

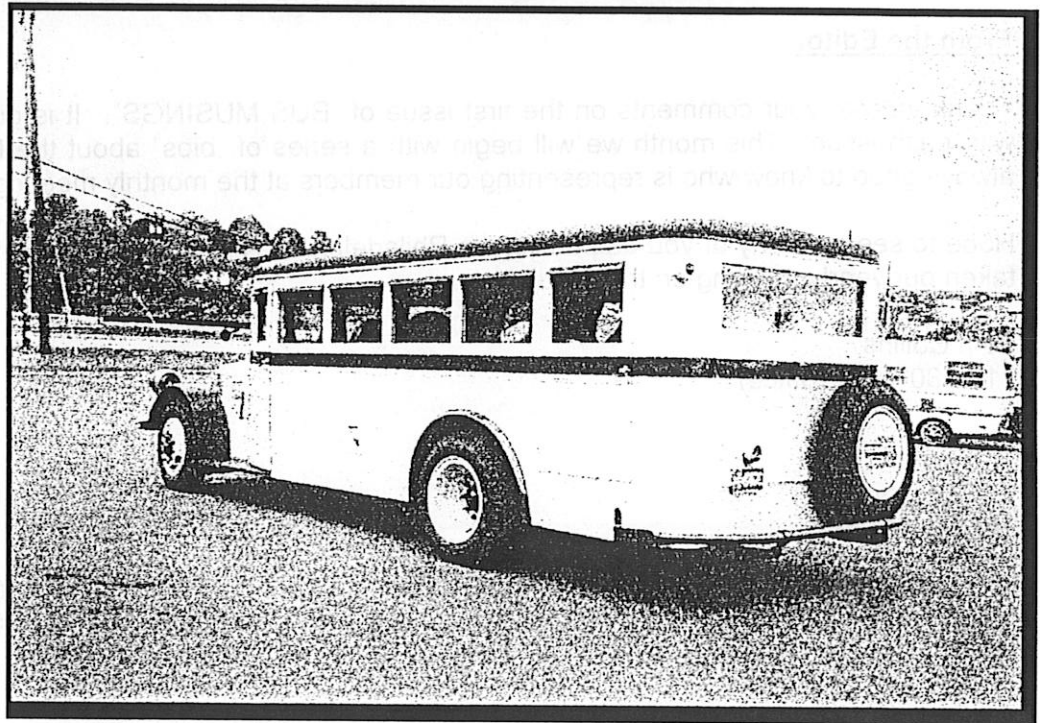
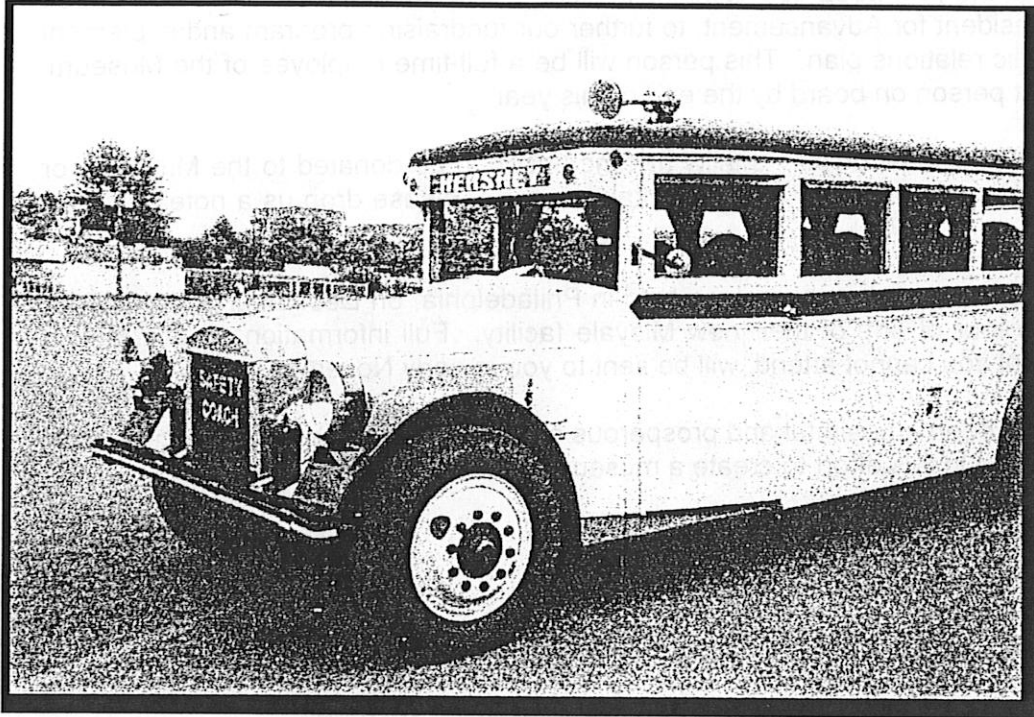
Bus Musings



