

Introduction

The goals of our society are to keep and to restore old tram vehicles. These circulate for everybody in summer, and also when you prefer for private courses between Neuchâtel and Boudry.

ANAT was founded in 1976 at Neuchâtel (Switzerland) when the last urban trams were replaced by modern trolley-buses. The goal of the association is to preserve, to restore and to make possible the running of old trams or other vehicles issued from the public transportation at Neuchâtel.

Since its foundation ANAT organized and was active at many demonstrations with old trams in collaboration with the company of public transportation in the area of Neuchâtel (TN).

ANAT got four historical tramcars and two old trailers issued from the TN. Unfortunately in 1987 ANAT has to move away with its vehicles in an old depot of the Swiss federal railways in Le Locle. There was no place in the area along the lake. The trams 45, 73 and the trailers 112 and 143 have a place inside the depot in Le Locle. Unfortunately the trams 83 (583) and 1102 (592) have to be outside the depot, although winters are particularly cold and snowy in Le Locle (1000 meter high).

In 1993 TN prepared the festivity for its centenary. For this goal the tram 73 and the trailer 143 were moved away again in the direction of the suburban route 5 between Neuchâtel and Boudry. These vehicles were completely renovated by the TN. They were running not only for the festivity of the centenary in 1994, but they remained after. Now the old tram with its trailer is running regularly between Neuchâtel and Boudry, the only tram route of Neuchâtel although suburban (9 kilometer long). An old horse-trailer built in 1894 was also integrated to this composition. It is possible for enterprises or private parties to rent the historical composition.

Since 1993 the tram 83 (583) can have a protection inside the depot in le Locle. The tram 1102 (592) longer because articulated was unfortunately demolished in 1993, cold winters for six years made this tram completely holy. It remains also in Le Locle the tram 45 with its trailer 112 built in 1902. These vehicles are typically suburban, they were running between 1902 and 1981 exclusively on the route 5. The goal of ANAT now is to move away these vehicles on its original tracks.

ANAT has today 120 members! ANAT participates regularly at many demonstrations with trams in the area of Neuchâtel.

ANAT publishes regularly any publications about the public transportation in the area.

Since 1987 ANAT has already paid a great amount of money for storing its historical trams. In that way these vehicles were preserved from demolition!

Today we can see an historical composition on the tracks along the lake, these vehicles represent a cultural heritage for all the area of Neuchâtel.

History

1976

Foundation of the association when the last urban tram (route 3 Neuchâtel- Corcelles) was definitively replaced by trolley-buses.

1987

The old TN-Depot in Cortaillod must be demolished; the material of the ANAT must be evacuated network TN.

1987-1988

Move away of the historical compositions in an old depot of the Swiss federal railways in le Locle.

1993

Demolition of the articulated tram 1102 (ex-Genua), due to its particular bad state.

1994

Renovation and running again of the old composition "route 3" (tram 73 and trailer 143) on the suburban route 5 Neuchâtel- Boudry for the festivity of centenary of TN. Since that year the historical composition (named "Le Britchon") is running regularly with the horse trailer no. 1 built in 1894 (TN-property).

2001

ANAT organizes the festivity for its 25 years: a special demonstration with old trams and old buses on the 16th June 2001 at the station of Boudry.

2002

Launching of a project of museum of the tram in Areuse, for the return of the trams exiled to Le Locle.