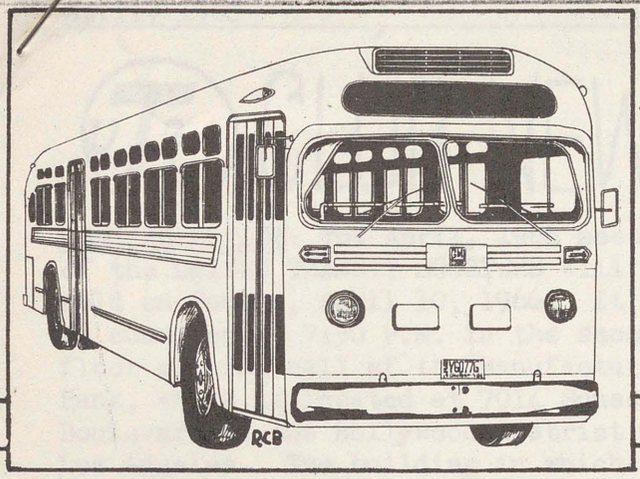


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DALLAS

TRANSCONTINENTAL BUS SYSTEM, INC. of Dallas, whose operating name is CONTINENTAL TRAILWAYS, completed the year 1965 with an 8% increase in passenger revenue over 1964 operating over 52,052 route miles. The company owns 1356 buses which includes 780 Golden and Silver Eagles. Plans for 1966 include the purchase of 150 additional Silver Eagles and the building of new terminals in the east and south.

SIOUX CITY

A five man committee has just been created in this western Iowa city for the purpose of studying the city's transit system. Five groups, downtown business interests, labor unions, schools, churches, and the Woodbury County Tax Research Conference, have each been asked to nominate one person from each group. SIOUX CITY LINES, a NATIONAL CITY LINES subsidiary, which has cited its need for some type of subsidy, and which has already eliminated service after 9:00 P.M. and on Sundays and holidays was told that no subsidy was possible in 1966, but a subsidy for next year will be studied by the committee. The following items will be studied--whether the city needs transit service at all, what kind it needs, how extensive it should be, parking problems downtown, and the possibility of "plush" verses standard bus service.

BALTIMORE

The METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY of Maryland has just received a federal demonstration grant of $53,350 to test the economic feasibility of providing express bus service between the suburban "town center" of Towson and the central business district of Baltimore. The service will operate over controlled access freeways using new air-conditioned equipment. Towson is the county seat of Baltimore County and is a rapidly growing area. The project is designed to offer transit service that will be attractive to the regular automobile commuters. The line will start in the parking lot of Towson Plaza Shopping Center, collect passengers along two miles of local streets and travel to downtown Baltimore via the Baltimore Beltway and the Jones Fall Expressway. Service will run Monday through Friday through both rush hours. McMAHON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY will furnish the equipment and will operate the service.

CHICAGO

An origin and destination surveys for riders of the CHICAGO TRANSIT AUTHORITY's "Skokie Swift" rapid transit service has just been conducted to report to the federal government upon the effectiveness of the Federally aided demonstration project and to determine the future of the project at the end of two years operation. CTA'S 15¢ reduced-fare routes in the downtown area now totals sixteen with the addition of Line 20--MADISON STREET.

CLUB NEWS

MEETING NOTICE: The April, 1966 meeting of the UNITED TRANSIT BOOSTERS will be held on Sunday, April 10, 1966. It will be convened at 7:30 P.M. in the second floor meeting hall of the Manufacturers Bank, which is located at 7014 Sunset Boulevard in the Hollywood district of Los Angeles. The building in which the meeting will be held is located on the southeast corner of Sunset Blvd. and Sycamore Ave. which is one block west of Highland Avenue. Access to the meeting room is obtained from the parking lot at the rear of the building.

