3 31 has been restored to its condition of 1956-63, now carrying a brown livery.

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STOCK CHANGES

January 2004

New: RABDe ICN – 500 030 Am – 840 001/2 Am – 843 051
XTmaas – 9589 002 VTmaas – 9581 045/7

Withdrawn: Tem^I – 258/74 Tm^{II} – 605, 726/36/56, 801 Ee3/3 – 16352 Am6/6 – 18524

February 2004

New: RABDe ICN – 500 031 Am – 840 900 (reserve locomotive owned by ACT)

Withdrawn: Tem^I – 273 Tm^I – 448/96 Ee3/3 – 16334/76

Renumbered: Re6/6 11661 to Re 620 061 Tm^{III} 9516 to Tm 232 002

XTm 91567 to XTms 9585 567 Vas 9506 409 to VTmaas 9581 403 (Vanomag crane)