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#### 2016 ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

Great fall weather greeted us on Saturday, October 29, 2016, and made for a super start for a fun and rewarding bus day.

We had 63 MBT members and guests for this annual event. The meeting was held in the newly renovated Regions & Chapters room on the third floor of the Museum. Recently redesigned for business meetings, the room can seat up to 75. We nearly filled the room!

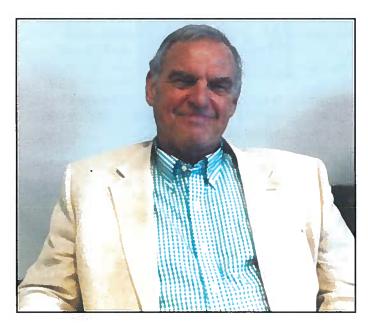
Our guest speaker was John Oakman. John, also an MBT board member, recently retired from Coach USA and was re-hired part time!

He is well known in the industry and started his presentation by giving us a brief overview of his varied and interesting career. Starting with

Young Life, which was sometimes referred to as an "operating museum of older buses," John took us through the highlights of his 50-plus years in the business.

The highlight of his talk was his intense involvement with the development of the Van Hool TD- 925, the duel-level coach now operated by Mega-Bus and several charter and tour operators.

John's career found him traveling to the Van Hool factory many times while the coach was being developed.





A set of slides showing the coach in various stages was shown by MBT board member, Dave Millhouser, who assisted John in his presentation. Of special interest to the group were the photos showing how far the coach could sway before it could tip, an initial concern by bus operators.

With nearly 300 vehicles in service nationwide, this coach has been well accepted by the industry. John had arranged with Mega-Bus to place one of them on display for us. It was parked right by the front door of the Museum. It received a lot of attention not only from our group, but also from the 255 "car folk" visitors at the Museum that day.

John described the ups and downs of Coach USA over the years. The audience found the details interesting of the early buyouts and stock options offered as Coach developed. John also mentioned how some of the original Coach operators who had been in the Coach organization and dropped out along the way, have returned.

The current Coach roster of buses consists of Van Hool, MCl, and Prevost coaches. Several of the operators have small fleets of transit or body-on-chassis units.

Several regional and operational questions were fielded from the floor. With his talk, video, and follow-up questions, John easily filled his hour with our group. He was, indeed, well received.

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#### From the Board Room

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS** 1. Thomas Collins

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Mark Watson

Here we are at the close of another year.

Generally, 2016 has been better, financially, for the MBT. Thanks, in no small part, to a special agreement we made with the executive committee of the Museum board to pay them a fixed lower rate each month.

Several weeks ago we, again, made a similar, slightly higher, agreement for 2017. This will allow us another year to establish some firm fundraising through the new year. We sincerely appreciate the faith and support the AACAM board has given us under their new president Henry "Hank" Hallowell.

While on the subject of the Museum, the full time executive director, Mark Lizewskie , resigned The MBT Board his position in early fall. By the time you read this, the Museum board may have appointed a new full-time director.

We were very pleased with the large number of ballots received for the board elections and congratulate the 5 incumbents; Campbell, Collins, Goldwasser, Mandros, and Laffan, who have been re-elected. We have a great hard working team that will continue to work for you.

We've appointed Angel and Becky Tollens to our

advisor group. Check out his "My Favorite Bus" article on page 7.

We've had several new Adopt-A-Bus sponsorships since our last issue of the Musings. Member Mike Demeter, from East Palo Alto, California adopted his two former buses - the Ford Transit and the 1924 Fageol.

As always, thanks for being a loyal MBT member and supporter. Looking forward to seeing you in 2017 at our June 2 – 3 Spring Bus Fling and the October Annual Meeting.

Best wishes for a grand Holiday and a successful



# Getting to Know Our Fleet



Our 4104, perhaps, needs no introduction. It was given to us from the

Richard Maguire estate, which included this coach, our 4106, the Chev-Fitzjohn. Our coach is a 1956 model - one of 393 built that year, refurbished by Body-Rite Repair Company as part of the "Parade of Progress" Capitol fleet with input from Bob Faulkner and the late Dick Maguire. Unfortunately, the coach was in the September 2011 flood and received a salvage title, which meant we could not run it on the highway. Thanks to Ken McNelis and his staff and the hard work put in by Jim Tay, it has been inspected, has a regular title and is now road-worthy.



