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Be4/4 5003 has emerged from Chernex works as the centre, non-driving car of a three car Pendelzug set between new low floor driving trailers ABt 343 and Bt 243. Painted in a gold and black livery, and advertising 'Saanenland', the set is branded 'Golden Pass Services'

X 44 (ex GFM) and baggage van D² 422 have been sold, together with the seven BOB vehicles reported above, to the Chemin de Fer de la Baie de Somme (CFBS).

Trams

BERNMOBIL

The Bern West tram project, the conversion of trolleybus route 11 to tram operation, has been rejected in a referendum by the margin of 50.4% to 49.6%. The referendum rejection was by the **Canton**, the city voted yes. It is believed, in the fullness of time, that the Bern West project will happen.

The 321 series trailers, used on route 9 with Be8/8 cars 711 to 726, are now appearing in Bernmobil livery with silver roofs.



The Combino fleet remains mostly out of use. BLT livery Be4/6 cars were still being used on Route 2 in July, and Swiss Bogie car Be4/4 413 continues in service on Routes 15 / 16.

From the middle of July, five Be8/8 trams from the

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711-726 series have been hired from Bernmobil until 2006. They will work with BVB trailers on Routes 1 / 14.



Transports publics genevois

New tram 856 was observed in service on Route 13 on 26th June. The last single-track section on the system, at Chêne Bourg on the Mouillesuelaz line, has been doubled.

VBZ Zürich Linie

The series insertion of low floor centre sections into 22 'Tram 2000' Be4/6 sets began at the end of May. Stretched Be4/8 2116 was observed in service on 25th June.

Heritage

New railway items on display at the Verkehrshaus are BLS Ae8/8 275, outside the main building and visible from the railway, and Steinbruch Ostermündingen H 1/2 1 *Gnom*, the first Riggensbach rack locomotive, at the far end of the railway display area.

The SBB Historic foundation has acquired the SLM archive from Bombardier and Sulzer. The archive remains at Winterthur in part of the old works offices.

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Send your contributions, however insignificant you think they may be to the Editor and he will pass them on.



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STOCK CHANGES

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 XTm 91565 to XTms 9585 565