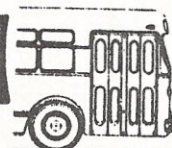




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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!!!

-JANUARY MEETING-

Who would have believed it? Just one year ago, the OSA introduced the GPS to the world, and well, to say the least, things haven't been the same since. We appreciate the support and cooperation that you, our readers, have given us. We appreciate your comments and suggestions on ways to make this news letter even better than it already is.

One of the ways that you, the OSA member can help the Society is to write us. Send us news items concerning the bus industry, examples would include schedule and service changes in local and inter-city operations, visiting a property in another area, or the retirement of older buses resulting from the purchase of newer vehicles. Your news need not be long, even a single sentence will do.

Another way that you can participate in your organization is to present a program (or part of a program). If you took slides of bus operations on a recent trip or have views of bus operations from years gone by, let us know. You are also encouraged to bring a few slides of current interest to be shown at each meeting in the newscast.

Material for inclusion in Green Pennant should be sent either to Bruce Moffat 6727 N. Loron Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 or to John LeBeau 15329 Chicago Road, Dolton, IL 60419. Matters relating to giving an OSA program should be directed to John at the above address.

---FAN TRIP NOTICE---

The OSA will be sponsoring an inspection trip on Saturday, February 12 using a new CTA 7100 series articulated bus and a Carpenter built

The first meeting of the new year was held on January 7th at the Bismarck Hotel, located on Randolph at Wells in Chicago. Our President, James Penning was reelected to a new three year term ending December 31, 1985. Congratulations to Jim and a round of thanks to the other individuals on the ballot for taking the time to run for office to serve the OSA. The program was presented jointly by Bill Shapotkin and Bruce Moffat. Bill showed the sequel to Jim's infamous "Great Southwest Desert" which featured western rail (and a little bus) action. Bruce showed sound motion pictures of Canadian bus operations as well as the dedication ceremonies for the new South Shore cars. The newscast featured Richard Kunz and his travels into the southeastern United States. About thirty members and guests were in attendance.

-FEBRUARY MEETING-

The February meeting will be held at the Bismarck Hotel in Parlor E on the third floor of the building. The start time is 7:30pm and the program will be presented by Dave Stanley. Dave has promised us movies of past OSA trips and maybe a surprise or two. Don't miss it!

-DUES REMINDER-

If you are unable to make a meeting, you can mail your dues to Bruce (see address at left), do not wait for a dues notice as we are not sending any! This is your notice.

-FAN TRIP NOTICE Cont.-

coach used by CTA for their dial-a-ride service for the handicapped. The Trip starts from in front of the Chicago Trailways sta. at 10AM. The fare is \$12.00. Finish time is 3.

-CSL BUS ROSTER-

Two issues ago, we started reproducing the roster of buses operated by the Chicago Surface Lines showing the underlying ownership of each bus. In this issue we will cover the CSL bus numbering schemes adopted May 1, 1935 and September 12, 1944. We will also provide a tally of Chicago Surface Lines motor bus deliveries. All of these were researched and compiled by Zenon Hansen.

CSL Numbering Scheme: 5/1/35

1-50 Chgo. Rlys. 40 pass. motor buses
(1-7 only, dropped by 1942)
51-300 Chgo. Rlys. trolley buses
301-400 Chgo. City Rwy. 40 pass.
motor buses (301-303 only,
dropped by 1942)
401-500 Chgo. City Rwy. 30 pass.
motor buses
501-700 Chgo. Rlys. 30 pass. motor
buses
701-800 Calumet & So. Chgo. 40 pass.
motor buses (not used)
801-900 Calumet & So. Chgo. 30 pass.
motor buses
901-1000 Chgo. City Rwy. trolley
buses (not used)
1001-1100 Calumet & So. Chgo. trolley
buses (not used)

CSL Numbering Scheme: 9/12/44

1000 series-Twin Coach
2000 series-ACF-Brill
3000 series-White
4000 series-Ford
5000 series-REO
6000 series-Yellow/GM
7000 series-Mack
8000 series-General American
Aerocoach



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Chicago Surface Lines Motor Bus Deliveries (all time list):

Year	C.Rys.	C.C.R.	C.&S.C.	S.S.R.	Total
1927	5				5
1928		3			3
1930	2				2
1934		4			4
1935	16	11	9		36
1936	9	3			12
1937	50	10	3		63
1938	6	4	10		20
1939	10	2	3		15
1941	34				34
1942	21	12	2		35
1944	2	24	4		30
1945	38	8	9		55
1946	132	18	31	11	192
1947*	140	41	6		187
10/1/47	465	140	77	11	693

On Order

1947		95			95
1948	35	35	1		71
	35	130	1		166

Grand
Total:500 270 78 11 859

* number as of 10/1/47 (CTA takeover)

In the near future, we will be printing Zenon's roster of CSL buses taken over by CTA on 10/1/47.

-NEWSCAST-

Due to high demand, the Chicago Transit Authority has found it necessary to print additional quantities of its 1983 historical calendar. The initial printing of this work was quickly snapped up by employees and fans alike. Views include early Twins on Central Ave. and transit action on State Street in the 1950's with motorbuses and streetcars in great abundance. You can purchase your copy for \$2.00 in check from: CTA Calendar, P.O. Box 3555, Chicago, IL 60654. They also have limited supplies of the 1980 and 1981 calendars available for \$5.

Continental Air Transport has resumed once a week service on the Midway-Evanston and Midway-Oak Park runs.

Don't forget the fantrip on Feb. 12th.