

# Bus Musings



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Although we are in the "dog days" of summer our spirit and enthusiasm has not waived.

We have continued to meet with the AACA (Antique Automobile Club of America) Museum Board to formalize

and steelwork has been erected.

The AACA Museum Board (which we will be a part of) expects to be in business with our unit well on board by late spring of 2003.

As discussed earlier, buses will

a real friend of the bus industry.

We have signed an agreement with Geller Real Estate in Lebanon, PA to rent a facility to house our fleet (see page 3).

MOBT personnel attended the

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## Greetings From Your Board

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our agreement, and although we thought we'd have one signed (as reported in our last newsletter) we are very close at this time.

The Museum is well underway

be mixed with period automobiles with the displays switched on a regular basis. This will be coordinated by John Zolomis, the full-time curator of the AACA Museum (they pay his salary). John is

recent SEPTA Roadeo in Philadelphia, as well as the "Gathering of Buses" in Rocky Hill, CT. We plan to attend the "Bus Bash" at Anderson Coach and Tour on September 1, 2002, in Greenville, PA.

### The current Board consists of the following:

**J. Thomas Collins, President (SEPTA)**  
**John Dockendorf, Vice President (PennDOT)**  
**Edwin P. Wolf, Treasurer (Wolf's Bus Lines)**  
**Donald M. Coffin (Greyhound Archives)**  
**J. Richard Fullington (Fullington Trailways)**  
**Constance Mandros (Mandros Foods)**  
**Howard Nice (Greyhound Lines)**  
**Robert L. Smith (Johnson Bus Service)**  
**Ronald Cornell (ABC Companies)**

It is not too early to start thinking about our Annual Meeting on Saturday, December 7, 2002. We are

considering having this in the Lebanon, PA area so that members can visit our new storage facility. Of course,

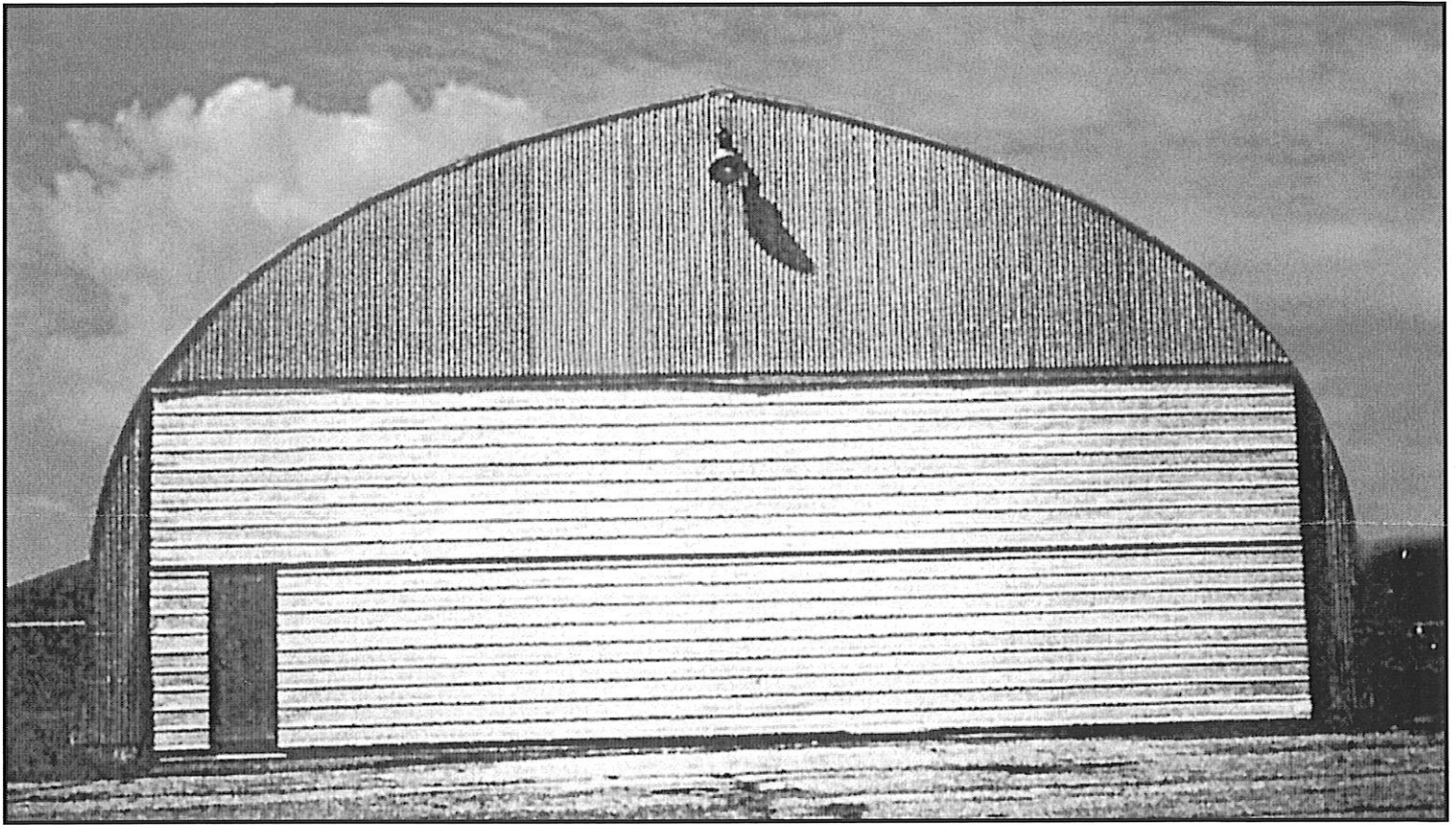
there will be a fan trip with something interesting.