Although we've had this neat and unique vehicle for nearly 5 years, and several attempts to have it restored, we are nearing a crisis situation with it. It

is still at R.J. Sells Towing and Recovery in Lebanon, PA. Total restoration via their firm will be about \$30,000.

We are looking for someone to adopt the bus and fund the total project. The donation, for this, will, of course be a tax deduction for the donor...under our 501(c)(3) provision.

If no one steps forth, we will have no other course but to consider disposing of the vehicle. Please contact us at 717-566-7100 X119 if you have any interest.

#### Annual Meeting Recap continued

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We always provide our guest speakers with a gift, which is usually a specially prepared and painted one-off model bus, courtesy of member Bob Garrett. On the way to Hershey, Bob encountered vehicle problems and could not complete his trip, but he mailed John's model directly to his home in Florida.

Over the years, we've had industry presentations from NYC MTA, Martz, Lakeland, De-Camp, Trans-Bridge, and Krapf Coach, which were all super. Now we are adding Coach USA to the list. We are, indeed, grateful for this industry support and recognition.

A busload, no make that a Mega-Bus load, of thanks to John for an outstanding presentation!

Our 50/50 drawing, spearheaded by board member, Jeff Goldwasser, resulted in net receipts of \$326. An ABC representative was the winner. He turned his portion back to the MBT to be placed in our general account.

After a brief break, the actual business meeting of the organization was convened. The MBT board voted to restrict the actual board meeting to ONLY MBT members. There were a few non-MBT members who excused themselves for this meeting.



MBT president,
Tom Collins, introduced Henry
"Hank" Hallowell,
president of the
AACAM board, who
welcomed us and
stated how well the
bus display on the
lower level is received by the nearly 70,000 yearly

visitors who enter our doors. He also told the group that the Museum full time director, Mark Lizewskie, had resigned to accept another position and that the board was conducting interviews for a replacement.

Members heard from the finance, gift shop, and fleet committees. In his report, the fleet committee chair, Ken McNelis, gave special credit to his all-volunteer group, and to Jim Tay, our only paid employee, for keeping the fleet running and looking great. This group was asked to stand and was recognized by the attendees.

Two of the fleets' 2016 efforts, the 4l04, and the Aerocoach, an award-winner at the October 8, 2016 Hershey vehicle show, were parked in front of the Museum. The group was invited to inspect them.

The treasurer's report was presented by Ed Wolf and Ralph Fetrow. Our total fixed assets are \$873,280, Annex and



equipment. Investment and savings accounts were also reviewed, as was the yearly loss to date.

John Dockendorf received a sealed envelope from one of two AACAM employees who had counted the ballots. John opened the envelope in front of the group and read the results. Incumbents Doug Campbell, Tom Collins, Jeff Goldwasser, Dino Mandros, and Mike Laffan were re-elected to serve another 3 year term. The other 3 candidates who were not successful were acknowledged.

President Collins gave a brief "State of the Organization" over view. The group was pleased to learn that the MBT is pursuing a professional fund raiser to assist us in the pursuit of additional revenue and funding.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

New this year at the Annual Meeting was a cold sandwich buffet, catered by What If?, a Hershey restaurant. After lunch, attendees were invited to visit the vendor tables offered by several MBT members as well as the Museum.

At 2:00pm Capital Area Transit (CAT), Harrisburg's local transit provider, picked up 29 attendees who had signed up for the bus tour. We were the FIRST group to be transported in one of their recently acquired ex-SEPTA Neoplan AN-460 articulated buses, driven by operator Lee Chambers, who is the only operator, to date, qualified to drive an artic. At CAT's Harrisburg operations center, MBT president, Tom Collins, gave them a brief tour. Via downtown Harrisburg, CAT operator, Lee Chambers, transported the group back to Hershey in a brand new 40' Gillig transit, which was its first trip with passengers.

The entire day was rewarding, fun, and successful. Thanks to all who made it possible and to those who were not able to attend but sent in a donation.

# Fleet Report by Ken McNelis

#### **FLEET COMMITTEE - NEEDED SERVICE**

TRUCK Is there any member or member Bus Company that might have a Service Truck that you would consider DONATING to the Museum of Bus Transportation to help us with our Fleet? The truck we are looking for could possibly be two or four wheel drive, a pick-up or utility box bed, and have a tow hitch on the rear for pulling buses when needed.

