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I am sorry for the delay in getting this newsletter out to the members. I originally had it prepared for mailing the last week of October. In it was an update of Dick Maguire's medical problems and his condition.

Unfortunately, I am so very sad to report that Dick Maguire passed away on Monday, October 29, 2001, due to complications suffered over the past several months. Needless to say he will be missed by all of us at MOBТ, as well as all of his friends in the

something we can achieve. This is not going to be easy because some of our financial support, naturally, comes from those within the Industry - and all of them, intercity, charter, and city/suburban transit have been hit in some way by the tragic events of September 11. A reduction in their business also affects the bus manufacturers and will have an impact on gifts and donations to MOBТ.

With this in mind your Vice-President for Advancement, Andy Pilotti, Secretary John Dockendorf

approved.)

The original AACA Museum has been scaled down, due to funding, and correspondingly the space we receive will also be smaller. At this time it looks as though, if we pursue this, we will initially have space for only 4 to 6 buses at any one time. We would have to move our stock around for originality to keep the Museum looking new and fresh.

Over the next few months we will be making some changes to certain

From the Acting Vice President

bus industry - and there are many throughout the Country.

Our Vice President Don Coffin (for medical reasons) resigned his position at our September Board Meeting, and I agreed to assume that position for the balance of this calendar year. We will be having elections of officers at our December 8, 2001 Annual Meeting (see details).

The events that took place on September 11, 2001, will most likely change, possibly forever, the way we conduct our lives. You will be pleased to know, however, that the Board of MOBТ plans to proceed with the Bus Museum. Not only do we know that Dick Maguire would have wanted that, but we all believe that it is

and I met with the AACA Board on October 9, 2001 (earlier that same day Andy attended the official ground breaking for the AACA Museum in Hershey, PA).

We presented AACA with a firm offer for an initial \$400,000 as a commitment to be an active participant in the forthcoming Museum. The AACA Board was most receptive and asked many questions about the MOBТ and the "bus hobby" in general. They were pleased to learn that much of what we do and how we do it is not unlike the automobile hobby. We came away feeling very good about our relationship with them and later learned that they voted to make us a part of the Museum. (We still have some items to discuss, but the basic framework has been

operating policies. If we want to make this work (and we all do) we will be seeking support of all of our members. We also know that there are many people out there who really care about this industry and would support us even if the only thing they did were to become a member. If you know anyone in that category please let us know and we'll send him a member application form. (Membership is still only \$20.00 - but more members mean more support).

You can count on me to give you as much time as possible to make the Museum happen. If you'd like to talk with me, feel free to call me at my office (SEPTA 215-580-7979) or at home (610-325-5968).

Tom Collins

On The Cover: Although this scene was photographed back in May of 1937, the typography and highway are typical of what might be seen today. This Yellow Coach Model 740 is working Route "C" commuter service for Pacific Greyhound Lines (and yes, it is a diesel-powered bus - one of the first).

