

# Bus Musings



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The Annual Meeting of the Members of the Museum in Philadelphia on December 9th was a great success. Our thanks go out to all of you who attended, and to the 81 members who sent in their voting proxy for the meeting. Our host was the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, who provided a great meeting room, and transportation to visit their new Midvale Depot - super size and super facilities. Directors Dockendorf, Nice and Smith were elected for a new three-year term, and our CPA was reappointed for audit purpose.

detail on the basis on which we will share the building to be constructed near Hershey, PA. The new letter provides that we may participate either on a capital investment basis or a rental-of-space basis. The capital investment basis is by far the most desirable in that it is much less expensive to our Museum in the long run. The rental-of-space basis is a fall-back in the event we have not raised sufficient capital by the time the building is to be built. The cost of construction is not known at this point, so we do not have more than a broad estimate of

manual collection is at the AACAL&RC, and is now available to those seeking information. They also have considerable bus data of their own that is available. Their address is 501 West Governor Road, Hershey, PA 17033, and their telephone is (717) 534-2082.

The site for the Museum building itself has been prepared. Since we visited the site at the time of our last Annual Meeting, the Hotel has been completed and is operating. The Hershey Region of AACA has completed

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## The President's Comments

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I'm pleased to report that we have 226 members at this time, quite an increase from the 80 we had for our first Annual Meeting in 1995. Our members come from 30 States and the District of Columbia.

The Museum's Board and Officers have had a busy year, and I'd like to comment on some of the highlights of the year 2000.

We signed a new Letter Of Intent with AACA Museum, Inc., providing considerable more

the cost of either option.

To make some of the archival material we have collected available now to Members and the public, we have made agreement with AACA Library and Research Center, Inc. for the storage and administration of our collection. The Library and Research Center has a full-time employed staff and all the facilities to research and duplicate materials for those seeking information. The cost to us is far less than it would be to provide these services on our own. To date, our extensive bus

its new headquarters and meeting building at the site, and it's quite attractive. The ground contour for the Museum has been graded, and is ready for construction. AACA Museum is making a full-bore drive to raise the final sum it needs for construction, and has set an 18 month goal to achieve that.

At the end of the year 2000 we expect to have \$650,000 plus in cash and equivalents, and we have pledges of additional payment of \$666,500 in future years.

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*About the cover: A 1940 Yellow Coach model TD-4502 poses for a publicity shot. Notice the straight windshield which was a short lived feature of early Monocoque Yellows. This photo is one of the many willed to MOBT by the estate of the late Tom Vandergrift.*

The Goal of our Campaign from its start has been to raise \$2 million for construction and furnishing, and \$2 million for endowment of the Museum. The Museum will be best served if we raise those sums. To energize - to light a fire under - our Campaign, we have in the last month hired an experienced fund-raiser to operate our Campaign. After several months of search and interview, Andrew Pilotti was chosen for the job. Andy started his career with Boy Scouts of America, and moved on to provide his services raising funds for Monmouth College of New Jersey. Andy's title is Vice President For Advancement. He will operate from his at-home

office in Lancaster, PA, and has a lot of hard work ahead of him. We think he's the man for the job.

The Museum took possession of four buses for its collection in 2000. Louis Magnano of Olean, NY donated three - a 1932 Yellow Coach Model U, a 1947 GM model PD-3703, and a 1952 GM model PD-4103. SEPTA of Philadelphia has provided a Volvo 40 passenger 1985 coach for a fee of \$550.00. Dick Fullington has completed restoration of a 1929 Yellow Coach Model W which will be gifted to the Museum.'

The Museum has been honored

to receive/gifts this year in memory of Mrs. Anna Wilson (Wilson Bus Lines, East Templeton, MA), A.J. Achabal (Boise-Winnemucca Stages, Boise, ID), and Carl Kephart (Susquehanna Transit Co., Avis, PA). We thank those who chose to honor their departed friends in this way.

The year 2000 has been a busy one at the Lemoyne office, and 2001 will prove to be an even busier year. We look forward to the challenge. All of us send our best wishes to you for a healthful and prosperous 2001.

*Richard J. Maguire*  
Richard J. Maguire, President



*Special feature ....*

*The first MOBT member to call the museum office (717-774-4848) and correctly identify this prewar Flxible will win a prize (need year and model number) .... Good luck!*

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We welcome Andrew (Andy) W. Pilotti to MOBT as our first full-time staff member.

Andy was selected to become our first Vice-President for advancement.

Andy holds degrees from Broome Community College and Binghamton University where he majored in Liberal arts. He has put that to use in his previous employment which spans over 12 years experience in fund raising and public relations.

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### **Staff Bio**

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Immediately prior to joining MOBT he was the Director of Annual Giving for Mommouth University in West Long Branch, N.J.

He is an excellent public speaker, has exceptional phone etiquette and is highly organized.

He will work out of his home in suburban Lancaster County Pennsylvania but is expected to travel extensively to promote the MOBT. We welcome Andy to our staff.