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From the President

Greetings! Thanks to Board Member Tom Collins, the editor of our new newsletter, we now have the quarterly opportunity to "show and tell" what's cooking at T.M.O.B.T. "BUS MUSINGS" will continually improve with each issue.

We continue to plan our co-location with the AACA Museum near Hershey, PA. Building plans are being refined, and the year 2002 goal remains in sight. We're in the process of a nationwide search for a Vice President for Advancement, to further our fundraising program and implement a marketing and public relations plan. This person will be a full-time employee of the Museum. We hope to have that person on board by the end of this year.

We are searching for additional display-quality historic buses to be donated to the Museum, or loaned for display purposes. If you know of a suitable vehicle, please drop us a note and we'll follow up from there.

The annual meeting of the membership will be held in Philadelphia, on December 9th at SEPTA Headquarters, with a tour of one of their new Midvale facility. Full information on this, and a proxy form in the event you cannot attend, will be sent to you in early November.

We hope this year has been a healthful and prosperous one for you. We surely appreciate your support and participation in this effort to create a museum for our industry.

Best Wishes,

Richard J. Maguire
President

From the Editor

Thank you for your comments on the first issue of "BUS MUSINGS". It is our goal to improve with each issue. This month we will begin with a series of "bios" about the MBOT Board. It's always good to know who is representing our members at the monthly meetings.

Hope to see as many of you as possible in Philadelphia. Note this is the first time that we have taken our yearly meeting on the road!

Tom Collins
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On the Cover

MBOT President Dick Maguire is the proud owner of this 1927 Fageol Safety Coach. This coach (serial #20456) is equipped with a Heiser body. Although over 2,500 similar coaches were built, only five are known to exist today.

What is it?

MYSTERY BUS

This one has even our experts puzzled. Is there anyone out there who would like to hazard a guess?

Call the Museum at 717-774-4848 if you know what it is.
(A prize will be in order!)



FEATURE BUS MACK L-25

Lehigh Valley Transit Company, operating in Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and Souderton, PA, ran a fleet of 75 Mack L-25 buses. (Numbers 400-474 were built by Mack Trucks in two orders (400-462 in 1939 and 463-474 in 1941).

These sturdy 25-passenger units operated all over the system. We have one recorded on film assigned to "Express" duties in Philadelphia as late as the mid-1950's!

Read about these and others in "Mack Buses" by Harvey Eckhart (\$29.95) – A great book!

DIRECTOR BIO

JOHN DOCKENDORF

John Dockendorf is the Chief of the Urban Transit Division of the Bureau of Public Transportation within the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT). John has been with PennDOT for 24 years. Prior to his PennDOT career, John was an Economist/Planner at Queen City Metro in Cincinnati for four years.

PennDOT's Bureau of Public Transportation manages the nation's third largest State transit funding program. Currently, the Bureau annually provides nearly \$800 million in State transit assistance. In the course of administering these programs, the Bureau provides a variety of technical assistance, including a number of publications such as the Users Guide; Annual Urban, Rural & Shared-Ride Statistical Reports, periodic public transit newsletters, a transit directory, etc.

John has a B.S. degree from Illinois College and an M.A. from the University of Cincinnati. Besides John's work at PennDOT, he has been an active participant on AASHTO's Standing Committee on Public Transportation (SCOPT); AASHTO's MTAP Project Steering Committee; APTA's State Affairs Committee; TRB's Bus Transit Systems Committee, and the Museum of Bus Transportation.

John has a collection of over 1,000 bus models (perhaps the largest in the U.S.!). He currently serves as the Museum's Secretary and is generally regarded as our resident "expert" on model buses.



John Dockendorf