

## MUSEUM OF BUS TRANSPORTATION APPROVES NEW LEADERSHIP

On Tuesday, January 10, 2017, the Board of Directors of the Museum of Bus Transportation elected new members to the Executive Committee to take over the management and direction of the Museum. The following were voted into new positions.

Board Chair and Museum President Mr. David Schmidt	Board Secretary Mr. Dave Millhouser
Board Vice-Chair and Museum Vice President Mr. Mark Szyperski	Board Treasurer Mr. Ed Wolf

Also voted on the Executive Committee is Mr. John Oakman. Immediate Past President Mr. Tom Collins and former Secretary, Mr. John Dockendorf join Oakman on the Committee.

The change of leadership comes after years of dedication and foundation building by the former Executive Committee Members. Although Tom Collins, John Dockendorf, and Robert Smith are stepping back from all of their former duties, they will have different and important assisting functions on the Board of Directors. The entire Museum Board of Directors appreciate their time and commitment.

The new Executive Committee has a desire to increase Marketing and Fundraising initiatives, to update operational systems and continue the work started by the former Executive Committee. Much of this will start with a Day of Strategic Planning on March 18, 2017 at the Museum. This Day of Strategic Planning will replace the March Board Meeting. The February Board meeting has been canceled to allow new committees that have been formed to meet and start their work.

The new Executive Committee bring years of experience to their positions. The following is additional background on each of the new Executive Committee Members.

David Schmidt, from Telford, PA, is the Regional Sales Manager for Prevost Car. After graduating from Dickinson College with Graduate Work at Drexel University, Schmidt has spent 44 years in the motorcoach industry including various management positions with motorcoach companies and 30 years with Prevost Car Inc. Schmidt has been a member of the museum since 1995 and a member of the Board of Directors since 2016.

Mark Szyperski, from Nashville, TN, is President/CEO of On Your Mark Transportation, a consulting firm for the passenger ground transportation industry. Szyperski grew up in the motorcoach industry, as his father drove for Greyhound for 33 years. After graduating with a Bachelors degree, and Graduate work at Central Michigan University, Szyperski went on to various management positions in the motorcoach industry including Vice President at Trailways Transportation Corporate.

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David Schmidt, Board Chair & Museum President

## Spring Fling Announced

The Annual Museum Spring Fling will be on Saturday, June 3, 2017 at the Museum. This "Homecoming of Bus Enthusiasts" gives members and the public the opportunity to see all of the equipment and the Museum, along with the Annex property.

New for this year will be a "Parade of Buses" as the vehicles will line up in the rear of the Museum, and circle the building. As they pass in front, information will be given about the bus, including year, model, who donated, who is sponsored, and other information. Those who wish to bring a vehicle for the parade are welcome to do so, as well.

Vehicles will be marked and described, as well, when parked in the Exhibition area.

Also new for 2017 will be the "Longest Distance Award" for the bus that travels the longest distance to be on display. This is an additional award to the "People's Choice" award that goes to the favorite bus by those who are viewing.

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## From the Board Room

As mentioned in the previous front-page article, the Board of Directors was re-organized in an effort to move take what was begun as a great foundation and move it forward with a new Executive Committee. The thrust of this is to gain more recognition in all three facets of the bus industry that the Museum entails, including intercity, transit and school.

Financially, 2016 ended up being close to budget. Part of that was the Museum's first year-end appeal to long-time life members for assistance and letters to State Associations. The additional revenue was close to \$12,000.00, an amount that previously was unbudgeted. The Museum thanks all who participated in this special appeal.

It should be noted that there will not be a Board Meeting as a whole in February. The Board has broken into multiple committees to work on multiple projects simultaneously. If you have a desire to be on a working committee, feel free to contact the Museum to become a member of a specific committee. Committees include Financial, Equipment, Marketing and Events, to name a few.

The March Board Meeting has been moved to Saturday, March 18, to allow the Board to spend a day of strategic planning for the next year with sights looking further.

Even though the Executive Committee has changed, you still have the ability to call into the office at 717-566-7100, use extension 119, and leave your questions, suggestions, or comments. You can also write to [Info@BusMuseum.org](mailto:Info@BusMuseum.org) if that is more convenient.

