

MUSEUM OF BUS TRANSPORTATION ANNOUNCES UPDATED WEBSITE

The Museum of Bus Transportation is happy to announce an updated website! Now, when you go to www.BusMuseum.Org, you will see a brighter, cleaner website with lots of information for your use.

The new website has more drop down menus. This will assist in the educational aspect of the Museum. There is a lot of information being stored on the website, including past Newsletters, Minutes of the Board Meetings, and event information. If you poke around some more, you find some fun videos from a past era on the "Resources" tab. The former blog is now connected to the website for you to be able to read some of the great history of the Museum that was recorded at that time.

What you will find is the most updated on the Museum's website is the ability to purchase a brick, adopt a bus, purchase bus memorabilia, purchase a Museum Membership, or perhaps purchase a hat or shirt, lunchbox, or tote. The website has a full gift-shop online, where you can purchase items with a credit card and have them shipped right to your house. Now you can do your own Birthday Shopping of Museum items, and not leave your home. You will still have the ability to print off a form and send in a check if you wish to do that, but since the site is using PayPal services, you can be purchase right through the site if you wish. You do not have to have a PayPal account to purchase, just enter your credit card, your shipping address and it will be complete!

This updated site will allow you to find the most up to date information on events, work sessions, and other date sensitive information. It is easily updated to allow you to stay informed. If you see something that should be added or changed, let us know your information or thoughts by writing to Marketing@BusMuseum.org.

With as much information as is listed on the new updated site, this site is still being created and rolled out, even as this announcement is made. There will be new information going up monthly, with new pictures, and links to take you to other places. Come back often, and make sure to tell others using your social media to come visit your Museum of Bus Transportation!

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THE MUSEUM OF BUS TRANSPORTATION
Providing a definitive educational resource of the progressive growth of the nation's bus industry.

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30-Second - The Museum of Bus Transportation

The motorbus industry occupies a vital place in the everyday life of the American public. In rural areas and in the thousands of towns and cities across the nation, it provides personal transportation for every purpose. Carrying more persons daily than all other public modes of transportation put together... The building and evolution of this industry provides a fascinating story of invention and entrepreneurship--(a) it involves from individual effort of thousands of people risking their time and capital in the hope of creating a profitable business.

To promote the bus industry and seek to be of continuous interest to both the general public and the bus enthusiast, the Museum of Bus Transportation (MBS) has partnered with the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum to have a permanent Museum of Bus Transportation Exhibit area within the AACA Museum. This permanent exhibit allows each organization to display all forms of motor vehicles and related memorabilia to better educate and entertain the hobbyist and general public.

The Museum is a category 501 (c) (3) charitable organization and membership is tax deductible.

2017 Spring Fling!

Join us Saturday, June 3, 2017 from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Antique Automobile Museum Campus (Indoor and outdoor) Route 39, Hershey, PA, 17033

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Email Addresses Requested

As a non-profit entity, the Museum of Bus Transportation has to watch all expenses carefully. The Board reviewed expenses, and one expense that can be cut back is the actual printing and mailing of this newsletter to the membership. If this newsletter is emailed, the printing and mailing costs will be lowered significantly.

One of the benefits beyond saving the expense to the Museum will be that the Newsletter will start to have more website links in it. You, as the reader, will be able to see more news items in more detail than the newsletter itself can hold, due to size limits. The links that will be inserted will let you know that additional information will be available at

a particular website that is being discussed, or for more information, the new museum website (which is currently being built) at www.busmuseum.org. You will be able to click on the link provided to see what is there, rather than have to type in a web address on your computer or phone.

Please send your Email address to Secretary@BusMuseum.org. As with your membership information, this will be held confidential, and will not be sold, provided or otherwise distributed to anyone else other than Museum Communications. It will be kept private and secure.

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From the Board Room

March Planning Meeting a Success

The March Board of Directors meeting was moved to Saturday, March 18th in order for the Board and Advisors to be able to spend an entire day of work for planning and moving the Museum of Bus Transportation in a forward direction.