If you have such a truck and would like to DONATE it, please call our Fleet Manager - Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 to make arrangements. The MBT can provide you with a letter for tax purposes for your donation since we are a 501(c)(3).

**WORK SESSIONS** The following dates are being considered as scheduled Work Sessions at the George Sage Annex:

Saturday, March 18, 2017 Saturday, April 22, 2017 Saturday, May 20, 2017 Thursday, June 1, 2017 Friday, June 2, 2017

All work sessions start at the Annex at 8:30 A.M. and run until 3:30 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 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.

SHOW CASE DISPLAY Is there any member of the Museum who would like to display their collection of model buses or bus memorabilia in our display case by the diner in the Museum?

The display would cover six shelves and be its class

on display for a period of six to eight months. The display would be locked at all times.

We thank member, Ken Cosgrove, for his present display. If you are interested in having your collection on display for all to view, please contact Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 to make the necessary arrangements.

**VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION** Seventeen volunteers donated a total of 445 hours of service to help maintain our fleet this year. These volunteer members checked tire pressures, fueled, washed, and detailed all 36 of our buses at both the Annex and Museum.

The following 8 volunteers donated the most time this year to qualify for recognition of their services at the Annual Meeting held in October. They are: Michael Burshtin, Terry Cosentino, Ken McNelis, Tom Mozer, Jim Tay, Angel Tollens, Becky Tollens, and Mark Watson.

Distance does not seem to matter to some of our member volunteers when they want to help. Michael Burshtin comes from New Jersey, Jim Kalin comes from Long Island, NY, Angel and Becky Tollens come from Rochester, NY, and Mark Watson comes from Massachusetts.

The Fleet Committee wishes to thank these members. We could use some additional help next year to get a lot more results with our fleet. Please consider the long distance efforts that other members put forth to motivate you in giving us a helping hand at Work Sessions in 2017 - VOLUNTEER.

**FLEET COMMITTEE REORT** The Fleet Committee would like to give all members a brief summary of work completed in 2016 and our goals for 2017.

In 2016 the volunteers were able to complete the follow major items:

- 1. Full detailing of the Santa Monica (Speed Bus) for Spring Fling display
- 2. Jim Tay, our mechanic, took the 1945 Aero Coach to the Hershey Car Show in October and the bus took Second Place in its class

- 3. The 1956 PD-4104 was mechanically improved by Jim Tay and Ed Wolf to be "Enhanced, Inspected & Titled" to return to road-worthy condition since the flood.
  4. Jim Tay was able to drive the PD-4104 for display and reminiscing at the Capital
- 5. Five Titles and Historic License Plates were filed. The buses were: 1936 School Bus, 1946 Flx (Kansas Central), 1956 4501 (Faribo Lines), 1986 GMC (Santa Monica), 1990 Prevost (Passaic Valley)

Trailways Reunion in September.

- 6. Electricity was repaired at the Annex building
- 7. Evacuation Plan was updated

The goals for 2017 are:

- 1. Complete filing for Historic Titles and license Plates for the 1936 VL-100 and the 1946 Ford F9-B
- 2. Bring all old license plates up to date
- 3. Complete all mechanical work on the 1964 PD-4106 to get it "Enhanced, Inspected and Titled" for road-worthy condition
- 4. Inventory all parts in the Storage Trailers
- 5. Repair the 1975 T6H=4523A (CAT), the 1987 MC-9 (Trans-Bridge), and the 1936 Chevrolet/Fitzjohn Model 100 (Capital Bus Service)
- 6. Enter select buses in local Car Shows for Museum exposure

**NEEDED - FLEET PARTS** The Fleet Committee is in need of the parts listed below to carry out our goals to improve our fleet in 2017. If any members or bus company members have any of these items, would you please consider donating them to the Museum.

- 1. Greyhound Destination Sign for a Scenic PD 4501
- 2. Any 920 size tires
- 3. 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 item, would you please contact our Fleet Manager, Ken McNelis at 610-203-7998 to work out details for acquisition. Since we are a 501 (c) (3) we can provide you with a letter of your donation for tax purposes. Thank you for your consideration.