The meeting location can be reached quite easily from most parts of the Los Angeles area. From downtown Los Angeles ride Line 42--SUNSET BLVD. (disembark at Sunset & Orange Dr.), Line 91--HOLLYWOOD BLVD. (walk from Hollywood and Orange Drive or Sunset and La Brea), or Line 93 LOS ANGELES-VAN NUYS-PACOIMA (walk from Sunset & Highland); these coaches can be boarded northbound on Hill Street in downtown. From the Southwest side Lines 85--CRENSHAW-VIN -LA BREA or 89--FAIRFAX AVENUE will take you to Sunset and La Brea. From Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Glendale, the Los Feliz district, or East Hollywood Line 31--HOLLYWOOD-GLENDALE-PASADENA will take you to Hollywood and Orange Drive. From San Fernando Valley communities the following service is available: Line 93--LOS ANGELES-VAN NUYS-PACOIMA will take you to Sunset and Highland; from Tarzana, Encino, Sherman Oaks, Studio City, Magnolia Park, Lockheed Air Terminal, or Burbank Line 81--VENTURA BLVD.-HOLLYWOOD-BURBANK will take you to Hollywood and Highland.

Meetings for the months of May and June will be held at the same time and place. Dates for these meetings will be May 8 and June 12.

Each meeting consists of a business session, an auction of transit material, and entertainment, such as color slides.

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CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS

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EQUIPMENT PURCHASES:

The following equipment, that we know of, was acquired during April

NEW BUSES

Property	Coach Numbers	Builder	Model/Serial Numbers	Notes and Comments
American Buslines	6953-6955	Silver Eagle/?		
	6956-6957	Silver Eagle/6398-6399		
Western Greyhound Lines	2401-2403	M.C.I.	MC5A/?	
	2797-2799	M.C.I.	MC5A/?	
	2900-2923	M.C.I.	MC5A/?	

USED BUSES

San Luis Transit Lines	101-102	G.M.C.	TDH 3610/1264, 1263	Added info- see TB 12-65
Santa Ana Transit Co.	970, 972	G.M.C.	TDH 4509/743,745	ex-SDTS 970,
	974-976	G.M.C.	TDH 4509/747-749	ex-SDTS 974-6
Pomona Bus Lines	67-69	Crown	A-590-11	ex-Tanner, 2 ex-Deck &

EUREKA-REDDING STAGES (ERS):

ERS, who runs a tri-weekly service between the towns of its name has been granted permission by the State Public Utilities Commission to boost fares by ten per cent and package express charges by fourty-five per cent. The minimum fare is now 30 cents instead of 25 cents, and the minimum express charge is now $1.00

COACH TRANSIT (CT):

CT, a new company operated by CREW TRANSIT who runs a service for airline crews from the International Airport to hotels and other lodging facilities, started a L.A. INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT-MARINELAND route stopping at Redondo Beach and Palos Verdes on March 28th. Equipment consists of 12 seat Checker stretchouts with rear baggage sections. About eight round trips are operated daily and one way fares range from $1.75 to 2.00.

HIGHLAND-PATTON BUS LINES (H-PBL):

H-PBL, a San Bernardino area operator, has been authorized to increase its adult and childrens fares from 20 cents to 25 cents, and the school fare to 15 cents from 10 cents. Before last July 1, the San Bernardino Unified School District provided children living more than a specified distance from school with free bus tickets purchased from H-PBL. On July 1, the board increased the minimum distances and eliminated about 75% of of the company's school-paid student transportation revenue and as a result the company would have lost about $25,000 this year without the rate increase.

CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS (CONTINUED):

ORANGE COAST SIGHTSEEING CO. (OCSC):

OSC, the sightseeing division of AIRPORT COACH SERVICE, has commenced operations and is offering one tour on a daily basis from June 16th to September 15th this summer. (Between September 16th and June 15th group tours will be operated for a minimum of 15 prepaid fares). The tour lasts four hours and the rates are $5.00 for adults and $2.50 for children. The tour starts at Knott's Berry Farm at 7:45 A.M. and Disneyland Hotel at 8:30 A.M. and travels to the University of California at Irvine, Newport Harbor (with an optional 45 minute boat tour), Laguna Beach, Mission San Juan Capistrano, El Toro Marine Base, Laguna Hills Leisure World, and the Irvine Ranch. ACS Flxible "Clippers" will be used for this service.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT):

On March 9th a number of neighborhood lines' night schedules were revised to terminate service at an earlier hour. An example is Line 67--SPRUCE STREET whose night service now ends at 11:00 P.M. instead of Midnight. Effective April 3rd, Line A--SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND (12TH STREET) Owl service (1:40 A.M., 2:10 A.M., 3:05 A.M., and 4:05 A.M. trips) were rerouted to serve the Oakland Army Terminal. On April 9th Line 55--DUTTON AVENUE was extended to the Marina Pier in San Leandro on Monday through Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

TERMINAL ISLAND TRANSIT COMPANY (TITCO):

On March 20th TITCO reduced Long Beach to San Pedro Monday through Saturday 20 minutely service to the Sunday schedule of half-hourly with a 15 minutely shuttle from Long Beach to the Long Beach Naval Base. The Fish Harbor shuttle service was changed from 20 to 30 minutely also. The half-hourly all nite Owl service to San Pedro and hourly to Fish Harbor was discontinued after 2:00 A.M. Owl service now operates only between Long Beach and the Naval Base on a half-hourly headway.

AMERICAN BUSLINES (ABL):

Effective April 11th all eastbound trips on the LOS ANGELES-DALLAS VIA SAN DIEGO route began stopping at El Cajon. This was previously a flag stop. Westbound trips will continue to stop on a discharge only basis. Effective April 24th, with the adjustment of schedules for Daylight Savings Time, service to Santa Ana was changed to consist of two shuttle trips between Los Angeles and Santa Ana. Previously service was one shuttle trip and one "thru" trip to Dallas.

WESTERN GREYHOUND LINES (WGL):

In March WGL issued an attractive pocket timetable for the LONG BEACH-SANTA MONICA line. Low numbered 7100's (non-restroom equipped GMC PD-4104's) which were formerly assigned to the Montana-Idaho area have been moved into the Southern California area replacing some PD-4103's. Several PD-4103's have been repainted and have the name GREYHOUND LINES in block lettering on the sides of the coaches. WGL plans to build a new station in Stockton and construction will begin in late summer if the city approves the building permit. THE GREYHOUND CORPORATION, parent company of WGL, has ordered 62 more GMC PD-4107's for a total of 162 for summer delivery. Over 400 new buses will be purchased from Motor Coach Industries also. A prototype of the new MC-6 bus will shortly be ready for road testing. The major change of the coach will be the addition of 6 inches to the width making it the first 102" intercity bus. Steps are now being taken to obtain changes in state laws to permit operation of the wider buses.

CALIFORNIA CAPITULATIONS (CONTINUED):

SANTA ANA TRANSIT COMPANY (SATC):