The Board had previously approved the contracting of Lisa Bergen-Wilson from Nashville, TN to run the meeting. Ms. Bergen-Wilson is a professional fundraiser, and researched the background of the State of PA requirements for non-

profit Bylaws. At the planning meeting, Bergen-Wilson headed up the meeting and the Board of Directors approved Bylaws required by the State of PA so that the most current Bylaws would be correct. Having a complete and correct set of Bylaws are important for future fundraising campaigns. Large Foundations want to know an organization is being run correctly, by a current set of Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors, and are being followed.

From Bergen-Wilson's training, the Board of Directors also learned that a set of Policies and Procedures

should be developed. Topics for Policies and Procedures were discussed and these will be laid out as time follows. These will cover more of the day-to-day operations.

The most updated set of Bylaws are now installed on the new website for all members and future donors to have access to them.

The day continued with other long-term plans discussed for future action, and then the Board convened for the Official March Board meeting. Minutes of that meeting are also posted under the new website at www.BusMuseum.org.

Getting to Know Your Board



Moving forward, Bus *Musings* would like to introduce you to each of your Board Members who are responsible to you, the Museum of Bus

Transportation Membership. This month we are featuring Tom Collins, our Immediate Past President, and the Museum Curator.

J. Thomas Collins (aka Tom) began his full time career in bus transportation, immediately after receiving an Associate Degree in Business from Elizabethtown College, in the fall of 1960.

Mr. Collins started as a bus operator at Conestoga Transportation Company located in Lancaster, PA in the fall of 1960. Conestoga Transportation Company, known locally as CTC, at the time had nearly 100 buses and ran all local fixed route service in Lancaster County in addition to contract school service using older transit buses. It also provided charter and tour service to the area, thus it was known as a "full service" company.

CTC promoted Mr. Collins to a part-time service dispatcher and assistant in their charter department while he

continued to be on the driver roster.

Mr. Collins moved on to Safeway Trails, Inc., which was doing business as Safeway Trailways, in 1963. At that time several east coast Trailways carriers required all operations personnel to attend a two-month course in Bus Transportation operations before beginning their careers. Initially, Mr. Collins was a bus operator but in 1964 was promoted to an operations dispatcher. He held this position until 1970 when he left to accept the position of Traffic Manager with Carl R. Bieber, Inc., which at the time was doing business as Bieber Tourways.

At Bieber Tourways, Mr. Collins was instrumental in starting the company's Reading-Allentown- New York City service and hired all coach and school bus drivers.

In 1979, Mr. Collins returned to the fixed route transit side of the industry. He took a position with ATE Management and was assigned to the York Area Transportation Authority. His career path from there included management positions with the Martz Group, working with their Gold Line Division, then Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc., and Hausman Bus Sales.

Having a long time affinity for Philadelphia, in 1986, Mr. Collins accepted an offer to become Director of Schedules for the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA). It was here that Mr.

Collins was responsible for all fixed-route schedules for SEPTA's bus, trolley, and subway network. He retired there in early 2006 but continues to work for them on a part-time basis.

In 2001, after the premature death of the late Dick Maguire, the Board of Directors appointed Mr. Collins to the position of President of the Museum of Bus Transportation. Immediately after retirement, he began work for Capital Area Transit, known in the area as "CAT" in Harrisburg, PA. Mr. Collins, and his wife Pat, moved to Hershey, PA where he could be closer, not only to his new job but also to the Museum of Bus Transportation (MBT) office where he directed most of the MBT activities.

Upon retiring from Capital Area Transit in 2016, the Collins' have moved back to the greater Philadelphia area.

Buses have been Mr. Collins' life for the past 57 years. He has had a great passion for the growth and development of the Museum of Bus Transportation. In his new role as Immediate Past President, he will continue to assist the new MBT leadership team as the Museum Curator.

The Board of Directors thanks Mr. Collins for his service to the Museum these past years and wish him all the best in his retirement.

Fleet Report by Ken McNelis

MUSEUM BUS RALLY TRIP TO EVANSVILLE, INDIANA

The scheduled trip set for September 21 thru September 25, 2017 to the Stan Holter Bus Boys Rally has been canceled due to lack of response. Deposit money will be returned as soon as possible to those that signed up for the trip. Thank you to those who did register for the trip.