#### 2017 Adopt A Bus Program

NAME _				
ADDRESS	5			_
CITY		. STATE	ZIP CODE	_
Thank y	you for your interest in adopting a bus. We appreciate your supp	ort in interest in l	keeping the MBT fleet healthy!	
Please :	select Option #1 or #2 below and indicate if you would like to ad	opt one bus or the	e entire fleet:	
🗆 ОРТІ	ION #1: Enclosed is my donation of \$300.00.			
	☐ I would like to adopt bus	(f	funds will be used for storage and	
	OR			
	☐ I would like to spread my donation of \$300 over the entire f	leet.		
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

#### Model Bus Musings by Doug Campbell

So many fall toy collector shows, so many new model buses to enjoy! With the truly wonderful talk and slide program given at



our recent annual meeting by John Oakman (MBT Board member) from Coach USA, who owns MEGABUS, I thought it would be great to mention the recent reissue of the Dutch firm Holland OTO's 1:87th scale (HO China-made) double deck Van Hool Megabus coach. This issue, with Eastern U.S. destinations, is made through Awesome Diecast in Florida and available



at many nationwide hobby shops. I took this photo of the one on a model train layout in the large model train shop where I work part-time now in retirement.

A fun new release by TOMYTEC of Japan in N Scale(1/160) is this Operating Bus System, with an oval track and power to operate the excellent little orange GMC TDH4512 model enclosed. The bus automatically starts and stops from the station and runs at touch of a button by a hidden



magnetic system. Even the tiny headlights and taillights illuminate on this tiny and well-detailed GMC coach! The road track measures about 11x22 inches, and it is set up for right-hand side traffic.

This handsome new Junye Toys (China) die-cast/plastic "Neoplan-looking" model coach in about 1/43 scale (about 7" long) is full of fun battery-operated features. Pull it back and it lights up inside, the horn blows, and the motor sounds! Open the doors, via the sliding bar below, and you'll hear a delightful voice saying, "Welcome aboard and enjoy a pleasant ride!" This is also available as an airport coach version and is sold in many colors for about



\$12.00. I found this one at a recent model the show. Even the engine compartment in the rear of the toy coach opens to show a simulated motor!

A museum member, and excellent wooden bus model craftsman named Ken Cosgrove, back in 1988, repainted an older '50's Japanese tinplate GM School Bus model (Battery-operated, I featured my boxed mint example in an earlier Model Bus Musings article) into this truly delightful cream and red "AUCH INTERBOR-OUGH TRANSIT CO" version with "Chestnut Hill" destination board, and a tiny GM emblem on the front. I remember these old buses at the old garage up on Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia. This is a wonderful one-of-a-kind model about 11" long in tin metal, which preserves in miniature such a nice old part of bus history!

Last year my wife, Joan, and I toured the fantastic and beautiful Denali National Park in Alaska on a bus just like this toy model issued by Alaska Geographic. The shuttle bus system there started in 1972. Visitors can safely tour the park's remote wilderness with a trained guide aboard, allowing over 50 sets of eyes to help spot wildlife. The higher bus seats provide a



better view as their highly experienced drivers maneuver the narrow, winding, 92 mile gravel road through breathtaking valleys and mountain passes! This handsome green/white model is only sold at the park's gift shops, and is a fleet duplication, made in China, about 8" long in diecast metal with full interior details too.

From Japan, by Appa Toys, made in China, comes this bright little HO scale 5"



long HATO BUS touring coach (I believe it's a Japanese Hino bus.) The model has full interior, wonderful graphics, and has such a realistic look for its tiny size! I think the

beautiful Japanese buses have such elegant design.



Finally this issue, we'll travel to Germany to hop aboard this handsome Simba Toys "FC Bayern Munchen" German soccer team coach with fantastic graphics, friction motor, opening luggage & side doors, and full interior. Even a realistic driver is mounted in the driver seat! Made in China, there's even a spare tire mounted under the chassis, and all body details are well molded into this 10" model. This was probably sold at gift shops and souvenir stands at soccer stadiums in Germany, and is really a MOST attractive display model! Happy Collecting!

# My Favorite Bus by Angel Tollens

My favorite bus is the Eagle Coach.

I will be taking all of you on a trip down memory lane. I have decided to work in reverse chronological order. I will be giving a brief overview of the Eagle bus and the various Models starting with the Model 15 and it's variants and working back in time to the first deliveries of the Kassbohrer designed Eagle for Trailways.



