

SPRING FLING HAS ARRIVED! COME JOIN THE FUN!

The Museum of Bus Transportation Spring Fling Open House is about to open the doors for another year fun! This is the biggest event of the Museum and brings in hundreds of visitors each year to the Museum. You should be one of them!

The event starts on Friday Night with the dinner and some special recognitions. If you are coming to Spring Fling, make plans now to come to the Friday Night dinner. You can sign up through the website. Seating is limited, so make your reservations now at the website (www.BusMuseum.org). Dinner starts at 6:00 pm, but members will assemble before that.

Then on Saturday, June 1st, the activities start at 8:00 am. This year's theme is "Transit Buses On Display". Not only will the Museum have some great pieces of its own to view, but also there will be others coming to the Spring Fling from visiting exhibitors. Of course, as always, there will be all types of antique buses on display, including motorcoaches, school buses and conversions, as well.



This year the Museum of Bus Transportation will once again be holding the "Parade of Buses," but with a bit of a twist. The buses in the Parade will be the ones who have won a trophy during judging earlier in the day. This year, trophies will be issued to "BEST IN SHOW" for the following areas:

- Classic Motorcoach
- School Bus
- Conversion
- Longest Distance
- Classic Transit Bus
- Contemporary Transit Bus
- Oldest Transit Bus

Bus enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their bus to display and possibly win a trophy. Make sure to go to the Museum website (www.BusMuseum.org) to register your bus now so the volunteers can plan on parking space.

The Annex will be open to those attending, which means this is the perfect time to see they entire fleet of the Museum of Bus Transportation! There will be a shuttle running between the main campus of the Museum to the Annex all day. You will need to have a wrist band to board the shuttle, so make sure to register upon arrival at the Museum Building. Admission and the Shuttle are both free for Museum Members, so make sure to bring your membership card that day! For non-members, admission is at a reduced fee of \$7.00 per person. Also, once again, there will be a food truck on the Main Campus of the Museum grounds.

A great day is planned for the bus enthusiast! Make sure to make plans to attend!



The Forrest Gump bus on display

Vendors are once again purchasing tables to show and sell their bus memorabilia. This is a great opportunity to pick up some great additions to your collections. You may have some double items in your collections, and this would be a great opportunity to bring them to the museum to sell them. You can use that cash to buy something from the other vendors that you may not have in your collection. There are a few tables left as this issue of "Musings" goes to print, so go online and purchase your table now. There are a limited supply of tables, so make sure to go online and get one as soon as you read this issue.

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The View from My Window by Mark L. Szyperski, Editor



Wow, another quarterly newsletter has come around, already! We had a short deadline to make printing schedule this month, so you may notice a few less of our regular contributors this issue, only because I didn't have the time and ability to reach out to all of them. You may also find a few more typos this issue, as we did not have the amount of time we usually have to proofread as much as we normally have done in the past. However, with the Spring Fling fast approaching, we felt it was important to get this issue out to you so that you have the information most important for planning your trip to join us for this year's Spring Fling.

I hope you will see the article on membership renewal or growth. Your membership is important to the daily operation of your Museum of Bus Transportation. You can join or renew your membership on our museum website by going to <https://busmuseum.org/membership-2/become-a-member/>

Spring Fling 2019 is fast approaching. As always, this event comes together from some great volunteers from your Museum. If you see someone in an Event T-shirt, please thank them for the time they have spent and are spending in order to make this event another great one. As you are aware, volunteers, with no paid staff, run your Museum of Bus Transportation completely. These are people like you across the United States who have the same desire as you do to see the history of our industry preserved for future bus enthusiasts. Yes, even someone in Nashville, TN, like me, can volunteer and make things happen for your Museum.

Finally, as always, I welcome comments, suggestions, critique and commentary on your newsletter, *Bus Musings*. The only way you can be assured that I have received your comments is to write to me directly. Telling a Board Member, another member, or anyone but me, means that there is a good chance that I didn't hear your comment. Also, as always, I welcome your contribution, should you wish to see your work shared here with your fellow members. I hope you will look for me and look me up at this year's Spring Fling and say, "HEY!"

Stay Safe!

Membership has its Benefits



Has your membership come up for renewal? Are you receiving this newsletter as a "Friend of the Museum,"? Perhaps you are reading this newsletter on our website. Your Museum of Bus Transportation is built around your membership. Your Museum is run completely by volunteers, and has no paid staff. That means 100% of your membership dues, or any donation you make to the museum, goes directly to the operation of your Museum. Fleet repairs, marketing of your Museum, upkeep and additions to your website all are possible from your memberships and your donations.

