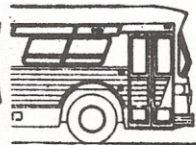


# Green Pennant Special



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## DUES RENEWAL NOTICE

A reminder that your 1983 OSA dues can be paid now for the forthcoming year. The rates are as follows:

Regular	\$16.00
Armed Forces/ Military	\$ 8.00
Clergy/Senior Citizens	\$ 8.00

To qualify for Armed Services/Military, you must be on active duty. Senior Citizens must be 65 years of age or older.

When you pay your OSA dues for 1983, you will receive by return mail two beautiful gifts, courtesy of Steve Griffith and John Karner of Trailways and Larry Plachno of the National Bus Trader. One is a full color map of the Trailways and Trailways affiliates and their routes, the other a calendar containing a number of color bus action photographs. Quantities are limited, so renew now!

## DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting was held at the Bismarck Hotel in Chicago on 12/03. The election of officers included the re-election of present Director Bruce Moffat to another 3 year term beginning January 1. It was brought to our attention that the term of James Penning was also expiring at the end of this year, and due to oversight we did not include that position on our ballots. As a result, there will be another election, with ballots being sent out with this issue to members who are paid up for the 1982 year only. The ballots will be counted at the January meeting.

The program at the meeting consisted of a super slide show by OSA members Richard Kunz and John LeBeau showing Chicago area bus action from the past. A most memorable meeting and a fitting one to close out the 1982 year.

## JANUARY MEETING

With all of the holidays behind us, we will turn our attentions toward the new year, and to kick it off, on Friday, January 7th at 7:30 PM at the Bismarck Hotel (Randolph at Wells) in Chicago, a super special (but secret) program is on tap. We are not able to tell all at this time, but you will not want to miss it, as we usher in our new season. If you cannot make the meeting, mail them to Bruce Moffat, 6727 N Loron, Chicago, IL 60640.

## -NEWSCAST-NEWSCAST-NEWSCAST-

After a recent trip to New York City, OSA member Bill Shapotkin found some new developments in the transit field:

Port Authority Bus - The new terminal is finished, and it looks great. With the consolidation of the New Jersey Transit services, there is an entire area in the terminal devoted entirely to NJ Transit, and not one, but two Trailways ticket offices, one for the "regular" and one for Adirondack. Other improvements include more locker space, more security and easier access to the street and the 8th Ave IND subway.



Port Authority Trans-Hudson Corporation

PATH, the decendent of the old Hudson and Manhattan has reported that ridership is at an all-time high. Some 200,000 a day use the intercity/interstate subway everyday between New York and New Jersey, and what with a 30¢ fare, it can be easily seen. The problem of providing the seats for all the new riders has been partially answered by the return of the K-cars (1958) to service, with at least eight and possibly twelve cars having returned to revenue service after having been relegated to work service. This, despite a small service reduction on the Newark line.



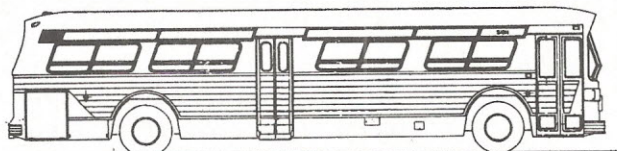
-NEWSCAST (CONTINUED)-

As many of you may know, the Pennsy's famed GGI is running off her last miles as commute hauling duties on the New York and Long Branch keep them from the scrapper's torch. The days for this famed electric, which is famous world over, are indeed numbered, what with the change over in voltage from 11,000 volts ac to 25,000 volts is imminent. Additionally, a scheme to end through service into New York behind GGI's adds a more imminent threat.



For those of you who have yet to ride on the R10's, R14's and R17's, Andre (not home) Kristopans (who now works as a conductor on the IND) advises us that they can be seen as follows: The R10's can be found on the A - 8th Ave (express and local), CC - 8th Ave local (rush hours only) and the A - Shuttle (Rockaway round-robbin) which runs nights only). Also, the IRT R14's and R17's can be seen on a regular basis in the 1 - Broadway/7th Ave. These cars are due for replacement with the arrival of the new cars from Japan and Canada.

THE LACKAWANNA electric service is alive and well. The reelectrification, the first ever of a mainline railroad in the United States is well underway, and expected to be completed by 1984. In order to accomadate the work, which is going on all the while service is being run is beling helped along by bus substitutions on the Gladstone Branch during the midday hours, and 60-minute as opposed to 30-minute midday service on the Morristown Line. All work on the Montclair Branch is completed, along with the demolition of the old, rather abandoned terminal at Montclair. Additionally, the line is at such an aline-ment that eventual connection with the near-by Erie line could be made, along with possible stringing of wire on that line as will.

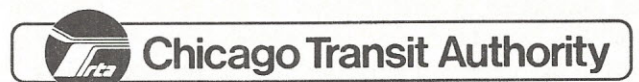
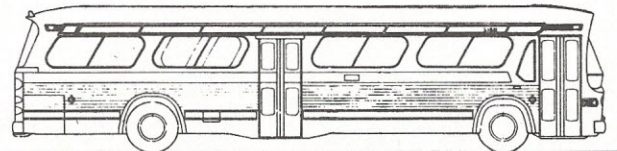


-STILL MORE NEWSCAST-

MEANWHILE, back at the CTA -- On Sunday, Dcember 12th the Jackson Park "L" re-opened around 11:30AM. Service was restored only as far as the University Station. In order to service the L, the following bus service changes were made:

<u>ROUTE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
4 - Cottage Grove	Elimination of service to 55th "L".
6 - Jeffery	Routing of late eveing and Sunday service to 63rd/University.
27 - South Deering	Elimination of serive to 55th "L". North terminal moved to 63rd/University.
28 - Stony Island	Some rush hour trips routed via 63rd/Univer-sity.
63 - 63rd Street	Elimination of service via 61st "L" and end of shuttle runs.

Additionally, on Sunday, December 19th, the 4 - Cottage Grove will assume the routing of the former 1 - Drexel/Hyde Park between 29th and 35th. Also, on Monday, December 20th, the 131 - Washington returns, offering weekday rush hour service with local (no more express) service.



- LATE NEWS -

The story can now be told. Our January meet-ing will feature the movies of members Bill Shapotkin and Bruce Moffat. Bill will show movies of New York and New Jersey transit action as well as in other cities. Bruce will show sound movies of bus, trolley and other transit happenings in Chicago, Dayton, Appleton and Hegewisch among others.

David Buzek is looking for operating and maintenance manuals for a TDH-4509 for his collection. If you can supply either of these two manuals, please see him at the meeting or contact him at Box 3266, Oak Park IL 60303.