

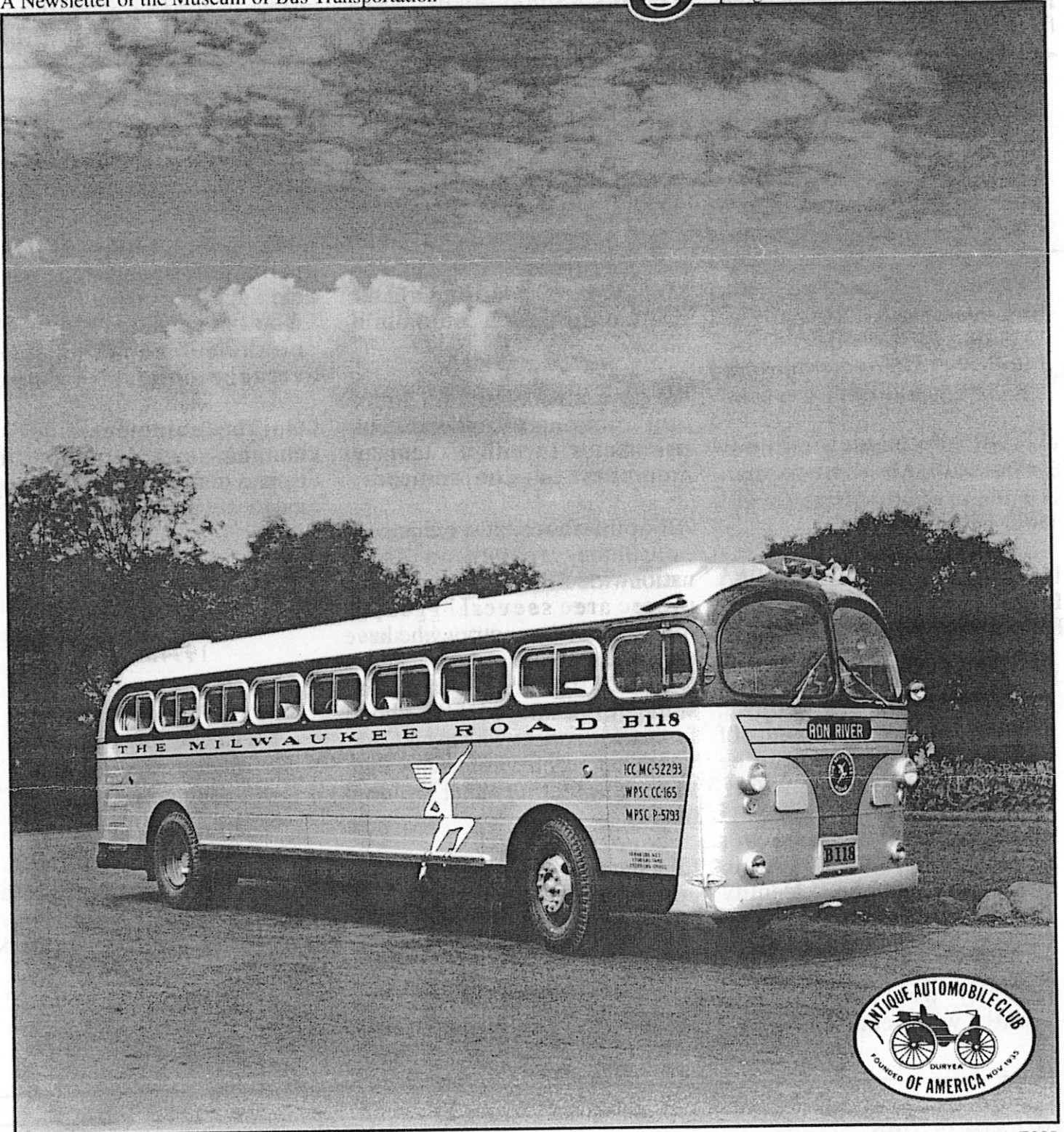
Bus Musings

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Since you will be receiving this, we are already well into the first quarter of 2004 and we are pleased to report some progress and changes in certain key areas.

Perhaps the most important is the fact that effective May 31, 2004

articles in *National Bus Trader*, *Antique Automobile*, *Old Cars*, *The Bus Digest*, and the *Trailways Traveler*.

MOBT board members, or designated delegates, have attended the American Bus

in memberships and more contributions. Imagine how our projected financial condition would improve if every current member enlisted only one new member or if you as a current member made a contribution (always tax deductible)?

From the Directors

we will be closing our "corporate offices" at Lemoyne, PA. This office has served us well since 1994 (through those important formative years). Originally it was our late president Dick Maguire's office which he manned several days a week.

We will be moving into new facilities in the Museum complex. Our new mailing address, for all items, will change to:

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Although we will not always have a person physically in the office, calls and mail for the Museum of Bus Transportation will be handled by the Museum staff.

