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SPECIAL MEETING

On September 17, 1983, a special meeting of the Society will be held at the home of Larry Plachno in Delavan, Wisconsin. It is here that Larry publishes the National Bus Trader magazine as well as Bus Tours Magazine. Free transportation will be provided from Chicago on the inaugural Saturday run of Wisconsin-Illinois Stages which he heads. The bus will leave the Cumberland CTA "L" station at 11:40AM with a brief lunch stop in the Lake Geneva area, after which we will travel to Elkhorn to visit the garage of Jones Coach Travel (Wisconsin-Illinois Stages stores their buses here). This will be followed by a one hour tour of Lake Geneva Bay on a boat provided by Gage Marine. The fare for the boat ride is \$6.10 (but we have a number of 20% off coupons that will be available to those who wish to ride the boat. Arrival at the Plachno house is planned for 4:50PM where we will be able to tour the National Bus Trader offices as well as having use of the on-premises swimming pool. A cookout will be held in the back yard (there may be a nominal cost for this). Following dinner we will be treated to an hour long slide program of vintage bus action. At 7:45PM the bus will return all attendees to the Crystal Lake Chicago & Northwestern Ry. station where we will catch the 9:00PM train for Chicago (arrival at Jefferson Park is 10:00PM and downtown at 10:20). Fare to downtown is \$4.90. Fare to Jefferson Park is \$4.50.

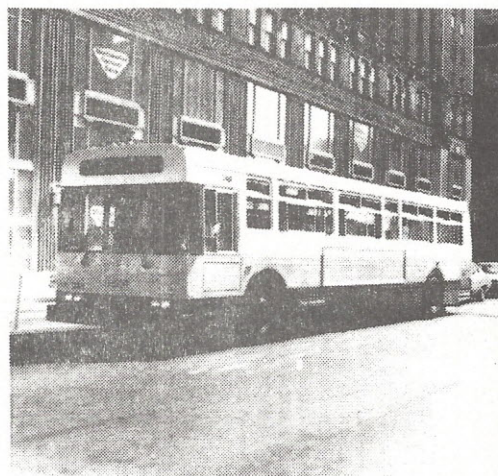
Should you decide to forgo the free bus transportation, you can drive to Larry's home on Theater Rd. in Delavan by taking highway 50 west from Lake Geneva to Theater Rd. which is one mile past highway 67 and go south $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles to 349B. The house is on the west side of the road and is a cream colored ranch house with brown trim. If you get lost, call (414) 728-2691. This promises to be one of our greatest meetings in some time. Come join us!!!!

A REMINDER

There will be no meeting on the first Friday of September due to the Labor Day weekend and Bus Bash. Our November meeting will be held on the first Friday of that month at the Bismarck Hotel in downtown Chicago at 7:30PM.

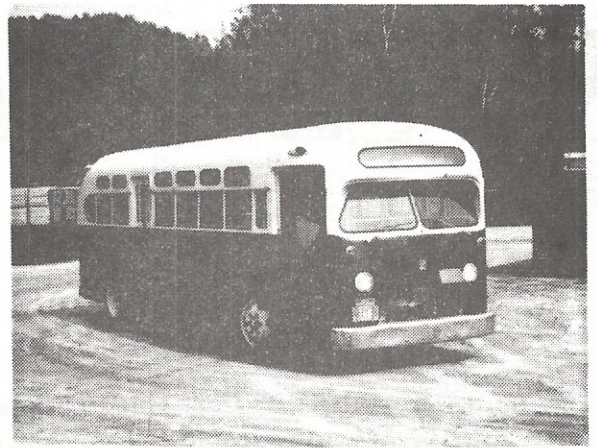
CTA's FLYERS

Flyer-built 9800 was recently placed in service on route #34 So. Michigan. It is a model D901 that features such revolutionary technological advances as opening windows (these buses are not airconditioned). 9800 has been now joined by two additional units. All three are assigned at Beverly garage. Photos of #9800 are from the Chicago Transit Authority.



NEW ARRIVALS

John LeBeau and Bruce Moffat have returned from their trip to the wilds of Vermont with two TGH 3102's last owned by Twin City Transit of Barre, VT. Both buses were built in 1958 and were used by Duke Power before being sold to Twin City in the mid 1970's. Bruce's bus (serial 910) was not used in revenue service in Vermont and still sports makings and advertisements from its Duke Power days. John's is painted in Twin City's green and white colors (serial #901). John and Bruce drove the buses 60 miles from Barre to St. Albans, where they were loaded onto a Trailer Train style car for the trip to Chicago. Twin City presently operates two single door transits (a TDH 4517 and a TDH 4519) as well as one suburban (SDM 5302). On this page are reproduced photos of both of the 3102's, the present equipment and also their TGH 3501 which was built as a demonstrator with air conditioning. Photos are by Bruce Moffat.



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