



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2010

2010 Election

The biannual election of MBS Officers and Trustees will take place later this year, with electees taking office on January 1, 2011. Up for election are the four corporate officers (President, Executive Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and two of the six Board of Trustee members. Nominations for these offices are now open and should be received by the Secretary by September 1, 2010. Nominees must have been a paid-up MBS member for three consecutive years; in addition, nominees for the Board of Trustees must be a resident of the state of New Jersey.

Obituaries

George M. (Mac) Sebree passed away on March 7, 2010 at his home in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 77. Mac was a long time MBS member and was editor of *Motor Coach Age* between 1995 and 2003. Mac had been a newspaperman in his younger years and later editor and publisher of *Interurban Press*, which published transportation histories, including *From Railway to Freeway*, based on a series of articles that first appeared in *MCA*; he also published two books on trolley coaches. Private burial was by the family in the midwest.

Member Wayne Hom passed away on May 30, 2010 at his home in Seattle, Washington. Wayne was a frequent attendee of the Society's conventions, and was instrumental in setting up and running the Spring 2010 meeting in Vancouver, British Columbia in April. After his return home in early May, he was diagnosed with liver cancer, and lived only a short time longer. The convention report is dedicated to Wayne's memory.

Conventions

2011-2015 Schedule:

A survey of member's preferences for the locations for the ten meetings to be held during the 2011-2015 period was conducted in 2009. The results of that survey and the dates on which the events will be held are shown in the table below:

Motor Bus Society Conventions Approved Locations for 2011-2015

| Year | Spring | Fall |
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| 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 April 25-26-27 | Grand Rapids, MI October 10-11-12 |
| 2015 | Indianapolis, IN April 24-25-26 | Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada October 9-10-11 |

Vancouver, BC— Spring 2010: Convention Report

The spring convention of the Motor Bus Society was held in Vancouver BC Canada on April 23-25. It was the first to be held in the area and was made successful through the efforts of local

The Spring 2010 convention of the Motor Bus Society took place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada during the last weekend in April. This group photo was taken at the Oakridge Transit Center (garage) on Sunday, April 25th.



members and industry supporters. Regional Vice President Andrew Gold chaired the event and organized the activities with the assistance of Wayne Hom and Dino Mandros.

Day One - Victoria:

Activities began with an early (7:30 AM) boarding at the Sandman Hotel in downtown Vancouver. A PD-4905 sightseer and an MC-9 provided by John Day's Blue & White Coach Ltd. transported the group to the Tsawwassen ferry terminal where the party boarded the boat to Victoria. Upon arrival at Swartz Bay, the group was greeted by a new BC Transit double-deck bus.

The ladies were dropped downtown for their tour of Victoria, then on to the BC Transit Gorge Road facility where the group inspected current equipment as well as Norm Smith's TDH-4519 restored in BCHydro two-tone green.

After lunch the group went on to the BC Transit Langford facility and to the University of Victoria for a photo stop. The ladies were picked up, the ferry boarded and the group sailed back to the ferry terminal where the party was picked up by the Blue & White buses and delivered back to the hotel .

Day Two - Vancouver

The second day started on Blue & White buses again, to the Vancouver Transit Center, base for buses and trolley-coaches, then to West Vancouver Municipal Transit where the group was welcomed by transit manager Gareth Rowlands. Heritage bus 61, a TDH-4517, was on display along with the present fleet.

Lunch was at Lonsdale Quay SeaBus Terminal, after that to "Phibbs" Exchange Terminal and Kootenay Loop. Visits were made to charter operators Pacific Coach Lines thanks to Ralph Brewster, and Horizon Coach Lines courtesy of Paul Pankrath, followed by a drive through the Greyhound Terminal. Last stop of the day was at the Trams Group rail facility to check out interurban and Duwag cars.

The evening activities included the usual flea market and brief MBS business meeting, concluding with a slide show by Angus McIntyre (on British Columbia and other areas).

Day Three - Living History

The "historic day" started on vintage trolley-coaches from Trams Group running under rarely-used wire. The resulting spectacular light show was accompanied by the nostalgic smell of burning carbon. The Can Car T-44 (1947) and T-48A (1954) performed admirably with stops made at Stanley Park Loop, Blanca Transit Loop, Marine Drive & 41st Street and the Oakridge Transit Center.

Lunch was at Metrotown Station Loop, where a switch to regular buses was required for the trip to the Trams Group base at Roseberry Shop. The Trams Group collection of historic buses there are restored or in the process of restoration, the jewel being a 1937 Pacific Stage Lines Hayes. The trip was completed in reverse ending with the trolley-coaches making stops at 54th & Victoria Loop and 29th Avenue Station.

Thanks are due to the Trams Group drivers Angus McIntyre, Dave Laird, Chris Unwin and Evan Russell. —Dino Mandros

Fall 2010—Central Pennsylvania

The Fall 2010 Convention of the Motor Bus Society will be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 7, 8 and 9. The

meeting will be headquartered in Harrisburg, PA at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. See the enclosed announcement for details.

Donations

The Motor Bus Society wishes to express its thanks and acknowledge the following contributions that have recently been received:

Frank F. Conlon, Professor Emeritus of History, South Asian Studies & Comparative Religion, University of Washington. A series of Russell Guides from the 1940-1950s and vintage Greyhound timetables and maps.

Jason Lee: schedules and service guides for Chicago, various Pacific Coast and Canadian transit systems

Tom Williams: builder's plate for TMC City Cruiser and Orion I buses from Danbury and Milford, CT and a replica builders plate from Seattle PCF-Brill trolley coach.

Patty and Jay Miller, on behalf of the late Henry Reinhardt: photos, books and magazines of bus, railroad and ship subjects.

Dave McDaid - former Director of Transportation for NJ Transit: Historic bus and location photographs, maps, pictures and memorabilia from his career at Public Service, TNJ and NJ Transit

Persons wishing to contribute bus related items or material to the Society are directed to contact us at one of the addresses below:

2010 Membership Dues

Notices for the year 2010 membership dues will be sent out during the month of August, and will be due by September 1, 2010. The renewal notices can also be downloaded from the MBS website in case the invoice is not received in the mail.

Also included in the renewal notice mailing will be the up to date MCA/MCT Back Issue Order List and MCA/MCT Sale Sets Order List.

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