ANNUAL MEETING

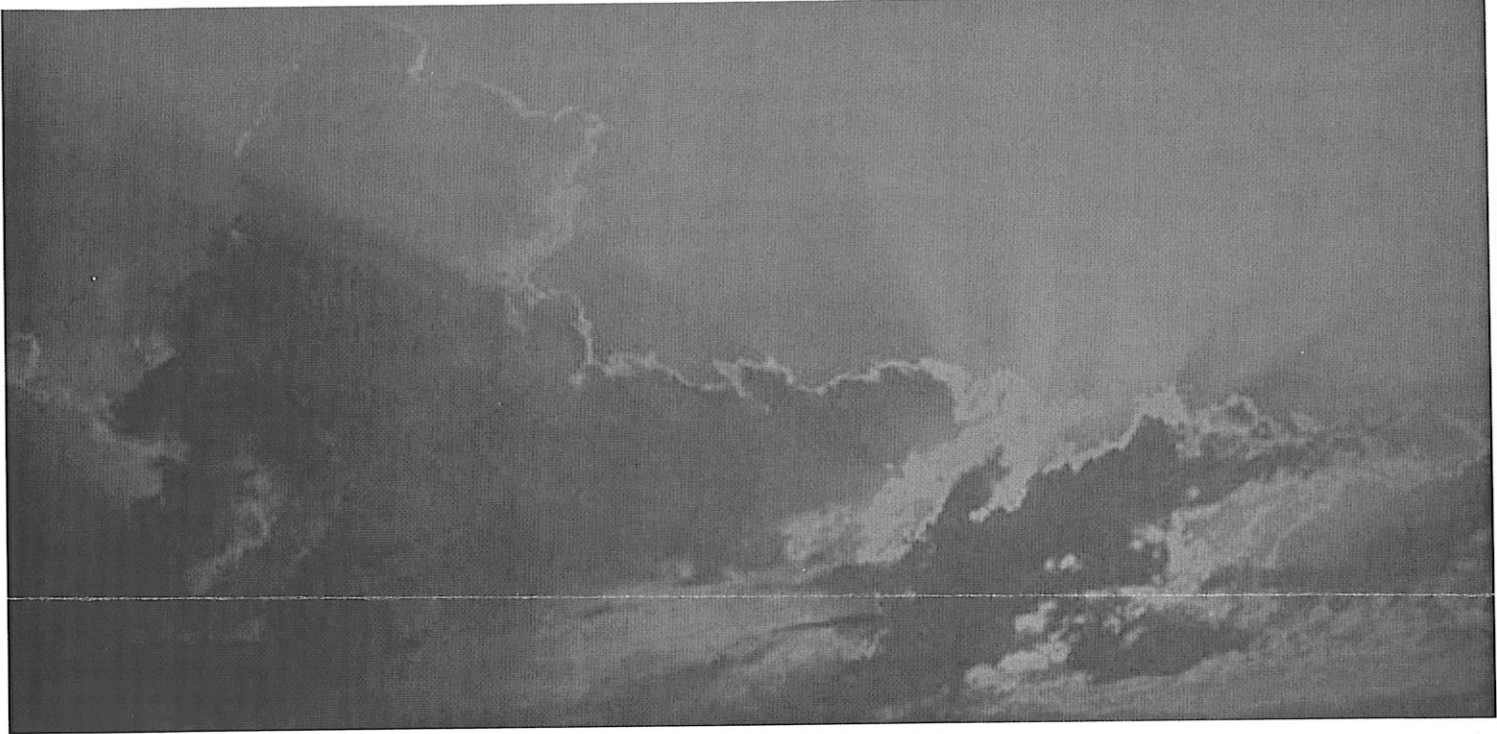
*Saturday December 8, 2001
Capitol Area Transit Authority (CAT)
901 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA
(easy access from Interstates)*

*9:30 – 10:30 AM -coffee and chat
10:30 AM - Annual Meeting*

Tour of facilities, downtown transfer points, terminals, etc., after meeting (we expect to use 2 different types of buses).



Mystery Bus: *This is an Austin Utility Coach, but can anyone out there tell us in what former bus manufacturing facility this was produced and during what years? (Hint, this was a low production unit.) Please call the Museum office (717-774-4848) with your answer (be sure you leave the date and time you called, in case of a tie). A prize will be in order.*



Richard J. Maguire, a respected friend and bus industry leader, passed away on Monday, October 29, 2001, after a brief period of illness.

Born in Pottsville, PA, on August 2, 1932, he was the son of the late Joseph L. and Lena G. Maguire. He attended Pottsville area schools and was a 1950 graduate of Valley Forge Military Academy (Wayne, PA). He then attended and graduated from Lehigh

Transportation Company (Reading Trailways) nearly doubled the size and Capitol service area.

Dick served on the Board of National Trailways for many years. He also was an active member of the Pennsylvania Bus Association and was their President from 1969 to 1972.

Dick became president of Capitol

Dick was a "hands on" manager - always eager to assist everyone, especially in times of heavy travel. Dick could often be seen in the terminal areas loading passengers and luggage. His employees were proud to be part of the "Maguire Family".

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Pottsville, PA, and served as president of our Museum of Bus Transportation.

Richard J. Maguire

University (Bethlehem, PA) in 1954 with a degree in Industrial Engineering. In 1955 he received a degree in Business Administration from Lehigh.

Although he assisted in the family business, Capitol Bus Company (Capitol Trailways) during his school years, he joined the business full-time upon graduation from Lehigh.

While serving as Vice-President of Operations at Capitol the company expanded rapidly. Its largest acquisition under Dick, Reading

Trailways in 1972. He served in this capacity until he retired in 1988. His many accomplishments included establishment of an airport connector service from Harrisburg Area Airport to BWI Airport outside Baltimore, installation of a two-way radio system in all Capitol buses in 1977, purchase of the Cameron Street property and remodeling it into a modern office and service facility, creation of the "Bus to the Big Apple" - Harrisburg to New York City through service, and purchasing one of the first fleet of MCI's to enter Trailways service.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ann L. Hafer, to whom he was married 41 years.

He will be sadly missed by all of the many friends he had in this industry - somehow it will not quite be the same. His inspiration, guidance, and humor will be with us all for many years to come. Dick Maguire was a true transportation professional with a passion for serving the public.