The model 15 spanned the years from 1985 until the demise of Eagle in 1996. It continued to utilize a Torsilatic Suspension and thus had no airbag associated failures. The Torsion bar also gave the coach a much noticeably smoother ride in all driving conditions. The ride on an Eagle is akin to a race-car feel. The coach seems to ride on rails and the passengers get a sensation of being in a rocking chair in their home. There is no bouncing or lurching which is very noticeable on air bag suspension. Since the steer axle utilized an independent front suspension, it gave



the coach a tight steering radius. The Model 15 was the first Eagle series to eventually use corten steel and continued use of fiberglass caps which would eliminate a lot of the rust issues which had occurred on earlier models.

Driver fatigue was addressed by use of Electroluminescent lighting on the drivers panel (It was an Option

by this time as the light would gradually fade over time until it eventually stops working) and the gauges were placed in a

> "3 O'Clock" arrangement. All driver switches were also ergonomically placed.

1989 saw the Model 15 available in a choice of 35, 40 and 45 foot lengths. The passenger body was 102 inches overall wide and the front of the coach was still utilizing the 96 inch components. This coach widening at a 5 degree angle to meet the



and Video entertainment systems. Passenger seating was generally 46 seats on the 40 foot model and 55 seats on the 45 foot model. In the highly competitive NYC Market, most operators specified 49 passenger seating on 40 foot models and 55 seats on the 45 foot model.

The photos show your writer in front of an LT type Model 15 coach in Harran Transportation livery. It was Fleet 600 and was delivered in August 1988 The VIN number is 1EUBN6A16JBO70229. Dave Millhouser was the sales representative who sold that unit and six others to Harresulted in the front of the ran. Fleet numbers were 599 - 605. That picture was taken while I was employed by Harran in the summer of 1995 at JFK

> Airport in the cargo terminal area.

Bus 30 from the Hampton-Jitney fleet. (notice the silver panel

on the entry door, that was the original mounting location of the side view mirror) This coach was also sold to Hampton-

Jitney by Dave Millhouser.

The next pictures are of 2 styles of 45 foot Eagle 15's: Eagle Christian Tours Raised Roof classic styling with aluminum sides and Venture Tours Raised Roof with the fully paint-able exterior panels.

The final two pictures are from the sales pamphlet on the Model 15. Happy Holidays and keep on Musing, everyone!



passenger compartment. Early deliveries had the driver and passenger mirrors relocated next to the driver window and on the front portion of the bi-part entry door. Due to excessive vibration the mirrors were then returned to the same location below the front windshield as the Eagle 10. These coaches were easily identified at the time due to the small panels that were manufactured to cover the old mounting points. I recall seeing those unpainted panels on Hampton-Jitney Eagles that would go by on the Long Island Expressway.

Many options were continued to be offered on the Model 15, like the LT (Luxury Touring) package. That added enclosed parcel racks, passenger window shades, carpeted ceiling panels, and Audio







### Along the Line

**NEW MBT MEMBERS** We, warmly, welcome the following new MBT members:

Becky Tollens - Rochester, NY
William Wolfgang - Everett, MA (Mass
DOT/MBTA)
Michael Dennis — Gaithersburg, MD
California Bus Association - CA
Darrell Gerke - Lancaster, PA
Greyhound Lines - Mt. Laurel, NJ
Maryland Bus Association - MD
Matt Michener (life membership)
Dr. D.B. Rushing - MD
Henry Hallowell - Hershey, PA
Midwest Bus and Motorcoach Association
- Middleton, WI

**E-MAIL ADDRESS** Although we maintain a master list of members we have never asked for your e-mail address.

In the past we have asked whether members want to continue to receive 'MUSINGS' in paper or e-mail form. The overwhelming response has been that members like receiving the newsletter, four times a year, in paper form (most of you keep them for reference i.e in notebooks or in a file.) We, of course, will continue to send you these in paper form, but for those of who would prefer an e-mail version we can, in 2017, begin to phase that in.

We are suggesting that as you receive your dues notice please supply us with your e-mail address. For those of you who are life members, when time permits, please send us your e-mail and indicate how you want to receive your newsletter. Members are to send their EMAIL ADDRESSES DIRECTLY TO ED AND VICKIE WOLF at ed@eandbtransportation.com. Please submit your name as well as your email address. You will be receiving a special mailing shortly.

