

Bus Musings

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Well, we finally did it! We reached our goal, and more importantly, Richard J. Maguire's dream of a "real bus museum".

While not exactly a "real" bus museum, it is, however, allowing the bus industry to be represented in a first class facility dedicated to the "American Road. It is

newspapers from Harrisburg, Reading, Hazleton, Lebanon, York and Wilkes Barre toured the Museum and photographed the cars and buses. Several Board members were interviewed for comments relating to the bus industry.

This facility is in the right place - Hershey, PA, a

some scenery such as benches, bus stops and trees. We also plan to have street signs that read "Richard Avenue and Maguire Boulevard", in honor of our late President.

The gift shop will carry more items and have enhanced signage. It is also planned to add a School Bus to our vehicle display. Greyhound

Greetings from your Board

unlikely that we would have ever achieved this in a stand-alone facility.

Prior to the "soft opening" on June 29th, your Board was very active in placing vehicles, signs, and items to be sold in the "Bus Depot", our corner of the gift shop. Several Board members took time off from their regular jobs to set up displays. Assistance was also provided by MOBT members from the surrounding area.

Working down to the wire, we were very concerned that as late as Thursday, June 26th, a scant three days before opening, neither the AACA or the MOBT was ready. Finishing touches were applied as late as Saturday, June 28th. The local press,

destination city for families, seniors, and charter and tour bus groups. It will be an addition to all the other attractions in Hershey, such as Hersheypark, Hotel Hershey, Hershey Gardens, Chocolate World and the Giant Center.

If we sound proud, we are! Our thanks go to the late Dick Maguire for his idea of partnering with the AACA. Special thanks go to AACA Museum Board Members Bill Smith and Don Barlup for believing in us. (Don also serves on our Board.)

June 29th was only the "soft opening", and we have much more to do prior to October 18th. We will need to complete our timeline, add

representation is in the planning stage, as well.

At this juncture we cannot rest on our laurels; we need your assistance as a weekend volunteer, or to donate additional money or items for the Museum.

Also, please plan to attend our upcoming Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 18th. It will be very special this year. Jim Lehrer will be our guest dinner speaker, and we plan to have an interesting local fan trip as well.

On The Cover:

This is one of those "classic" new bus line-ups. In this case, 10 White 798's pose for the San Francisco Public Utilities camera on August 27, 1946.

ANNUAL MEETING/FUND RAISING DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 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

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

In other MOBT related news, we regret to inform you that Board Member John Draugelis has resigned to spend more time in his business. John prepared a beautiful banner that hangs over our portion of the Museum. Don Coffin has been appointed

to fill the remainder of his term.

Speaking of the Board, it's nomination time (see enclosed material). Please contact us if you have a candidate.

We're definitely off and running,

but much work remains. We need weekend volunteers (9:00 AM – 5:00 PM). Please contact Tom Collins at 215-580-7979, if available.



June 3, 2003 – President Collins and Fleet Manager Adamire prepare to leave Myerstown, PA for Hershey, PA. (Yes, they drove their units 20 miles without a problem!)



June 3, 2003 – A Fullington Trailways staff member backs the 1915 White into the Museum. This bus is the oldest unit on display, and has been a favorite.



June 4, 2003 – The late Dick Maguire's 1927 Fageol arrives via flat bed, but it entered the building under its own power. The public really likes this one.



June 3, 2003 – The 1936 Chevrolet and the Fageol in the display area. Note the "bare" walls which will soon feature bus memorabilia in a seven-decade timeline.

*ACF-Brill C-44 (right)
Southeastern Greyhound #M-842 on
a special to "Hermitage" (Tennessee)
the home of Andrew Jackson, taken
August 1954*

(F. Schneider)



*(left) ACF H-9
Santa Fe Trailways Coach #177
working the Salina-Oklahoma City
run on July 4, 1943*

(L. O. Merwood)

*Mack L-25 (right)
Lehigh Valley Transit Co. 1939 Mack
(Fleet Nos. 400-462). This was one
of two, which were discovered in an
auto graveyard in suburban
Allentown, in 2001, virtually intact
at the time of this photo!
Unfortunately, these got away from
us.*

(T. Collins)



*(left) GM PD 3703
When Greyhound bought Blue Ridge
Lines in the early 1950's it acquired
a variety of "non-standard"
Greyhound buses which remained on
the roster for a number of years*

(F. Schneider)