Here is the total listing of the Board and Advisors for 2017:

### **Board of Directors Executive Committee:**

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## Fleet Committee - Update and Fleet Report by Ken McNelis

With the new election of executive officers at the MOBT in January, the Fleet Committee has taken on some changes. From now on the Fleet Committee will have 10 members. The members are as follows:

John Oakman, Chair	Dave Millhouser
Ken McNelis, Asst.	Bob Smith
Chairman	Jim Tay
Michael Burshtin	Angel Tollens
Walter Earl	Ed Wolf
Dino Mandros	

The Committee will continue previous goals and set new goals for 2017. This will be accomplished at re-organizational meetings in February and March.

The immediate goals for 2017 are:

- Correct and complete the filing for Historic Titles and Plates for our entire fleet
- Complete all mechanical work on the 1964 PD-4106 to get it Enhanced Inspected and Titled for road-worthy operation
- Inventory all parts in the Storage Trailers and parts acquired over the winter
- Repair the 1975 T6H-4523A (CAT), and the 1936 Chevrolet/FitzJohn Model 100 (Capital Bus Service)
- Try to enter select buses in local Car Show events for Museum exposure

Through the efforts of the Committee, the museum should see the above-mentioned goals met and new goals continually established.

### TOUR WITH THE MUSEUM TO BUS RALLY 2017

Dan & Stan Holter of the Busboys Collection are hosting this historic bus rally on the site of the former Greyhound Terminal in Evansville, Indiana. This event is to recognize this iconic landmark and to help promote the heritage of the bus industry. More details about the event, can be found on the Holter's website, [www.BusboysCollection.org](http://www.BusboysCollection.org)

The MBT is sponsoring a Chartered Motorcoach to this event. Daily activities have not been finalized at this time, however, the MBT is announcing the following information for you to make plans to attend:

Dates: Departure: Thursday, September 21, 2017 Time - TBD  
Return: Monday, September 25, 2017 Time - TBD

The departure will be from the Museum in Hershey, Pa. We will be using a WOLF MOTOR-

**COACH. The FULL COST of the transportation will be \$ 425.00 for the five days.**

This price is the same for members, spouses, non-members, and friends.

A deposit of \$75.00 pp will secure your seat(s) on the Motorcoach. Reservations will be taken on a first come first serve basis. It should be noted that the **DEADLINE FOR ALL DEPOSITS and RESERVATIONS is MAY 1, 2017. IF THE REQUIRED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES IS NOT REACHED BY THIS DATE, THE TRIP WILL BE CANCELLED.**

Deposits will become NON-Refundable if you cancel after July 15, 2017. FINAL PAYMENT is due in full by August 10, 2017.

To sign up for this trip, please send all checks/ money orders made payable to MOBT with "Bus Rally 2017" in the memo to: Ken McNelis, 6120 Twin Silo Drive, Blue Bell, PA. 19422

Please enclose your Name, Address, Phone and email contact. **PLEASE NOTE – Do not to send to the Museum address. Do not send your correspondence to the Museum.**

The Museum will not be handling Hotel Reservations for this trip. The Busboys have secured a room block at two Evansville Hotels.

If all passengers cannot get rooms at the same hotel, the bus will make drop off and pick up at each of these hotels since they are near each other.

#### Tropicana Hotel - 1-812-433-400

421 NW Riverside Dr., Evansville, Ind.

Group Rate: \$ 119.00 + Tax (\$22.70)=

\$141.70 (Per night)

Rooms: 2 Queen (4 people) Non Smoking, 1

King (3 people) Non Smoking

Use code GBUSBOYS

#### Doubletree by Hilton 1-812-423-5002

601 Walnut St. Evansville, Ind. NEW Opening, 3/15/17!

Group Rate: \$129.00 +Tax(\$22.70)= \$151.70 (Per night)

Use code BBR

You will need to book Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, September 21 to depart on September 25, 2017.

PLEASE NOTE that the Doubletree is not opening until 3/15/17 but you can still book your rooms under "Bus Rally 2017."

Water and Snacks will be provided on the Motorcoach. We will make the appropriate rest stops and meal stops (On your own) during our 11 1/2 hour driving time trip.