**NEWSLETTER SPONSOR** As we look ahead to 2017 and a new MBT budget, we are looking for sponsors for our newsletters.

The MBT board set \$600 as the sponsorship for each of the quarterly newsletters. Sponsorship could come from individual members, corporate (in the form of an ad), or from someone who wants to "stay below the radar" and donate \$600 for an issue. Any sponsorship would fall under our 501(c)(3) and would qualify as a donation. The first 2017 issue will be issued in mid-February. Please call the MBT office at 717-566-7100 X 119 or write or email us regarding this. Thanks!

2017 SPRING FLING June 2 and 3, 2017 - the dates for our 2017 Spring Bus Fling may seem like a long way away but it will be here before we know it!

MBT member Becky Tollens, a member of our Spring Fling committee, is already working on special room rates as well as some interesting new extras such as discounts on Hershey are restaurants and attractions.

Friday evening, June 2, we are again planning the reception for our vendors and guests. We think we have a sponsor once again for this event and, if so, it will enable the event to continue to be free.

We plan to have 2 trophy awards this year - one, as we did in 2016, for "The People's Choice," and the other for the bus which traveled the farthest distance to attend the event.

For the first time, buses on display will be marked as to year and make. We have a lot of "non-bus" visitors who constantly ask about display buses, such as, "How old is this bus? Who built this bus?"

We are planning a parade of the vehicles around the Museum campus, which will form around the back then proceed to the front where they will be announced around 2:30 pm on Saturday.

**SCHOOL BUSES** Our fleet includes 3 school buses:

1936 International (as restored by member Rohrer Bus Sales)

1954 Chevrolet - Wayne Body (donated by member Rev. Dan Lehman)

1951 Brill (donated by member Ralph Ciccone and restored by donations from the Krapf organization)

We have several MBT members, such as Gary Blair, who own several vintage or

interesting school buses. Bob Smith, our MBT for archives, has created several timelines dedicated to the "yellow birds!" as he calls them. We have reached out to several school bus associations seeking their interest, support, and hopefully, their membership.

NEW ADVISER Although not in the general job description of an MBT advisor, Angel Tollens (whose day job is with Rochester Transit) has always pitched in where needed.



He is shown here washing our '47 Flxible. Welcome aboard, Angel!

FORD TRANSIT Just a brief note about a minor change to the buses in the display area of the Museum. The Fullington 1929 Yellow Coach, which has been on loan to us for several years has been returned to Fullington. We have moved our recently restored Ford Transit (Peninsula Charter Lines) into the "pole position" at the end of the display.

The 1951 Checker is still on the floor but has been moved over one bus width, which changes the look of our indoor display creating a fresh look without a lot of bus movement.

BUS RALLY - EVANSVILLE, INDIANA The Museum is considering running a chartered motorcoach to this historic Bus Show at the restored Evansville Greyhound Terminal in September, 2017. The dates for the trip are: Depart Hershey, Pa - Thursday, 9/21/17, Return Hershey, Pa - Monday, 9/25/17. Watch for more details, as they become available, on the Web Site, on Facebook, or in the next issue of MUSINGS.

BUS BANKS WANTED Our gift shop has a real need for plastic bus banks to sell. If you, or your company, have any bus banks to donate please call our shop manager, John Dockendorf, 717-763-9117. Our usual donation policy will apply.



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# 2017 Spring Fling A Bus and Motorcoach Show

June 2-3, 2017 in Hershey, PA

DATE Saturday, June 3, 2017

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

TIME 8:00 am-4:00 pm

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

#### **NEED AN OVERNIGHT**

ROOM? Call Spring Hill Suites (across from the museum), 717-583-2222. To obtain the group rate of \$129 per night, ask for the rate for the Spring Fling for the Museum of Bus Transportation.

Friday, June 2 | 5:30 - 8:30 PM

Reception in Bus and Vendor Display Area with fun, food, beverages, and fellowship **FEATURING** 

MODES OF BUS TRANS-PORTATION

Intercity, transit, school bus, motorcoach conversions.

BUS STUFF TO PURCHASE!

Tables of bus and transportation artifacts for purchase!

VIEW THE MUSEUM'S RE-STORED 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





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