



# Team Erstfeld

Bahnhistorischer Verein am Gotthard

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# History of the foundation and association

## SBB Historic Foundation

Until the 1990s, the Swiss Federal Railways (SBB) were divided into district administrations, the general secretariat and the general directorate in Bern. The general secretariat took care of any historical issues concerning the railway, published books, postcards, posters and served railway lovers and railway historians.

With the railway reform in 1999 and 2000, the SBB was divided into four divisions: passenger transport, freight transport, infrastructure and buildings. In order to retain the historical heritage of the SBB, the “Historical Heritage of the SBB” Foundation, SBB Historic, was founded. It archives and manages around three kilometres of records from the SBB and its predecessor railways, has around half a million photos, manages various collections of rails, lamps, engine crests, models, music machines and much more.

## SBB Historic Team Erstfeld Association

In the late 1970s, many older engines were taken out of service and mostly scrapped. Two engines were designated as historic engines and remained stationed at the engine shed in Erstfeld. The two engines CE 6/8 II no. 14253 - better known as “Krokodil” - and the double locomotive AE 8/11801 no. 11801 were maintained by a small team of engine drivers and mechanics, and each was driven to Flüelen or Sebelnellen for short freight trains.

With the foundation of SBB Historic, the two engines were owned by SBB Historic. The group of train drivers now works for SBB Historic.

For labour and organisational reasons, the “Team Erstfeld” association was founded on 31 March 2012 by the group of train drivers. The 30 active members currently work on a

SBB Historic is headquartered in the SBB's former material warehouse in Windisch, near Brugg. SBB Historic has about twenty employees.

**The purpose of the foundation...** is to collect, maintain, preserve, document and archive contemporary witnesses of Swiss railway history. To this end, SBB founded the “Historical Heritage of the SBB” Foundation, SBB Historic, in 2001.

**The aim of the foundation...** is to make the valuable witnesses from the cultural and economic history of the Swiss railway accessible to the public.



voluntary basis in their spare time and on behalf of SBB Historic. In addition, numerous events have been held in-house in recent years and, in 2018, three engines were taken on loan from SBB Historic.

**Purpose of Team Erstfeld:** The association aims to preserve valuable material from the history of the railways, to make it available to the public and to offer train rides on behalf of SBB Historic. To this end, it works with the SBB Historic Foundation, other SBB organisational units and third parties. (Art 1.3. Articles of Association)





## Where is what



Map: Geo Uri

### Arrival by train

You can reach Erstfeld by IR 26 from Basel, Lucerne and Arth Goldau or by IR 46 from Zurich, Zug and Arth-Goldau. Please see the current timetable at [www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch).

### Arrival by car

You can reach Erstfeld via the A2 motorway from the north and south. Take the exit "Erstfeld" and park in the car park in front of the station (charges apply).

## The engines in Erstfeld

The following vehicles are usually stationed in Erstfeld. However, the locations may change at short notice and other vehicles may be in Erstfeld as guest engines.



### Ce 6/8 I 14201 "Grandmother"

CE 6/8 I no. 14201 was ordered as a test engine for the electrification of the Gotthard line. The single engine was also known as "Köfferlilok" and "Grossmutter".



### Ce 6/8 II 14253 "Crocodile"

CE 6/8 II was delivered in 1919 as SBB's freight train engine and is world-famous under the name "Krokodil". No. 14253 is the oldest standard engine in Switzerland that is still suitable for operation.



### Ae 8/14 11801 \*

With a length of 34 m and a weight of 240 tonnes, the double engine was the powerhouse at Gotthard, but only one was made.



### BDe 4/4 1646 "Swallow" \*

Built for branch lines, no. 1646 was the school train for a long time. Today it is our saloon car equipped with a bar and a walk-in driver's cab.



### Ae 6/6 11402 "Uri" \*

The prototype of the Gotthard engine. This engine characterised Gotthard between 1955 and 2000.



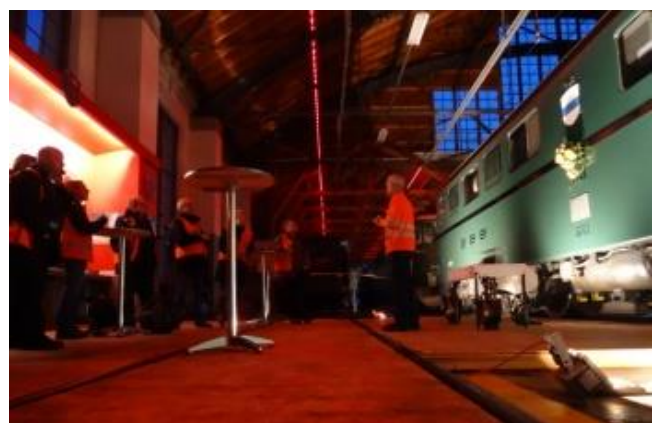
### Ae 6/6 11411 "Zug"

The series-manufactured machine of the tried and tested Gotthard engine.

\*Loans to Team Erstfeld from SBB Historic.



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## Our events

Our varied annual program offers rail enthusiasts and visitors interested in history and technology plenty to see and do.



### Fitness rides

To avoid damage to the vehicle's stand, the vehicles are moved at the station and the shunting field. Our fitness rides take place on the first Saturday from April to October.



### Engine shed tours

Learn more about the historic engines, their operation and history and the world-famous Gotthard mountain range. The tour is available to the public on the first Saturday of the month from April to October.



### Hospitality

Enjoy a drink after your event surrounded by historic engines. An experience to remember.



### Driver's cab rides

Be in the driver's cab when the train travels "over the mountain".



### Group rides

A saloon car exclusively for your company, club or birthday party.

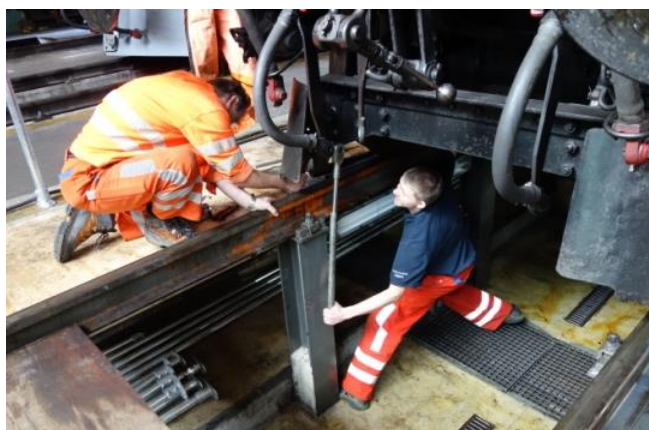


### Meetings

The engine shed is the ideal location for your general meeting or podium event.



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## Information and contacts

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We look forward to seeing you at the Erstfeld railway vil-  
lage on the Gotthard mountain line.

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