It is easy to renew your membership, join as a new member, or make a donation on the website. You may not live in close proximity to the museum, but you can still help with the mission of the Museum.

Go to <https://busmuseum.org/membership-2/become-a-member/> to renew or join. You can also download a membership form there if you prefer to mail it in with a check. If you would like to make a donation, again, go to the website and click on <https://busmuseum.org/product/additional-donation/> and you can make a donation right through the website. Of course, you can send donations direct to the museum, as well. Checks are welcome!

Either way, or both, your membership and your donation will help your Museum in its mission of education and history of the bus industry. You can live in Alaska, or Hershey, Pennsylvania, and your donation will equally help.

Fleet Report by Ken McNelis

As members and guests arrive at the Museum for this year's MBT Spring Fling, a Welcome display of three transit buses will greet them. The Fleet Committee has decided to stage our Baltimore Bus (TDH-5105), our Long Beach (GMC/RTS TH8201), and our Golden Gate (T8H5305A) on the lawn in front of the Museum.

The RTS and Golden Gate have been in the MBT collection for a number of years. The Baltimore Bus was recently acquired in December, 2018 from Charlie Neal thanks to Jeanne Altman.

Our other Baltimore Transit Bus (TDH4507) donated by Father Kevin Mueller will also be used at the Museum's Roadside Display Marquis.

FLEET COMMITTEE WORK SESSIONS

The Fleet Committee has the following work sessions set up for the rest of the year. If you are coming early for Spring Fling and would like to help we could use your help in cleaning and making the museum and equipment ready for our guests on many non-mechanical jobs. Of course, you do not need to be a mechanic to help the Fleet Committee!

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

Thursday, May 30, 2019

Friday, May 31, 2019

Saturday, June 15, 2019

Saturday, July 13, 2019

Saturday, August 17, 2019

Saturday, September 7, 2019

Friday, October 18, 2019

Saturday, November 16, 2019

We appreciate all the responses we have received so far this year. Please continue to consider helping us at our Annex Work Sessions.

If any of these days work for you and you can give us 7 hours of your time, please call Ken McNelis (610-203-7998) or email equipment@busmuseum.org.

PARTS NEEDED

The Fleet Committee would like to ask any members or friends of the Museum to search in the old storage places and parts trailers that you may have, to see if you have any of the items listed. The Museum would greatly appreciate you donating those items to our fleet. We are a 501(c)(3) and we will supply you with a donation letter for tax purposes.

At the present time, we are in need of the following items:

Fuel, Oil, Transmission Filters

3 Remote Starters

Fuel Transfer Priming Pump

Tires: Sizes 9.00X20 10.00X20 11.00X20

Battery box cable clamps

If you have any of the above, would you please call Ed Wolf at (717-253-2494) or Ken McNelis (610-203-7998) and let them know what you have to donate.

You can ship the items to:

Museum of Bus Transportation
ATTN: Fleet Committee
161 Museum Drive
Hershey, PA 17033

Also, you can bring the items to any of our future work sessions or the Spring Fling on June 1.

Thank you for supporting our Museum!

FEATURED BUS

Another transit bus that will be featured at the Annex property for this year's Spring Fling will be the transit bus that the Museum acquired from Altoona, PA (AMTRAN), last fall.

AMTRAN retired all of their 4523's on June 1, 2018 from active service and decided to donate six of the best buses to Museums. The Museum of Bus Transportation was happy to acquire Amtran #163 (T6H4523A-765) to replace Altoona's earlier donation #153 (T6H4523A-1289) that was totally destroyed in our flood of 2011.

Altoona is the First Transit Authority established in Pennsylvania and we are proud to be able to preserve one of their buses.

Thank you for donating your bus.



Ken McNelis, Fleet Manager



My Favorite Bus by Joseph Ferraro As Told to Tom Collins



Joseph Ferraro was, for years, the Superintendent of Equipment, for Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc.

Trans-Bridge, and its affiliate Delaware River Coach Lines, was based in Phillipsburg, NJ. In the period from 1941 through the 1960's, they were a transit and school-related operation. Charter and tours came on line in the early 1960s and they became well known in the Phillipsburg, NJ and Easton, PA, vicinity as a "full service" bus operation.

