



# MOTOR BUS SOCIETY NEWSLETTER FALL 2011

## Conventions

### Spring 2011 - San Antonio:

The Spring Convention of the Motor Bus Society took place in San Antonio, Texas over the weekend of April 29, 30 and May 1. Headquarters was the La Quinta Inn and Suites Downtown. The event was spearheaded by Convention Chairman Michael Glikin; regional vice president Andrew Gold took charge of administrative matters, and member Terry Cosentino produced the itinerary

### FRIDAY APRIL 29: AUSTIN

- Bus provided by Kerrville Bus Co.

The first stop was Texas State University at San Marcos, home of the Bobcat Tram. Photos were snapped at the Quad Bus Loop and the CARTS/AMTRAK station. Capital Area Rural Transportation System provides service to the non-urbanized areas of the nine Capital Region counties

Next was Capital Metro headquarters in Austin for a tour and photo stop followed by lunch at the University of Texas. The group travelled on to the downtown station at 4th & Trinity to board a Red Line train for a ride to Leander, Texas. From there, the bus transported the group to New Braunfels for dinner at the Friesenhaus, a traditional German restaurant.

### SATURDAY APRIL 30: CORPUS CHRISTI

- Bus provided by Daisy Tours

Saturday stops of interest in Corpus Christie included the B garage and headquarters, where the group was treated to breakfast. Next were the Southside Transit Center, the Aquarium, and Staples Street Center.

After return to San Antonio for dinner, evening activities included the usual flea market and brief meeting. The guest speaker was Wayne Hom of VIA, and a slide show followed.

### SUNDAY MAY 1: SAN ANTONIO

- Buses provided by VIA Metropolitan Transit New Flyer low-floor hybrid suburbans

The VIA headquarters and vehicle maintenance center was the first Sunday stop highlighted by a tour of VIA's San Antonio historic fleet. Next was the West Side Multimodal Center on Medina Street, once the Missouri Pacific railroad station.

No visit to San Antonio would be complete without a tour of the Alamo, but most would not have continued on to the Greyhound

## Motor Bus Society Conventions Locations for 2012-2015

Year	Spring	Fall
2012	Metro Los Angeles, CA April 27-28-29	Buffalo, NY October 5-6-7
2013	Metro New York City, NY April 26-27-28	London, England, UK Late September
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

Note: St. Louis, MO convention si postponed to Spring 2016

terminal and a stop at Star Shuttle & Charter, The final stop was at the North Star Transit Center where time was taken for lunch and photos before return to the hotel or drop at the airport.

### THANKS ARE DUE

To all who contributed to the planning and conduct of the Motor Bus Society's 2011 Spring Convention:

Hotel hospitality —

- Annette Mendola of the La Quinta

Providing transportation —

- Natalie Medrano of Kerrville
- A. J. Ruiz of Daisy Charters and Shuttles
- Keith Hom of VIA

and making us welcome —

- Brad McAllister at Texas State San Marcos
- Paul Hamilton at Bobcat Tram
- Zeke, Lyle Nelson at CART
- Alissa Schram and staff at Capital MTA
- Martin Trevino at The B, special thanks for providing breakfast
- Julio Wilmont, Jr. and staff at the Regional Transportation Authority
- Michael Paul Ledesma and Rachel Miranda at VIA

### Fall 2011 — Cleveland:

The Fall convention took place in Cleveland, Ohio during the post Columbus Day weekend of October 14, 15 and 16. A description of this gathering will be included in the next *MBS Newsletter*.

### Spring 2012 — North Metropolitan Los Angeles:

Planning will begin shortly for this convention, which is proposed to cover Simi Valley, Oxnard/Ventura and Santa Barbara on Friday, Bakersfield, Lancaster and Santa Clarita on Saturday and a free day in Los Angeles on Sunday.