It may be possible to make a stop in the Pittsburgh/Ohio area to pick up members who don't want to drive to Hershey, Pa. This trip will also include a driver relief in route to follow DOT regulations. Daily events are still in the planning stages. However, we have learned that Antique Bus trips will be planned for an additional fee. The Rally itself and all other events are free. As stated before, trip participants can check events as they are planned at [www.BusboysCollections.org](http://www.BusboysCollections.org)

For the spouses: other venues in the area include:

- Museum of Art, History, & Science, USS LST Ship Memorial
- Mesker Park Zoo and Botanical Gardens Shopping
- Bosse Field

**DON'T DELAY!** Make your reservations, now! Take this trip to attend an Outstanding Bus History Event. INFORMATION/QUESTIONS ONLY, please contact Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 or email him at [Busman398@aol.com](mailto:Busman398@aol.com).

### FLEET COMMITTEE - NEEDED SERVICE TRUCK

The Committee would like to thank members Michael Burshtin, Tom Collins, and Angel Tollens for their offers of a truck or para transit van to be used for our service needs. At this time, the Committee is still pursuing other options to meet our service truck needs.

### FLEET COMMITTEE NEEDS HELP FOR SPRING FLING

The Spring Fling for 2017 will be run by Committees to ensure its continued success. The Fleet Committee would like to extend an Invitation to all of our members, both local and long distance, to consider possibly helping us to prepare for the Spring Fling. You do not have to be a mechanic to help us wash, wax, check air pressures, move buses, cut, or weed- whack grass, etc.

If you plan to come in early for the Spring Fling, we have all day work sessions scheduled for Thursday, 6/1/17 and Friday, 6/2/17, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you feel you want to be of assistance in preparing our Fleet for this event on Saturday, June 3, 2017, please call Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998. Thank you!

**MUSEUM WORK SESSIONS** The following dates are scheduled as WORK SESSIONS at the George Sage Annex for the Spring

## Fleet Committee - Update and Fleet Report continued

of 2017:

Saturday, April 22, 2017  
Saturday, May 20, 2017  
Thursday, June 1, 2017  
Friday, June 2, 2017

All works sessions start at the Annex at 8:30 AM and run until 3:30 PM, 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 the work sessions listed. This way work can be planned for each session and you can be notified before you leave home, if a particular work session has to be rescheduled, canceled, or the time needs to be adjusted.

Please consult the Museum website or Mark Watson's posts on Facebook for any deletions or additions that may be necessary to the above dates before the next issue of the Musings is published.

**FLEET PARTS NEEDED** The Fleet Committee is still in need of the parts listed below to carry out our goals to improve our fleet this

year. If any member or bus company members have any of these items, would you please consider donating them to the Museum.

- Greyhound Destination Sign for a PD-4501 Scenic
- Any size 920 tires
- Air cylinder/shift cylinder (F-N-R), cylinder Valve Body, or any automatic transmission shift related electronics for a 4523A

If you have any of these items, would you please contact our Fleet Manager, Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 to work out details for acquisition.

## 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](http://www.busboyscollection.org)

Email: [busboyscollection@gmail.com](mailto:busboyscollection@gmail.com)

Evansville CVB info: [www.visitevansville.com](http://www.visitevansville.com)

Facebook: Busboys <https://www.facebook.com/155921891261205/photos/515030788683645/>

*Don't miss the bus, we'll see you in Evansville!*

## 2017 Spring Fling Announced continued

A special room block has been set up at the Spring Hill Suites, which is adjacent to the Museum. There is a special rate for June 1, 2 and 3 of \$134.00 plus tax. Call the hotel direct and ask for the MBT 2017 Spring Fling room block. The phone number for the hotel is 717-583-2222. The Spring Hill Suites is located at 115 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA. You must book no later than May 2, 2017 to receive this special rate. However, rooms are already being booked, so it is recommended you make your reservation now, before the room block is sold out.

Once again this year, there will be tables available for those who wish to sell bus memorabil-

ia. This unique flea market is held on Saturday. Table space is \$35.00 for one table or a special discounted rate of \$65.00 for two.