FLEET PARTS APPRECIATED

The Fleet Committee would like to thank the following two sources for the help with our parts needs:

Suburban Express of Champagne, IL for their donation of Transit side panels and many interior bus parts.

Luke Bonagura of U.S. Coach & Equipment Sales for his help in locating parts for our 4106, 4523, and our TDM-4515.

If you are aware of any spare parts sitting in a garage, or even some unused tools, please contact the fleet committee by emailing to; Equipment@BusMuseum.org.

FLEET COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS FOR SPRING FLING

The Fleet Committee would like to extend an invitation to all of our members, especially local members, to consider helping us to prepare for this year's Spring Fling. Members do not have to be a mechanic to help wash, wax, detail, check air pressures, move buses, cut, or weed whack grass, etc.

If members can come in early for the Spring Fling, the committee will have all day Work Sessions scheduled for Thursday, June 1, 2017 and Friday, June 2, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M.

Members who wish to assist in preparing our Fleet for our Annual Event on Saturday, June 3, 2017, please call Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 or Angel Tollens at 585-369-5976.

WORK SESSIONS

The following dates are scheduled as WORK SESSIONS at the George Sage Annex building: Saturday, May 13, 2017 (Rescheduled from May 20th)
Thursday, June 1, 2017
Friday, June 2, 2017

Saturday, July 22, 2017

Saturday, August 19, 2017

All work sessions start at the Annex at 8:00 A.M. and run until 3:00 P.M., unless the time has to be adjusted. Volunteers are asked to please call Ken McNelis 610-203-7998, Angel Tollens 585-369-5976, or Tom Mozer 717-343-0058 to let them know if you are planning to attend any or all work sessions listed above.

DONATION RECOGNIZED

Mr. Fred Lehrer, long-time member and supporter of the Museum of Bus Transportation, recently donated a large number of personal memorabilia items to the Museum. This past Saturday, Lynn Burshtin, Walter Earl, and Becky Tollens spent 8 hours inventorying the Fred Lehrer donated collection, repairing the mannequins, rearranging the luggage bays on the VL-100, the Eagle, and the Scenicruiser at the Museum's Work Session on April 22nd. All of this helps to show the importance of how you can help the Museum from either donations or assisting with cataloging and repairing displays. The Museum appreciates everyone who helps on the work sessions, whether it is outside with the buses, or inside with the displays.

The Busboys Collection to host Historic Vintage Bus Rally at newly restored former Greyhound Terminal, Evansville, IN • September 22, 23, 24 - 2017



Dan & Stan Holter of the Busboys Collection are hosting this historic bus rally on site of the former Greyhound Terminal in recognition to this iconic landmark and to help promote the heritage of the bus industry. This rally will attract vintage buses from all over North America, as well as visitors worldwide to come view some of the rarest and unique vintage buses still operational, some never seen before by the general public. This Rally will be the largest gathering of vintage buses ever to be displayed in the U.S. for such a purpose, with the emphasis on 25 years old and older. The rally welcomes all vintage buses and converted motor homes alike regardless make or model, that were originally manufactured by a bus builder.

The agenda for this rally is primarily focused on gathering vintage buses together for public display, but will also host a variety of vendors selling industry related memorabilia, artifacts and other industry related products. The rally will also include vintage bus rides thru some of Evansville's historic and prominent sights near the terminal. Visitors may participate in voting for their favorite buses, of which trophy's will be awarded in multiple categories in recognition of the owners preservation efforts. The Rally will end with a bus parade thru the Evansville Downtown district with the longest parade ever of its kind.

The newly restored Greyhound Terminal is the result of an independent nonprofit organization (Indiana Landmarks) dedicated to preserving historic buildings. This beautifully restored building will house Indiana Landmark's SW Regional office, and has leased the majority of its space to the new Bru Burger Bar which will be open to the public for both indoor & outdoor dining. Other food vendors will be on site as well as many local area restaurants near the rally for other choices.