Thanks for supporting us!

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### *On The Cover:*

*These mighty Fitzjohn Falcons provided much of All-American Bus Lines, Inc. (the other cross-country bus route) coast to coast service in the 1930's and 1940's.*



Your MOBT Board recently signed a lease for a property located at 633 West Lincoln

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## Our New Storage Facility

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Avenue in Myerstown, PA (Lebanon, PA). This well-maintained facility (a former

private airplane hanger) will house our growing fleet of buses and allow us to have a garage within easy driving distance of Hershey and the Museum site.

Consisting of 5,650 square feet, this property will also give us some needed storage space for our archives.

Rental will be \$1,413 per month. The lease has been signed for three years with two additional options of three years each.

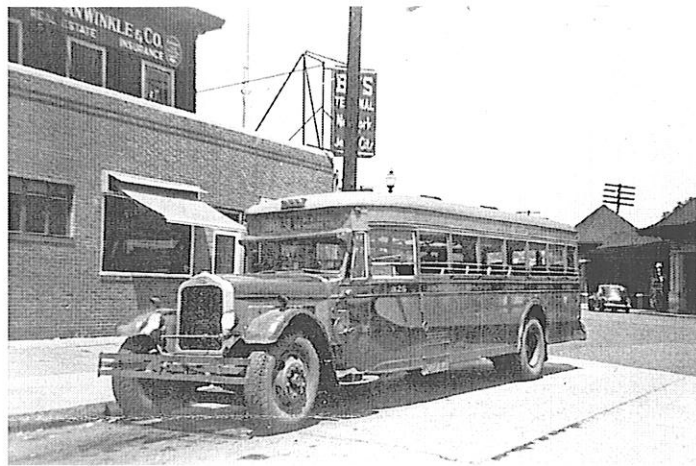
We expect to have several "working weekends" to maintain our fleet. Watch this publication for additional information.

## REMAINING MEETINGS FOR CY 2002

August 20  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 7 (Annual Meeting)

All meetings, except the annual are at our Lemoyne office at 6:30 PM. All members are invited.

**ACF-Brill C-44 (right)**  
Baltimore Transit Company had the largest fleet of this ACF model; 162 of them were delivered in late 1947 and early 1948. These units were built in ACF's Nashville, TN plant. This is No. 2564..



**A(left) White 54-A**  
Jersey City and Lyndhurst Bus Co. White No. 325 poses for the camera in this 1944 view.

**Coachette (right)**  
How many of you recall the limited production Coachette which was built for a few years in the early 1950's? This was No. 28 in the Silver Spring Transit fleet (MD). It was going strong in this July 1955 photo.



**(left) Pullman-Standard TT**  
Memphis Street Railways No. 552 was produced in 1942 and provided dependable transportation for thousands during the War years.



**Of Interest (above)**  
O.K., we don't know what this is, but we like the photo.....sort of looks like it's waiting to be picked up by a bus museum. Any thoughts on what this really is!