AACAA, home of the Museum of Bus Transportation



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

### ★ New for 2017

**Saturday, June 3, 2:30 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** Springhill Suites, adjacent to the Museum at 115 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA for \$134 plus tax. Book by May 2, 2017 to receive the special rate. Rooms are going fast so book today! Call 717-583-2222. Rooms available the nights of June 1, 2 & 3. Ask for the rate for the MBT 2017 Spring Fling. *Space limited!* For questions call Becky Tollens, 585-737-4046, or email to receive updates: [mbtspringfling@gmail.com](mailto:mbtspringfling@gmail.com)



★ **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 in the Museum



★ **Calling Memorabilia Vendors!** Do you have bus memorabilia that you are looking to sell? We are always looking for new vendors for the flea market on Saturday. \$35 for 1 table or special discount rate of \$65 for 2 tables.



★ **DATE** Saturday, June 3, 2017 **TIME** 8:00 am—4:00 pm

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

**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](mailto:info@busmuseum.org)

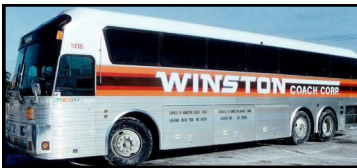


## My Favorite Bus by Angel Tollens

My favorite bus is the Eagle Coach. This is the continuation of the article on Eagle Coach. We're now going to look at the Model 10 coach and the spin off Model 20 and NJ Transit Model 20.



The model 10 was officially produced between 1980 - 1987. There were 2,217 model 10 coaches and 84 versions of the Model 10S 2 axle coach manufactured. The 10S suburban was manufactured in a second factory in Harlingen, Texas. While the Model 10 was manufactured in Brownsville, Texas.

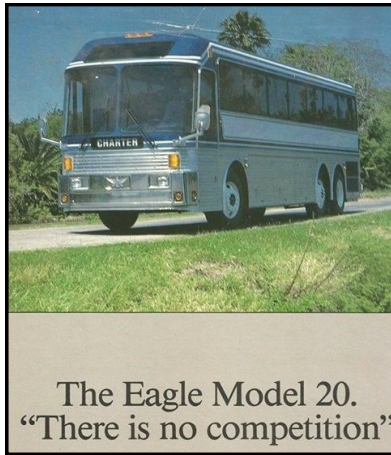


The model 10 was developed as a lighter and more efficient coach. Development began in 1978 about 2 years before introduction in 1980. The Eagle fuel economy figures versus the competition of the MC-9 was 7mpg to MCI's 5.7mpg. This data was independently verified by government sponsored testing.



The model 10 improved upon the Model 05 by the addition of a revised aerodynamic front cap and closed in rear cap both made of fiberglass. The standard engine was the Detroit Diesel 6V-92TA. This motor was Turbocharged and intercooled V6 designed for both fuel economy and power. The climate control system was also improved and provided separate systems for both driver and passengers. The most obvious feature was the spectacular aerospace designed instrument panel. More information than ever before was presented to the operator. The instruments and controls were now in one place rather than being scattered around the cockpit. The instrument panel was

backlit with electroluminescent lighting. (essentially a child's night light) it greatly reduced driver fatigue when driving at night. It was also dimmable so it was fully functional in any situation day or night.



In 1981 the entrance door height was raised to match the height of the windshield. 1983 saw the introduction of the LT Luxury Tour coach option on the Model 10. The LT integrated new sidewall and ceiling panels, new window trim and enclosed parcel racks. The design gave the coach a wide body airplane look. Serial number of the first LT model is **1EUAN8A15DBO31047** manufactured in April 1983 for Executive Coach Inc. of NJ. The last model 10 coach with the optional LT package was manufactured for Luxury Coach Service of NC in March 1985. It is serial **1EUAN8A19F-B031498**.

The model 10S (Suburban) was a 2 axle coach



designed for commuter park and ride and airport service. It provided up to 53 passenger seats and under floor luggage space. The air conditioning system was upgraded and in-



stalled where the bogie axle normally would be. It has dual evaporator and heater cores located at each side of the coach. The HVAC system is so powerful that operation

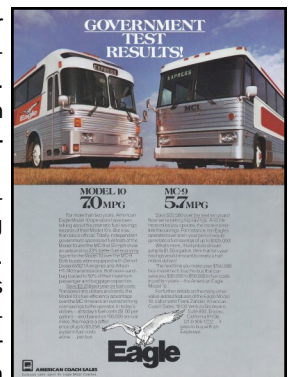


in stop and go service with frequent opening of the passenger door provides satisfactory cooling for passengers. Serial number of the first model 10S is **30584** manufactured in October 1981 it was a demonstrator model. The final model 10S was manufactured in 1986 for Palmeri Motorcoach Corp of PA. it is serial **1ESAN8A10GB050064**.