MBT has arranged a bus trip to this rally. It would be super to have MBT well-represented. See the article in the Fleet Report on page 3 for details.

The Busboys have arranged discounted rates from local nearby Hotels as Host Hotels for the Rally accommodating those who prefer to stay near the rally site. More information for other lodging options, RV sites and Rally info may be obtained thru various venues offered by the Busboys thru the following links.

Web Site: www.busboyscollection.org
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Don't miss the bus, we'll see you in Evansville!

My Favorite Bus by Angel Tollens

This is the continuation of the article on Eagle Coach. We are now going to look at the Model 05 coach and the spin off 102 wide Model 07.



The model 05 was officially produced between 1968 - 1979. There were 2,817 total model 05 coaches and 45 total versions of the Model 07 coach manufactured. 260 units retained the Model 01 look and 2,557 had the squared look most associated with the Model 05. 685 were manufactured in Texas and 1872 in Belgium. The first Eagle 05 was serial number **7444** built by Bus and Car and it was manufactured in Belgium. **Serial 7444** and **7445** were sold to Inter-County Motorcoach of Babylon, NY. **Serial 7626** was a 1968 unit as well and was sold to recording artists George Jones and Tammy Wynette. **Serial 7446** was the first model 05 to go to Southeastern Trailways.

The model 05 was developed to increase the capacity of underfloor baggage compartments. During this time, Trailways hired an outside design firm to make new drawings of the restyled Eagle. Bus and Car was putting its efforts into technical refinements, to accomplish the larger payload. Exterior changes to the model 05 were that a backup light was added to each side of the vertical light clusters, Amber lights were added above passenger windows mid length of the coach, 3 larger baggage doors that folded rather than the previous 4 doors which were rigid and the tag axle was switched with the drive axle. It was now a bogie and drive set up. Bus and Car was initially against the last change, because of the added turning radius. The design accomplished the increase of baggage space.

Standard engine was the Detroit Diesel 8V-71



with a Spicer 4 speed transmission.

In 1969 the New look Model 05 was introduced. **Serial 7704** was the first New look and went to American Bus Lines. It featured angled off upper body ends, flush marker lights, squared off bumper ends, 2-piece rear window, square signal and taillights and a larger instrument board. Familiar side windows and the windshields were unchanged. The upper vista windows were reshaped. Silver siding was identical to earlier coaches. Other features included an illuminated rear target sign (offered between 1969 - 1973) and the



deletion of the wraparound rear corner windows.

The Model 07 coach was a New look model 05 that was 102 inches wide. It used the same axles as the model 05 and as such were recessed by 3 inches on each side. It retained the standard 40-foot length.



They were operated on routes in California and around Denver, Colorado. Between 1969 and 1973 there were no visible changes made to the Eagle Model 05. The last Golden Eagles were produced in 1971, 12 units were made and five were rebuilt by Trailways. Of the five rebuilt, one became a freight coach. **Serial 8410** was used by Continental Panhandle Lines as fleet 42303 and after 5 star service was discontinued, it stayed in original Golden Eagle trim. It was used for premium Tours and Charters. When the time for retirement came, it was donated to The Museum of Bus Transportation.

1974 heralded numerous changes for the Model 05. The design of the silver siding was changed to a uniform height along the side



from front to rear. The left rear window was now an emergency escape, the window trim was changed from aluminum to black color while the rear target and side destination sign options were deleted.

Eagle International Inc. was also established and a new manufacturing plant opened in Brownsville, Texas. The first USA Made Eagles were coming off the assembly line in September of '74. Parts would now be easier and faster for operators to receive. During this time both Bus and Car as well as Eagle International were producing coaches simultaneously. Bus and Car built the last coach destined for the USA in 1976.

The big change for 1975 was that the large Silver Eagle insignia mounted to the sides of the coach were now decals. In 1973, the die cut lettering for the Operator name was changed to decals from raised letters. 1976 the decals were completely deleted and all coaches would be referred to strictly as Eagles.

