

Bus Musings



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Not unlike much of the country and most businesses, especially those of us in the bus transportation industry, MOBT has had a tough winter. For the first time our expenses (rent, printing, administration, and an advance payment to Cenyx Corp.) exceeded income.

Cenyx has been retained to provide the graphics and signage in the Museum. Your Board has

days was held on Sunday, March 30th. Over 20 members and guests showed up at the Myerstown storage area. We are happy to report that all 11 vehicles stored inside and outside started (some with coaxing) and ran for at least 30 minutes each (quite a feat after a long cold winter).

The Board feels that, at least for the 2003-04 year, it needs to renew the lease at the Lemoyne

advises us that the new AACA Museum curator is Jeffrey Bliemeister. Annamarie Gargans has been hired as Director of Sales and Marketing.

These individuals are employees of the AACA Museum and will be working with us over the next few months.

There has been renewed interest from some industry personnel

Greetings from your Board

selected the growth and development of the industry through the decades (1900 through 1970) as a theme. Displays and vehicles initially selected will depict this 70-year period.

Display buses will be a combination of donated (loaned) vehicles, and those from our own collection. We feel that what we have initially selected will do the industry proud.

Display items will be moved into the AACA facility in mid-May (your help would be appreciated – call the Museum for dates) in preparation for the “soft opening” on June 29, 2003.

The first of several “working”

office. Most likely we will move into the AACA Museum in 2004 even if we have a smaller space.

The Board voted to accept the offer of a nearly pristine 1975 MCI MC-8 Coach from Red Lion Bus Co. (Dennis Warner, President). This will be moved to Myerstown in early May (see page 3).

Our equities (cd’s, etc.) remained stable, considering the state of the economy.

The 2003 issue of “Bus Musings” has been submitted to AACA to be judged in their newsletter contest.

Don Barlup, our AACA liaison and MOBT Board Member,

and others regarding donations to the Museum. On this note, YOUR extra contributions would be appreciated. We need more bus related items to add to the display. Remember that you are merely loaning this material.

Please call us to obtain additional information.

We’ve received excellent publicity in the “Trailways Traveler”, thanks to Bob Beard.

Other industry publications are recognizing us as well.

2003 should be a great year for us!

Refer to page 3 for more data on upcoming events.

On The Cover:

An “oldie” – 1920 White Model 15 (Concordia Transportation in Louisiana)

UPCOMING MOBT ACTIVITIES:

REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS (Open to all Members):

Wednesday, May 7th
Tuesday, June 3rd
Tuesday, July 1st
Tuesday, August 5th
Tuesday, September 2nd
Tuesday, October 7th
Tuesday, November 4th

The above meetings will be held at 6:30 PM at the Lemoyne Office.

AACA MUSEUM EVENTS (Hershey, PA):

“Soft Opening” – Sunday, June 29, 2003
“Grand Opening” – Saturday, October 11, 2003

“WORKING DAYS” (Myerstown, PA)

Wednesday, May 7th, 8:30 AM
Saturday, June 7th, 8:30 AM

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, December 6th (location to be announced)



(left) New Acquisition

Coach #5701, 1975 MCI MC-8 (rebuilt in 2001). This is the first new MCI Coach that was delivered to Red Lion Bus Co. (Red Lion, PA) under the Warner Management (current owner). This fine vehicle was donated by Dennis Warner, President of Red Lion Bus Co.

REMEMBER – WE NEED BUS MEMORABILIA FOR THE MUSEUM! PLEASE CONTACT US.

ACF Brill IC-41 (right)
Carolina Coach Co. #C-661 rests
between assignments along the wall
of the old Trailways Eye St. Terminal,
Washington, DC.

Nearing the end of its Trailways
career, this photo was taken in July,
1955.

(F. W. Schneider)



(left) GM Coach PD 4103
Eastern Greyhound #E-8195 was not
very old when this March 1952 photo
was taken in New York City.

Dubbed "Henry J'5" by most
Greyhound drivers these units never
achieved "front line" status.

(W. Hulsweder)

Yellow Coach Model 732 (right)
Missouri Pacific Trailways had a
small fleet of these 732 units. This
one is shown outside Pontiac, MI in
1937.

(T. C. Vandergrift)



(left) Twin Coach Model 38-S
Detroit Street Railways (DSR) was
for many years the Gray Line
operator in that City. A fleet of
dedicated buses was always on hand
for this service as shown in this
January, 1947 photo.

(T. C. Vandergrift)