The Model 20 coach was a model 10 that was modernized using the larger squared side windows and the front design of the model 15. It retained the 96 inch width and the 40 foot length of the model 10. The first model 20 was serial number **1EUDN6A19JB090000** and manufactured in January 1988 for Palmeri Motorcoach Corp of PA. The final coach serial **1EUD-**

**N6A18KB090170** was manufactured for NJ Transit in 1989. NJ Transit variants differed outwardly from other model 20's in having a large destination sign above the windshield and a flat back cap. In total 171 Model 20 coaches were built.





## Model Bus Musings by Doug Campbell

It is such a long cold winter season ahead, but our collections certainly can warm up with these six recent model bus releases and truly a fun season to enjoy our "inside" hobby of model bus collecting!



First is a model bus in 1/64th scale (S gauge) from a great rather recent name in model railroad collecting and seemingly their first "model bus" release. This is from Menard's, a large home-improvement store chain in the Mid-West, who has a huge web-site of model trains, miniature buildings (hopefully one day a toy bus station), and die-cast vehicles. Their first issue is a Flexible based on the same casting sold in Krispy-Kreme donut stores, which has such a real bus in their advertising fleet. However, this version by Menard's ([www.MENARDS.COM](http://www.MENARDS.COM) - and search "trains") is sold only attached to a Norfolk Southern railway flatcar (#279-3377) and models an unusual, and probably not prototypically, CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS coach. This little Flexible is painted burgundy red, white, and silver and features nice Continental Trailways graphics, but has no center windows since the original Krispy-Kreme version is a mobile donut shop, not a passenger-carrying bus! None-the-less this is a great little model "bus" with "Seattle" destination sign, free-rolling wheels, full interior, and a wealth of outer details!



In much larger 1/43 scale, over 11" long, this new GM New Look Fishbowl TDH-5301 is painted up in cream and red and silver for Toronto, Canada, and is made in Bangladesh for Hachette Models of France. Their branch in the United Kingdom (England) is distributing this one. The model is made in China and is loaded with full interior and exterior features, alt-

hough looking at the steering wheel, I feel it sits a bit too high. The model has destination signs for Route 71 Runnymede/ St. Clair Lakeshore, has perfect Toronto Transit logo graphics, and is numbered 2994 in their fleet.

The model is partly die-cast with plastic features, and is a really well done model. In my opinion, better than Corgi's older casting.

ABC Companies, importers/distributors of VanHool coaches here in the USA, uses a number of toy models in its corporate advertising. From Industrial Die cast Design of Florida, made in China in 1/87 scale, comes this handsome new Van Hool CX45 single-deck coach in white



with beautiful red, white and blue swirls across the sides, fully die-cast with full interior details in this tiny size. Released in a number of colors, this white version with the colored swirls across the sides is a very eye-catching model and available possibly in your local hobby shop too.



Academy Bus Lines of Hoboken, New Jersey recently had their own corporate run of the new model Van Hool CX45 produced too by Industrial Die cast Design, this one in a most attractive silver color, and an exact scale replica of their fleet so often seen here on Northeastern

highways! This version is marketed under the brand "Iconic Replicas," and is sold to collectors through [www.AwesomeDiecast.com](http://www.AwesomeDiecast.com). Even a tiny license plate is reproduced on the back of the model, and full, authentic



"Academy" graphics accent this attractive scale model in 1/87 scale.

Now we will climb up to a second deck, onboard this 1/87th scale Van Hool promotional TDX model bus. Painted white with red, gray, white swirls across the sides, this Van Hool TDX miniature is also used in ABC Companies advertising programs, and is a wonderfully detailed die-cast replica of this new coach, complete with full interior too.

Finally, as we close this issue's reviews, we will climb aboard an American classic in miniature, an 8" long 1:50 scale die cast replica by American Heritage Models (China) of a 1948 ACF-BRILL IC-41 coach in the classic old look of National Trailways Bus System's 150's graphics. In cream, red, and silver, this stunning model is so full of tiny details, and is complete with "Dallas" destination sign on right side, and "Los Angeles" on the front roll-sign. Full and well-detailed interior is furnished, and all those tiny lights make for super realism on a die-cast toy model! I so well remember riding on one of these old Trailways Brills, back in the 1950's period, and as so often with toy model buses, so many memories come back! Happy Collecting!