1977 and 78 would not herald any major changes on the Model 05 as it was mostly change for the sake of change. The greatest difference would occur in 1979. The transom



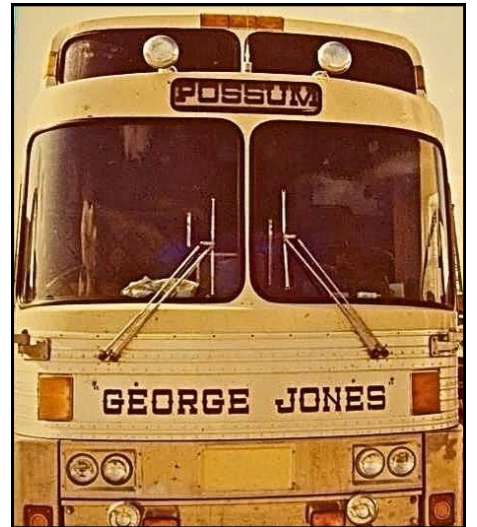
windows were removed and the side windows became solid. Roof hatches were installed as emergency exits and the rear window emergency exit was eliminated. New air dryer, fan clutches, and a fiberglass crown were installed. Added to the list of options were a 5-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

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My Favorite Bus by Angel Tollens continued



The Eagle Model 05 refinements in curb appeal, mechanicals, and the Torsilastic suspension made it the preferred choice of the Music Industry. Country Music, Southern Gospel, and Rock and Roll Artists could usually be found on tour in an Eagle. Their love of the Eagle 05 would manifest greatly in larger Eagle Model 10 purchases.



The refinements on the 1979 models were the basis for the upcoming Model 10 and its dramatic aerospace inspired engineering along with the spectacular dashboard.

Volunteers Support the Museum

Members and volunteers throughout the entire system support the entire operation of the Museum of Bus Transportation. One great example is the work that is done frequently at the Annex. On Saturday, April 22nd, a group came out to help get work completed before the Spring Fling in June!

In attendance:

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| John Oakman | Jim Tay |
| Ken McNelis | Jim Kalin |
| Michael Burshtin | Alan Whitman |
| Angel Tollens | |



Service Truck



Hand-drawn mustache from driver mannequin removed

The garage was cleaned up a bit, and the Bonanza MC9 (2) axle coach needed to have the rear brakes worked on in order to facilitate moving it. Several other vehicles needed to be jump started due to weak batteries. Many also required the fuel filters to be changed out because of clogging issues.



Michael Hepler

The Museum would also like to say "Thank You" to Mega Bus / Coach USA for donating the services of Michael Hepler, Maintenance Tech and a Maintenance Truck with tools and an air compressor.

Vehicles were checked and moved into staging areas in preparation for the Spring Fling.



John Oakman being pulled from under bus

Ken McNelis was able to take care of some vehicle registration issues. A great jump-start towards getting the annex ready for the Spring Fling, June 3, 2017, is underway.

Visitors can expect to see changes this year when they visit the annex museum garage.

If you would like to volunteer, check the website for additional work dates coming up.



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MBT's 2017 Spring Fling • June 3 • Hershey, PA

★ **New for 2017**

Saturday, June 3, 2:00 pm Parade of Buses - procession will begin around the back of the Museum and the buses will be announced when they reach the front of the Museum.

2 Trophies to be Awarded 1 for People's Choice and new for 2017, the Long Distance award for the bus which travelled the furthest distance to attend.

Buses on display will be marked with year and make of the bus

Discounted Room Rates Available at the Country Inn and Suites, 8000 Jonestown Rd, Harrisburg, PA 17112 for \$139.00 plus tax. Book by May 2, 2017 to receive the special rate.

Rooms are going fast so book today! Call 717-651-5100. Rooms are for the nights of June 2 & 3. Ask for the rate for the MOBT Spring Fling. **Space limited!** For questions call Becky Tollens, 585-737-4046, or email to receive updates: Events@BusMuseum.org



★ **MODES OF BUS TRANSPORTATION** Intercity, transit, school bus, motorcoach conversions.

BUS STUFF TO PURCHASE! Tables of bus and transportation artifacts for purchase!

PARADE OF BUSES! Vintage & Restored

VIEW THE MUSEUM'S RESTORED FLEET!

