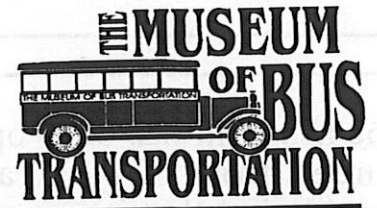


# Bus Musings



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The Museum has been open since June 29th, and considering that it is a new venture, the average attendance of 184 seems somewhat respectable.

MOBT. (We now have a set of special dark blue vests to identify us.)

Dick Fullington has donated an old "Cleveland" fare box to the Museum. Completely

donated this Wayne bodied bus which has traveled 21,000 miles. We immediately placed it into the Museum to give us school bus exposure.

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## From the Board Room

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It is a relative given that while many visitors come to see the cars, nearly all of them spend time in the bus display area and they ask questions and seem to enjoy the buses. Several have joined MOBT as a result of their visit. We have been fortunate to be able to staff our display area every weekend, mostly with our own Board Members, but lately with an increasing pool of Members. (We can always use more help!) The volunteers maintain the displays, answer questions, and distribute data about

refinished and mounted on an attractive stand it serves quite well as a "donation box". Nearly every youngster drops a coin just to see where the money goes; the older set insert paper money. We hope to use this revenue for additional restoration work on the fleet.

Speaking of the fleet, we have good news!

### NEW ARRIVALS:

**1953 Chevrolet (School Bus)**  
– Member Dan Lehman

**1945 Aerocoach P45/37** – The famous Aerocoach owned by John Baran of Baran's Transit Lines, Inc, has been donated to us. It may be one of the last of its kind. Early placement into the display area is planned.

**1984 MCI-MC9** – One of only five unique 2-axle MC-9's Bonanza No. 8405 was donated by George Sage. Member Jeff Miller will deliver the coach to Myerstown in September.

## ANNUAL MEETING/FUND RAISING DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2003 • AACA MUSEUM – BOARD ROOM • HERSHEY, PA

2:00 – 3:00 PM – Annual Meeting

3:00 – 5:30 PM – Fan Trip

5:30 – 6:00 PM – Reception

6:00 – 8:00 PM – Dinner

*Jim Lehrer will be our guest dinner speaker*

(See flyer for more details)

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### On The Cover:

U.S. Army #20932209 a PGA-3301. Part of the 840 built in 1951, using old PG29 and TGH 2708 dies and panels. These ran on virtually every military base for a number of years.

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Our 1974 Golden Eagle will be receiving some cosmetic work at Dick Fullington's Clearfield facility, in order to prepare it for display in early 2004.

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## Other News of Interest

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Board Member Clancy Cornell (ABC) has agreed to have his ABC (Camden, NJ) facility paint our 1951 GM PD 4103 in Greyhound colors, thus representing one of the 1,500 examples of this type of coach that Greyhound once operated. When complete this will be our Greyhound Coach in the 1950-52 era.

Plans are also underway to do some cosmetic work on our rare ex-SEPTA 1984 Volvo 40-ft. City Bus (Model B-10M), and the 1974 AM General ex-Greater Richmond.

Members Ron Patterson and Don Coffin have donated uniforms to the display, Dan Lehman has given us his

collection of model school buses and Doug Wotring has donated a large display case – All appreciated!.

Our Gift Shop has had a respectable start but needs more bus related items. We are turning our attention to this now.

When "Antique Car Week" rolls into Hershey October 4-12, the Museum will be open every day, 9:00 AM o 9:00 PM. Two volunteers are needed for each day. Please call Tom Collins at 215-580-7979 if you're available. Financially, we continue to encounter "start-up" costs, but

are holding steady. We're always open to donations.

Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting. In the meantime, how about that great book by Marvin Walsh "My Story: The Scenic Route"? What a great piece of reading material by a very respected bus professional.

Our membership is always coming up with something interesting. How about Gary Blair's 1961 REO (Oneida Body) school bus? This was taken on July 2001 – the bus had just traveled 2,000 miles (no error). It was never used! What a find!





**ACF 37-P (right)**  
A 1939 model operated by Boston  
and Maine Transportation Co.  
snapped in Nashua, NH in 1951.

(P. Leger)



**(left) Beaver B-35PT**  
Halloway Bus Service, Inc.  
(Clementon, NJ) #48 was one of the  
last Beaver buses built.

(B. Leonard)

**Mack L-25 (right)**  
Another Mack L-25. This one a 1941  
model as operated by West Chester  
Surface Ways, Inc.

(A. Gilcher)



**(left) Beck BM-37 Special**  
Originally a Queen City Trailways  
Coach, this 35' Coach found a new  
home at Five Mile Beach Electric  
Railway Co. in the 1960's.

(G. Myers)