## Oliver Ogden Remembered



On November 23, 2016, longtime member and former Board Member, Oliver Ogden, passed away peacefully at home after a long struggle with emphysema. Not only was Oliver a Board Member, but he was the volunteer coordinator for the Bus Museum and was a fixture on the floor of the Museum for many years. He and his wife, Sharon, also managed the Gift Shop. Sharon voluntarily redesigned and managed the Bus Museum website for several years. Oliver was also instrumental in the rotating displays in the glass cabinets on the floor. He would use many of his own personal collections as well as those of other Museum members. He was instrumental in acquiring several buses for the Museum, including the Harran Flexible Bus from Long Island and the Republican Campaign TGH-3101 Bus.

As a Bus historian, probably his most educational contribution was as Museum Curator. During his tenure as Curator, he researched and displayed many different bus programs, the most notable being the "Buses of the Negro League Baseball Teams" and the "Buses of the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League." His displays featured actual buses used by these teams as well as actual living players, their personal memorabilia and uniforms.

Everyone involved with the Museum thanks Oliver and his wife, Sharon, for all their years of dedication and the wonderful programs they brought to the Museum.

## Editor's Desk by Mark L. Szyperki

I would like to introduce myself. I'm the new Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. As such, my duties include Marketing and Fund-raising activities. This newsletter is also part of my new duties as your Vice Chair. I want to first thank Tom Collins for the years of work he did in producing this newsletter previously. I also want to take a moment to thank Mary M. Meszaros. She is the talent behind this in putting all of the pieces parts together. She has done and continues to do great work, and we appreciate her talents! Finally, I would like to thank our advisor, Mark Watson, for the great work he does at keeping the Museum's Facebook page current. Feel free to visit that, and like our page at <https://www.facebook.com/Museum-of-Bus-Transportation-199337806067>. There is a lot of up to date information that is kept there, as well.

I also want to make this newsletter full of information as much as possible. One of the ways of doing that is cutting back on the length of some articles, and putting more information on our new website that is being produced. You may find it much easier to view this newsletter through your Email. Besides the cost savings to the Museum, it will allow you to just click on a link that will provide additional information, whether it is on our website ([www.BusMuseum.org](http://www.BusMuseum.org)), or some other location.

If you have information that you believe will be of interest to our fellow Museum of Bus Transportation members, please feel free to write to me at [Marketing@BusMuseum.org](mailto:Marketing@BusMuseum.org). I would really like to hear from you whether it is ideas about the newsletter, possible trade shows we may want to consider attending, or other ways we can get the word about our amazing museum to gain more members and interest.

I take this new position seriously, and look forward to being of service to you and our fellow Bus Museum members!

*Mark*



### ***(New Leadership continued from page 1)***

Dave Millhouser, from Gloucester MA, graduate from Western Maryland College (now McDaniel College) and went to work with a Christian Organization called Young Life where he soon was involved in the Transportation Department. In 1978, Millhouser started in sales with the Eagle International Bus Company. Through the years, Millhouser has sold for other motorcoach manufacturers as well, and is currently a columnist with Bus and Motorcoach News.

Ed Wolf, from York Springs, PA, has spent his entire life in the bus industry. His parents owned and operated Wolf's Bus Line, which he and his brother purchased in 1977. In 2003, Wolf left the motorcoach company and started a school bus and van operation serving multiple local school districts. He also owns a full service garage and a business that delivers home heating products. Wolf is one of the original founding members of the Museum.

John Oakman, from Windermere FL began his career in motorcoaches with the Christian Organization called Young Life as a motorcoach operator. After his Degree from Salem College, he went on to complete 46 years in the motorcoach industry, from becoming the President of a Motorcoach Company, to assist with the design and importation of the Van Hool Double Deck bus. Oakman is currently Senior Vice President of Maintenance/Fleet for CoachUSA.





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## 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:

Museum of Bus Transportation  
161 Museum Drive  
Hershey, PA 17033

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Winter 2017 Bus Musings

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](http://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.

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