A Shuttle bus will run every hour between the Museum and MBT's storage Annex to view the MBT fleet. Donations will be accepted for the shuttle bus to offset costs. Shuttle bus provided by Wolf's Bus Lines, York Springs, PA.

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE Special food court will be open for purchase in the Museum



DATE Saturday, June 3, 2017

TIME 8:00 am—4:00 pm

LOCATION Antique Automobile Museum Campus (indoors and outside), Rt. 39, Hershey, PA (161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033)

ADMISSION Free to MBT members. Regular admission will be reduced to only \$7 for non-MBT members from \$12!

Questions? Email us at info@busmuseum.org

WWW.BusMuseum.Org

"SINGLE DECK, DOUBLE DECK, AND SOUTH OF THE BORDER" Model Bus Musings by Doug Campbell

Spring has arrived again. The famous Cherry Blossoms are blooming in our Nation's Capital - Washington- once again. As my wife, Joan, and I pay our annual visit to see them, a highlight is always to see the many tour buses in Washington for the Cherry Blossom Festival! It is the start of the season too when many toy collector shows start up again...and the BEST for all of us will be the flea market vendors at MBOT's Spring Fling in June!



First to review this month is another annual tradition, which I believe is about 10 years old now if not longer (I have all the models, just not sure, where they all are in my crowded basement!). Each year about this time, the DISNEY parks around the world all start selling a nice fully die-cast MATCHBOX MCI motorcoach in 1:87 scale approx., and each year the bus model is decorated in very colorful Disney colors and graphics. This year's version is a bright green with "Mickey" graphics. The models sell out usually quickly each year at the Disney park gift shops, and for some reason the model is cast with windows running about half way back, to allow design that is more graphic on the model, and resembles more of an executive coach casting. Matchbox Toys, I believe, originally made this casting for the Disney promotions, as it has appeared in very few other colors/graphics over the years, mostly for comic/TV character releases, and I have never noticed it in any Matchbox catalogs, as part of their general toy range. The model is 6 inches long, and made in China. Graphics now



are all fully painted onto the model bus. Next, made in West Germany by SIKU MODELS, is a fully die-cast Mercedes-Benz O405 GN "bending-bus" in 1:55 scale, about 12" long. This version is a special issue promotional model made for the 25th anniversary of a "Mega-

Shop", with lots of German lettering on it, and colorful yellow/red/blue/black/white graphics. Siku, when they made all their models in Germany (current production has moved to China!), manufactured many promotional buses for mostly European nations. My model has a label on the box that it was sold by a model shop in Antwerp, BELGIUM, as most Siku special-issue promotional model buses were hard to find outside of Europe. The side doors open, and there is a full interior.

Next is a new release. Sold on European newsstands or by subscription to European collectors (try E-Bay here) in the Busses of the Word Series by Hachette Parkworks Models, and made in Bangladesh. It



is a truly wonderful model (in my opinion, best to date!) of a Greyhound GM Silversides coach, and Hachette molds on the models baseplate that it is a GMC PD-3751, per their opinion! The casting is so full of details and the "Greyhound STOP sign logo" on the rear of the model is just spectacular in detail. The interior is fully finished too, and correct side mirrors are added. Even the tiny correct California license plates are painted in, and the destination sign reads "San Francisco.". The dog logos on the bus model's sides are even correctly cast out! Truly this one of the finest American bus replicas, yet only sold on the European market!

Next, some whimsical models, hand built in MEXICO! I have collected about 6 or so of these over the years in various sizes, and bought most in San Diego, California at street vendors. I just returned



from San Antonio, Texas, where I found this smaller version (with a Mexican singer on the rear platform!), although after going through the entire huge Mexican market square in San Antonio, this was the ONLY one I found, as seemingly these little ceramic buses are no longer being produced. The larger one I bought about 15 years ago. They are so full of colorful details and "fun"! Each is hand-made and no two look alike. The larger one even has molded painted ceramic passengers. Seemingly, this was an open-style bus used in Mexico, on which the passengers loaded also their shopping goods. Each model is loaded on top and back with so many interesting items such as cases of soft-drinks, fruits, brooms, a turkey, , birds, flour sacks, etc., etc., and all so nicely painted and with so much details!

