

Bus Musings

THE MUSEUM
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This past year has been a very rewarding one for the Museum of bus Transportation.

Recapping our progress, we signed the agreement with AACA for space in the Museum;

have met with some industry leaders and others as we seek a dedicated flow of funds over the next few years; this has been very positive.

New Board Members are: Terry

pictures, and large models for display. Any items used will be on loan and "rotated" several times a year, as we alter the display area.

In closing, we have found the

Greetings from your Board

we have a single storage facility for our vehicles; and we finished the year with a substantial increase in net income from the previous year (see profit and loss statement).

Nearly 30 members attended a very successful annual meeting in Myerstown, PA. The Lantern Lodge was an ideal winter setting for the meeting. A full sit-down luncheon was provided prior to the field trip to the County of Lebanon Transit System and the MOBT Myerstown storage facility.

A flea market was held with all revenues returned to our treasury, culminating a great year.

In other matters, several officers

Cosentino, John Draugelis and Don Barlup.

Additional offers of vehicles have come to us from Madison Metro, Red Lion Bus Company and H. Lehman. We are pursuing all of them. The Madison fleet consists of some real gems.

No changes are planned to our quarterly newsletter, at this time.

In the interest of controlling costs, adding a page or going to a full color "Bus Musings" will not occur in 2003. Feedback for "Bus Musings" in its present format has been generally good.

At this point, we are requesting large bus related items to be used in our section of the Hershey Museum. We need signs,

book "Riding the Bus with my Sister" by Rachel Simon to be a well-written, powerful and compassionate piece of reading.

It presents a different slant on bus riders and, specifically, the bus driver. (More information on this book can be obtained by calling 610-526-5309.)

The AACA Museum is scheduled for a "soft opening" in June, with the grand opening set for October, in conjunction with the annual AACA fall meeting in Hershey.

The year 2003 will be an exciting year for us. We continue to encourage your support (especially financial).

On The Cover:

MOBT represents all buses, including school vehicles.

Featured this month is a Crown Supercoach typical of many California school buses in the 1950's. Crown school buses of this vintage are still in daily operation in Southern California and Mexico.

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Profit & Loss
January through December 2002

Ordinary Income/Expense

<i>Income</i>	
3050 Contributions-Others Unrest...	\$ 151,590.00
3090 Membership Dues	\$ 2,840.00
3120 Special Events-I	\$ 317.50
3125 Special Events- Septa Bus	\$ 619.00
<i>Total Income</i>	\$ 155,366.50
<i>Expense</i>	
4020 Transport Expense	\$ 2,000.00
4050 Contributions/Donations	\$ 50.00
4070 Dues and Subscriptions	\$ 1,320.00
4080 Website/Equipment Rental	\$ 576.45
4100 Insurance-Liability	\$ 3,566.65
4140 Licenses and Permits	\$ 2,120.00
4160 Office Exp-Typing/Temp....	\$ 575.34
4170 Payroll Taxes-	\$ 10.00
4180 Prof. Fees-Accounting	\$ 2,300.00
4200 Prof. Fees-Legal	\$ 3,119.35
4210 Postage and Delivery	\$ 568.88
4215 AOL Online Fees	\$ 23.90
4220 Printing and Reproduction	\$ 885.92
4230 Program Expense	\$ 0.00
4240 Rent-Office	\$ 4,752.99
4245 Rent-Bus Housing	\$ 19,208.50
4270 Repairs-Equipment	\$ 92.59
4290 Special Event Exp.-I	\$ 25.00
4320 Supplies-Office	\$ 524.53
4330 Telephone	\$ 843.21
4370 Utilities-Gas/Electric	\$ 381.51
<i>Total Expense</i>	\$ 42,944.82
<i>Net Ordinary Income</i>	\$ 112,421.68

Other Income/Expense

<i>Other Income</i>	
5000 Gain/Loss Investments	\$ 12,286.84
7030 Other Income	\$ 625.00
<i>Total Other Income</i>	\$ 12,911.84
<i>Net Other Income</i>	\$ 12,911.84
<i>Net Income</i>	\$ 125,333.52

White HPO (right)
HPO #1 is a 35 ft. White originally built in 1949 and fully restored in 1988. It is shown here at Markham, West Virginia, in April 1988, making a special trip over its former route. (Photo courtesy of Dr. Scheer Railway Mail Service)



(left) GM TDH 3612
Fresh out of the paint shop is Community Transit Co. (Toledo, Ohio) No. 2135. This photo was taken in early 1961. GM's were the mainstay of the fleet. (Courtesy of T. Collins collection)

GM Coach PD 4104 (right)
An interesting photo from the late T.C. Vandergrift collection shows a Monumental Motor Tours (Baltimore, Maryland) 4104 at the Pontiac GM Plant in April, 1962. It transported a group of Monumental drivers to pick up new PD 4106's. (Taken April 2, 1962)



(left) Twin Coach Model FLP-35
San Antonio Transit Co. acquired 30 of these 35-foot models in 1952. They looked sharp in the SAT green and grey paint scheme. (Royal photo)