This move will save us over \$6,000 per year in addition to firmly establishing our identity with the Museum.

The other significant news is the publicity we have received recently with feature or news

Association Marketplace, the Trailways National Convention, the Pennsylvania Bus Association Marketplace, and the Greater Harrisburg Area Automobile Show.

We have also started a "direct mail" campaign to individual bus companies to enlist them as members or contributors.

All of the above have enhanced our name recognition as a nationwide Bus Museum. While there are several groups throughout the country who have collected or store older vehicles (most of them with outside storage), we have had the good fortune to partner with the AACA, which has enabled us to enjoy the first class facility that we now have.

Encountering a myriad of "start up" costs our net operating loss for the year 2003 was nearly \$33,000. This is likely to continue into 2004.

What we need now is a growth

We've included a revised membership form with this mailing - now it's up to you to help us add members. Perhaps a fellow bus enthusiast, co-worker, or a driver who has an above average interest in buses.

On the equipment side we changed several of our bus displays in mid-January. Changes made were as follows:

OUT

1936 Chevrolet
1951 Fitzjohn
1974MC-8

IN

1934 Yellow Coach
(Little Seymour)
1959 GM 4515
1952GM4103

The 4103 was completely restored by the capable staff of the ABC Northeast (Camden, NJ) facility.

ON THE COVER:

A 1945 Aerocoach P45/37 shown as delivered new to the bus division of The Milwaukee Road (MOBT owns one of these handsome coaches... thanks to John Baran).

ABC transformed this coach (which has had 5 prior owners!) into Southeastern Greyhound Lines # M-180 replete with a new set of Greyhound dogs. This was done through the courtesy of Clancy Cornell, chairman of ABC Companies (and a MOBT board member). Displaying this unit introduces "Greyhound" to the museum.

Our spring plans call for possibly making a change in our school

bus display, we are currently working on that.

Many of you have asked for a set of archives to trace the background of the busses we own or display. Member Paul Semindinger has done a fine job on this (copies attached).

We have plans for three separate events - May 1, 2004, June 26, 2004 and our annual meeting October 23, 2004 (see details on

separate page).

All board meetings continue to be open to the general membership - please call Tom Collins (215-580-7979) for details.

Looking forward to the spring and MOBT activities - we continue to enlist your financial support and volunteering.

MEMBERSHIP NOTES AND RECOGNITION

Kurt Resch - Author of A World of Bus Toys and Models has offered to assist us in volunteering for weekend assignment at the Museum.

Bob Beard - Always ready to help us, Bob was responsible for the distribution of MOBT data to nearly 300 delegates at the recent Trailways Convention in San Diego.

Gene Zimmerman - Gene is the Executive Director for the Pennsylvania Bus Association who publishes The Bus Digest. He recently featured an article on the Museum.

Richard Phillippi & Paul Semindiner - Thanks for helping with the change of bus displays on January 20, 2004.

Doug Wotring - Doug has come forward with several good ideas which will enhance the Museum and Museum Store.

Carrie Smith - Continues to spend much time at the Museum. Thanks continue to go to her for all she does.

David Pickeral - Our "Capitol Area" member who is checking into alternative funding sources.

Clancy Cornell - This is an official acknowledgement for the efforts of ABC in restoring the 4103.

Dino Mandros - Board member Dino personally funded the repainting (inside and out) of our ex-CAT 4523A. - The CAT shop crew did the work and Dino paid for it. - The bus looks like it did when delivered in 1975!

Dave Derstine - For loaning us some excellent models. - That Almeida 4106 is really a beauty!

John Dockendorf - Continues to expend an inordinate amount of personal time to perform ancillary MOBT support functions.

Those who purchased timeline paddles - Ann Maguire, Dino Mandros, Ed Wolf, Bob Smith, Tom Collins, Don Coffin, Bob Sauer, Marvin Walsh, Terry Cosentino, Don Barlup, Howard Nice, David Schmidt, Brad Wolf, Carrie Smith, E & B Transportation, and Can - Am Tours. - Thanks to all of them the "1930's" are complete. - Now it's on to the "1940's".



Spartan

This small lightweight rear engine bus was extremely rare. Navi Hopi Tours (Arizona) ran this one as shown in this August 1950 photo. (Hoschek)

Kalamazzo
A "Pony Cruiser", circa 1945, as operated by Berg Bus Lines (Minnesota). (Luke)



Eagle 05

This photo taken at the Trailways garage in Hoboken, NJ in 1968 shows one of the Eagles destined for Edwards Motor Transit (Lakes - To - Sea - System). This became #681 in the Edwards fleet. (Collins)

Ford 79-B
This 1947 Ford was delivered new to Penn Highway Transit Company, in Lancaster, PA, for use on their three regular routes. This photo was snapped in 1955. (Cummings)