Joseph "Joe" Ferraro was proud of his fleet which consisted of various ACF models, most of which were purchased new, but had a keen eye for making purchases of other makes of used buses.

He convinced fellow family owners, Al Ferraro and John Ferraro, to start a used bus division known as the Trans-Del Equipment Co. Reading Transportation Company, aka Reading Trailways, ceased operating buses on December 31, 1964 and certain groups of its vehicles were available on the used coach market. Trans-Del purchased some of them and Trans-Del officially was in the used bus business.

This article, will focus, however, on Joe's favorite project and ultimately his favorite bus.

In early 1965, Joe purchased a unique GM TDM 4010, one of only 4 ever produced. It was delivered new to Mall Tool Company as a showroom on wheels and it was never used as a bus. The vehicle came to Trans-Del with no side windows or passenger seats. Joe set about con-

verting it to a very unique and attractive vehicle.

I visited him several times during the restoration and could observe his enthusiasm with building his "own bus"!

He had picture windows made special in a shop in Topton, PA and used passenger seats from a recently retired ACF C-44 suburban. He fashioned "silver siding" from corrugated aluminum to give the coach a modern look. Replete with a new paint scheme (later applied to Trans-Bridge buses in that era), and logo, coach number 140 was complete, and was Joe proud.

He told me that where ever Number 140 went it attracted attention. Those comments relayed to Joe made him extra proud and Trans-Bridge employees were asking Joe what his next project would be.

The photo shows the coach shortly after completion of the culmination of a year's hard work by Joe and his team.



Tom Collins, MOBT Board Member

YELLOW COACH DONATION BY ABC COMPANIES by David Millhouser



ABC Companies has donated a restored 1940 Yellow Coach transit bus to the Museum of Bus Transportation. Yellow Coach was a pre-war bus builder that eventually became part of GM Truck and Coach.

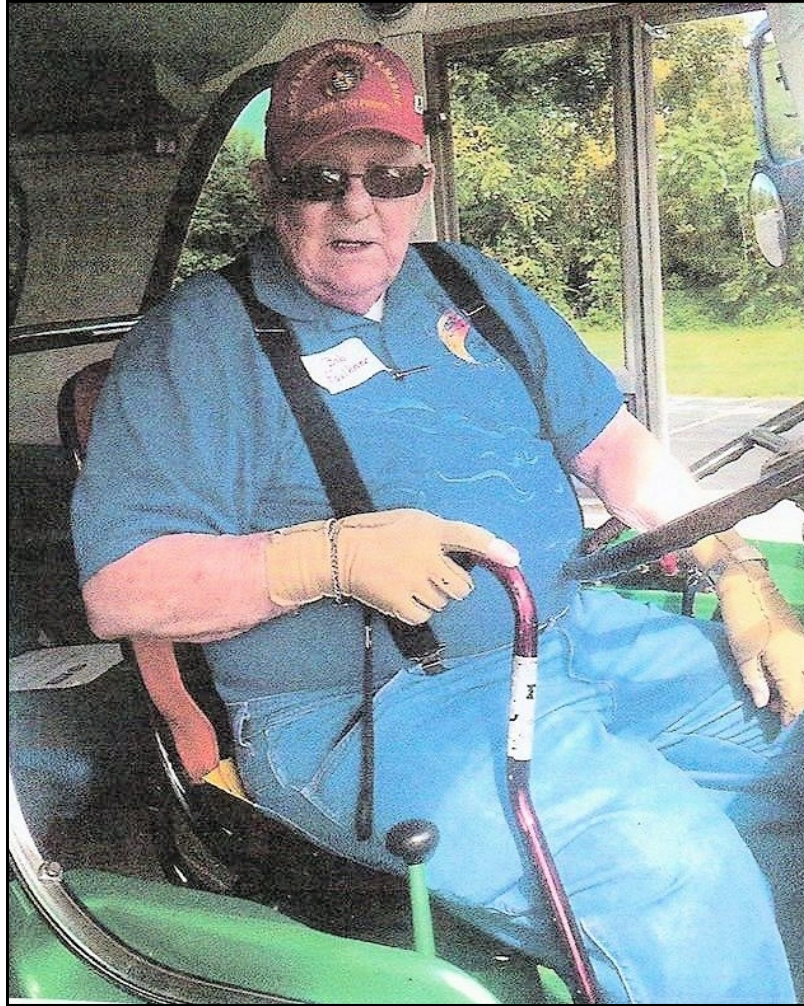
John Oakman, the Museum's President said, "Our membership is extremely grateful to ABC, not just for this bus, but for their support over the years. They have been very generous in many ways."

