



# MOTOR BUS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FALL 2010

## CONVENTIONS

**Fall 2010:** Headquartered in downtown Harrisburg, Pennsylvania at the Crowne Plaza Hotel over the Columbus Day weekend of October 7 to 9, the Fall Convention of the Motor Bus Society was attended by \_\_\_\_\_ members and guests.

Scheduling challenges included limited (or no) Sunday service by public transit operators, charter operators totally booked and a Penn State University home football game on Saturday. All were overcome by moving things up to begin a day early.

### Thursday, October 7

- Bud Shuster Highway (I-99) Day
- Buses from Fullington Trailways and Susquehanna Tramways.

The group departed Harrisburg over the Pennsylvania Turnpike to Amtran, the local transit operator in Altoona, still running a fleet of New Look TDH-4523As and Orion Is. Employees provided orientation over coffee and donuts, and after photography, off to State College, home of Penn State University and the Centre

Area Transportation Authority. A two-hour stop was made at the intercity bus terminal downtown for lunch and photography.

Afternoon: activities began at Fullington Trailways State College operations for photos and inspection of equipment. Next the group continued to the Avis, home of Susquehanna Trailways, then on to the River Valley Transit center in downtown Williamsport, and back to Harrisburg.

### Friday, October 8

Ben Franklin Highway (US 422) Day  
Buses from Bieber Transportation Group and Kleins Transportation.

Day 2 began on Capitol Area Transit buses to the CAT Harrisburg garage where a variety of equipment was photographed, then down the street to the Bieber Transportation Group garage to observe their buses next to former Capitol Trailways equipment. The morning continued with a trip to Hershey, home of the chocolate factory as well as the Antique Automobile Club Association and the Museum of Bus Transportation both offering displays and gift shops. The last morning stop

### **Fall Convention Group Shot**

The Fall 2010 Convention group photo was taken at the Red Rose Transit garage in Lancaster, PA on Saturday October 9th.

—Wayne Doran photo



was at Lebanon Transit (no longer County of Lebanon Transit) where Gillig low-floors originally built for Colorado Springs were photographed.

After lunch, the group headed to Reading where BARTA now stands for Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority since the city of Reading has pulled its funding. After that, it was back to Harrisburg for dinner and evening activities which included the usual flea market, speaker and slide show. The speaker was John Dockendorf of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation who discussed issues involved in providing public transportation in the state.

Saturday, October 9

- Pennsylvania Dutch Day
- Buses from Bailey Coach and Executive Coach

An early departure from Harrisburg headed down US 15 to Gettysburg where the group transferred to a modern open-top double deck sightseeing bus of Gettysburg Tours for a ride to the site of the Eternal Flame and to the Civil War Center. There charter buses and the replica trolleys of local operator Freedom Transit were photographed. The trip continued to the York downtown transit center of Rabbit Transit and then to their garage where MCIs and more low-floor Gilligs built for Colorado Springs were located.

The afternoon began with the group heading to Lancaster and the Queen Street transit center of Red Rose Transit, the local operator. Photography was followed by a Lancaster County tradition as the group went on to dinner at the Shady Maple Smorgasbord and afterward returned to Harrisburg.

Summing Up

Our planning was rewarded with three interesting and varied days of touring. Thanks are offered to all that contributed to the 2010 Columbus Day weekend:

- Dorato Hoover, Crowne Plaza Hotel
- Barb Fadar, Fullington Trailways
- Kristen Summers, Susquehanna Trailways
- Jack Cichy and Steve Haddad, Bieber Transportation Group
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- Kim Smith, Bailey Coach

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- Hugh Muse, Centre Area Transportation Authority
- Bill Nichols, Jr, River Valley Transit
- Tom Collins and Walter Earl, Capitol Area Transit
- Terry Giurontano and John Ellsworth, Lebanon Transit
- Rick Roebuck and staff at Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority
- At Hershey:
  - Mike Patterson of the AACAA Museum, and
  - Tom Collins and staff at the Museum of Bus Transportation

—Dino Mandros, Convention Chairman

**Future conventions:** Locations and dates for conventions in the 2011-2015 period were selected by membership vote and are as follows:

**Motor Bus Society Conventions  
Approved Locations for 2011-2015**

Year	Spring	Fall
2011	San Antonio, TX April 29-30-May 1	Cleveland, OH October 14-15-16*
2012	Metro Los Angeles, CA April 27-28-29	Buffalo, NY October 5-6-7
2013	St. Louis, MO April 26-27-28	Metro New York City, NY October 11-12-13
2013	Extra 65th Anniversary Special Convention London, England, UK -- Dates to be determined	
2014	Seattle, WA	Grand Rapids, MI

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