Now onto London to hop aboard a recent CORGI TOYS 1:76 scale fully die-cast (6" long) model of the current new ROUTEMASTER double-deck bus. This one is for the British route Arriva operations, a hybrid diesel-electric bus with "hop-on-hop-off" rear platform.



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Model Bus Musings continued



in China.

This version is in such a unique COCA-COLA graphic design. Note the left side marking the route destinations Covent Garden, Camden, Pamlico, and Brick Lane using coke bottle logos, and on the right side, and rear, wonderful, colorful COCA-COLA logos!

Finally this issue, another version of the ICONIC Replicas new 1:87 scale (6" long" Van Hool CX-45 Motorcoach in the nice TRAILWAYS 80th anniversary (1936-2016) graphics! Full interior details, and side mirrors included, as are roof graphics/numbers too! Model made

That is it for this issue! From our shelves to yours, we wish you Happy Collecting!



In Passing—Don Coffin

As this issue of *Bus Musings* goes to print, we have just received word on the passing of Mr. Don Coffin, one of the founding members of the Museum of Bus Transportation, as well as an early supporter of the Motor Bus Society. Mr. Coffin was well known for his collection of Greyhound Memorabilia, much of which he donated to the Museum of Bus Transportation. As of press time, it is understood that the family is planning a Memorial Service to be held at the Hemlock Farms Church in Lords Valley, PA, which is in the Pocono region of northeastern Pennsylvania. The Service will be on Saturday July 22, 2017 at 11:00 AM. *Bus Musings* hopes to have additional information by the next printing, and will share it, if possible. Our thoughts and condolences go to his son, Gordon, and the family and friends of Don Coffin.

Donate A Brick Program Re-Established

The "Donate a Brick" campaign, developed a few years ago, has been re-established for members and potential donors who would like to assist the Museum of Bus Transportation. For a donation, the donor's name, or someone you wish to recognize, may be inscribed on a paver to be placed at Brick Garden at the museum entrance. Details can be found on the Donate A Brick flyer in this newsletter as well as on the website. On the website, the form can either be printed and mailed together with payment to MBT, or completed online and paid online. This is a great way to help support the Museum of Bus Transportation and its mission to educate the public on bus transportation and conserve some of its important history.

The View from My Window by Mark L. Szyperski, Editor



It has been a busy couple of months for the Museum of Bus Transportation! Since January, the last time I wrote to you, your Museum has a new website, the new committee structure has been established and initiated, the brick donation program has been re-established, we are now email-

ing newsletters to those whom we have Email addresses for, saving your Museum a lot of money in mailing costs. Besides that, our membership list has been cleaned up, and your Museum was represented at the recent Maryland and Pennsylvania Bus Associations' travel expositions as well as the United Motorcoach Association and American Bus Association events. We have already sold out of the vendor tables and most of the room blocks (Yes! Two Sets of Room Blocks) for what we hope is one of the largest Spring Flings to date. The Fleet committee has been getting all of the Titles for the buses in order and creating detailed listings of each. In March, the Board and Advisors met to do long term planning, as well as updating the Museum's Bylaws. The most up to

date Bylaws are now posted on the new website. Your Board of Directors and Advisors, just like our total membership, comes from almost every State in the US. Your Museum of Bus Transportation is truly a national museum for the education of our industry!

Your Board of Directors and their Advisors are all volunteers, many working "day jobs" along with their duties at the Museum. It is truly a labor of love and everyone is happy to be of service to you and your Museum of Bus Transportation. We still could use some help from those of you who could be docents, who have the ability to join us on our workdays, who would like to contribute articles to the Newsletter, or something as simple as purchasing apparel or memorabilia from our gift shop on the new website. Please let our Board Chair know if you could help, and David will make sure to get you in touch with the proper committee chair. Write to our Board Chair, David Schmidt, at Chair@Busmuseum.org and let him know your thoughts. If you would like to reach out to me, you can email me at Marketing@Busmuseum.org.