Several years ago ABC gave a restored Scenicruiser to the Museum, which now boasts a fleet of 39 historical buses, some nearly 100 years old.



*David Millhouser, MOBT
Board Member*

ROBERT FAULKNER DONATES MANUSCRIPT



Robert Faulkner is a member of the Museum of Bus Transportation, and worked in the industry for 36 years. He wrote notes during that time to help create a manuscript that one day may be turned into a complete book. Mr. Faulkner donated pages of this manuscript to the Museum of Bus Transportation. His writings can be found on the Museum's website under <https://busmuseum.org/about/resource-links/>. There, in the section entitled "Faulkner Remembrances," you will be able to read his writings.

Here is an excerpt:

"I was living near the garage and the mechanics on the evening shift and the night shift could call me if anything unusual occurred that I should be aware of like a breakdown of one of our coaches or another bus line that needed help with a flat tire or other troubles. In August of 1987..."

Go to the Museum's Resource Links and materials to read more of Mr. Faulkner's writings. You can also find bus industry studies, as well as some great TV Advertisements from days gone past. There is some great and fun information on that page of our website for you to review. If you have materials to donate to that page, get in touch with the museum by emailing Marketing@BusMuseum.org.

MBT's 2019 SPRING FLING *JUNE 1* HERSHEY, PA

Saturday, June 1, 3:30 PM

Parade of Winners

This year the parade of buses will be made up of the trophy winners. The procession will begin around the back of the Museum and buses will be announced when they reach the front of the Museum.

Trophies to be Awarded

- Classic Motorcoach
- School Bus
- Conversion
- Classic Transit Bus
- Contemporary Transit
- Oldest Transit Bus
- Longest Distance

Buses on display will be marked with the year and make of the bus. Please register ahead to bring your bus and put it on display. Forms are available on the website.

For questions, please Email to receive information at: Events@BusMuseum.Org



SEE ALL FORMS OF BUS TRANSPORTATION

Intercity, transit, school bus, and conversion buses will all be on display! See the Museum of Bus Transportation's entire fleet, along with dozens of visiting buses from all across the United States! A Shuttle Bus will run between the Museum of Bus Transportation and MBT's Annex to display everything for you to take great pictures!

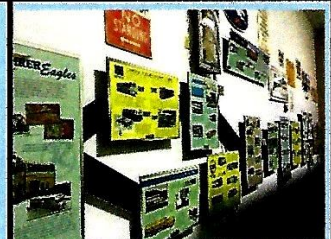
BUS STUFF TO PURCHASE

Tables of bus and transportation memorabilia for purchasing by the public. Come add to your collection of bus related materials

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AVAILABLE

Special Food Truck will be open on the Museum Grounds for purchase.

Calling All Bus Memorabilia Vendors! Do you have bus memorabilia that you are looking to sell? We are always looking for new vendors for the Flea Market on Saturday! Go to the website to purchase a table.



DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 1, 2018 FROM 8:00AM TO 4:00PM

LOCATION: Museum of Bus Transportation on RT 39, Hershey, PA. Physical address is 161 Museum Drive, Hershey, PA 17033

ADMISSION: Free to MBT Members. Regular Admission Pricing is reduced to only \$7.00 for Non-MBT Members, from \$12.00

Questions? Email us at Events@BusMuseum.org or visit our website

www.BusMuseum.org

**Museum of Bus Transportation
161 Museum Drive
Hershey, PA 17033**

Summer 2019 Bus Musings

Check out our On Line Gift Shop!

Ddn't forget to check out our Museum of Bus Transportation gift ideas on the website! By going to <https://busmuseum.org/store-2/> you can find any number of bus related memorabilia that we have displayed on that page. You will see that the Museum's website has really expanded with gift shop offerings that can be ordered from your home. Since the bus enthusiast has a hobby that is often difficult to find items for, here is a great place to shop for the enthusiast, or for yourself!

Also on the website, should you prefer a shirt, or computer bag, hat or other item that has the Museum of Bus Transportation logo proudly displayed, you can go to <https://www.companycasuals.com/BusMuseum/start.jsp>.

Here you can choose an item and have it sent directly to your home. All types of apparel and gift ideas are at that link, as well. A great place to find additional gifts for that bus enthusiast in your life!

Go shopping from your home this evening!