Stay safe and keep those wheels turning!



2017 Adopt A Bus Program

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Thank you for your interest in adopting a bus. We appreciate your support in interest in keeping the MBT fleet healthy!

Please select Option #1 or #2 below and indicate if you would like to adopt one bus or the entire fleet:

OPTION #1: Enclosed is my donation of \$300.00.

I would like to adopt bus _____ (funds will be used for storage and maintenance expenses for this particular unit)

OR

I would like to spread my donation of \$300 over the entire fleet.

OPTION #2: I pledge \$25 per month for 12 months for a total of \$300.

I would like to adopt bus _____

OR

I would like to spread my donation over the entire fleet

GUIDELINES:

- By adopting a particular bus selected above, your name will be displayed on the description plaque if the bus is in the Museum or on the windshield if the bus is stored.
- If you choose to spread your donation over the entire fleet, your name will be placed on a special plaque which will be placed on the wall of the Museum near the buses.
- The Adopt a Bus Program support is for one fiscal year.
- The Museum of Bus Transportation is a 501(c)3 organization; your fee may be used as a tax deduction.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and continued support of the MBT!

Please mail completed form and check made out to the Museum of Bus Transportation to:

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Spring 2017 Bus Musings

Along the Line



Our Fleet Highlighted. We were extremely proud to accept this T8H-5307A. It is somewhat famous as it was the very last "New Look" bus ever built. Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines had purchased a group of Canadian GM "Classics," but when given a chance to procure regular new look GM's it did so in two orders.

MBT advisor Terry Cosentino arranged for us to acquire the coach. We recall him saying how neat it would be for us to have the very first RTS unit (the 4701 from Long Beach) and the last "new look" (the 5180) both in our fleet. This was accomplished through his efforts.

This bus has been adopted by Terry and board member Dino Mandros. There have been many photos of this bus taken but we like this

one, pictured while the bus was still in service in Santa Monica. This was taken by John McKane.

Docents Needed! We all love buses why not share your interest with others? Every so often we send out a plea for more docents.

Our docents work the floor by our bus display and greet the Museum guests. We've said before that although the guests to the Museum (nearly 65,000 in 2016) generally come to see the cars, once they are on the lower level of the Museum and see the buses the questions start.

There are always some "car" docents on hand but there are very few MBT members (real bus guys) who volunteer to work the displays. There are only 4 who do this on a somewhat regular basis.

If interested please call Tom Collins (curator) at his home 610-716-2328 or the Museum office at 717-566-7100 X 119. It's fun!

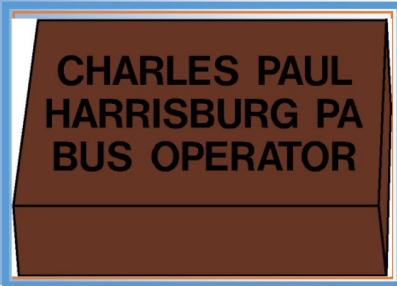
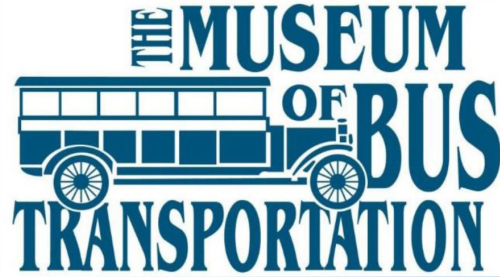
A Request Met. Between Christmas and New

Year's, weekdays at the Museum were fairly busy due to vacations, students off from school, and Hershey alive with activity. One of our docents was approached by a gentlemen from Ann Arbor, MI who was a Divco truck fan. He was disappointed to find that the Museum did not have a Divco on display. He asked the docent (fortunately a "bus " guy) if he knew anything about Divco buses because he operated them in Ann Arbor back in the 1960's. Yes, indeed, the docent went up to our office and pulled out some data on Divco



buses, finding that there were only 84 made in the 1959-1961 period. Copies were made from our reference material and given to our guest. This is one of the rewarding results of being a docent!

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