SATC is the name of the new transit operation in Santa Ana now owned by AMERICAN TRANSIT CORPORATION. The details leading up to ATC purchase of the former SANTA ANA BUS SERVICE are as follows: On February 23rd, buses of SABS were stopped again for the third time in nine months (TB 12/65). Unlike previous shutdowns which were caused by lack of insurance or payments on SABS equipment, this time SABS was seized by the Internal Revenue Service for non-payment of about $5,000 in employee withholding taxes. Clyde Musack, SABS owner, had been losing about $2,000 a month on the operation and was unable to secure another loan to pay off the IRS. The city of Santa Ana shunned a request for tax subsidy of the company saying that present patronage of SABS (about 2,000-3,000 daily) would represent only about 1% of Santa Ana's population and because of this any city relief was unwarranted. In a cost cutting effort SABS had eliminated the SOUTH BIRCH leg of the SOUTH BIRCH-NORTHWEST line reducing bus requirements from 8 to 7. In an attempt to recover the back taxes IRS attempted a public auction of the entire assets of SABS and the two interurban routes of the SANTA ANA-GARDEN GROVE BUS LINE which is owned and operated by SABS on the following Monday Feb. 27th. The assets consisted of about 20 buses, 5 other vehicles, bus yard, and SABS operating rights. The auctioneer started off asking for bids and a $100 bid was made and raised to $300 and after the auctioneer, IRS agent Joseph Morrison, called out $300 about six times and seeing no further responses, reached into his jacket pocket and pulled out a $1000 check form the IRS to the IRS and declared SABS sold to the IRS. Another auction was held on March 2nd and this time three representatives bid--an organization called WORLD TRANSIT LINES, former SABS owner, Clyde Musack, and George Cordier, Superintendent of the ATC owned SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORPORATION. Bidding closed at $2,800 and ATC renamed the operation SANTA ANA TRANSIT COMPANY as a temporary setup and resumed service the next day and also leased five TDH-4509's from SAN DIEGO TRANSIT SYSTEM. The SDTS buses are used on the city routes and have the words "Santa Ana" pasted over the "San Diego" in the SDTS emblem. At the time of takeover Cordier said SATC would probably have to raise fares and reduce service further. However, the SANTA ANA-GARDEN GROVE route was restored to an hourly service from the former 90 minutely to reduce layover time. SATC runs three local lines in Santa Ana on a half-hourly headway Monday through Saturday with no evening service. Lines are NORTH BROADWAY-SOUTH MAIN, SOUTH SHELTON-HEMLOCK-SOUTH PARTON, and SOUTHWEST-SULLIVAN-EDINGER using 5 buses. Also run is the hourly GARDEN GROVE route and the hourly to two hourly SANTA ANA-EL TORO MARINE BASE route which is the only line with night or Sunday service. The SATC active roster includes an unnumbered 32 seat Marmon-Harrington 8M2B; two more 8M2B's, N129, N132, Both ex VEGAS TRANSIT LINES; also 7632-7633, TD-3609/071-072, both ex LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CO.; 104, TDM 3610/1776; and a 37 seat Valley Coach, serial T4987; and the leased SDTS buses, 970, 972, 974-976, TDH-4509/743, 745, 747-749. Effective approximately May 1st the name of the company is to be changed to SANTA ANA TRANSIT CORPORATION, additional TDH-3714's will be put into service and there will be a series of reroutings. Added details will appear as they are available.

AIRPORTRANSIT (APT):

APT instituted a new schedule on its LOS ANGELES-LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT route on March 2nd calling for a half hourly morning service and a 20 minute afternoon headway on Monday through Saturday. Sunday service is 35 minutes in the morning on Sunday and 45 minutes in the afternoon. Coach 410, the Flxette, has been assigned to the ALEXANDRIA HOTEL-AMBASSADOR HOTEL-LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT route.

RTD REPORT

BASEBALL BUS SERVICE

Effective April 9th service was inaugurated to the Anaheim Stadium for the California Angels' baseball games. Service is provided over a series of five routes--Line 178A--LOS ANGELES-NORWALK-ANAHEIM STADIUM, Line 178B--DISNEYLAND-ANAHEIM STADIUM, Line 178C--SANTA ANA-ANAHEIM STADIUM, Line 178D--LONG BEACH-ANAHEIM STADIUM, and Line 178E--WHITTIER-ANAHEIM STADIUM. Except for Line 178B which has two scheduled trips, all other routes have one trip, with added buses if necessary.

SOUTHSIDE REROUTING

Beginning Sunday April 24th Line 29--WEST SEVENTH STREET-SAN PEDRO STREET was rerouted to provide service to the Goodyear Rubber Plant located at 68th & Central. Southbound trips are routed via Avalon Blvd., Gage Ave., and Central Ave. to Florence Ave. Northbound buses travel west on Florence Ave. and north on Avalon Blvd. providing a loop-type service.

EQUIPMENT SALES

Coaches numbered 2019-2022, GMC TDM-4515/092-095, have been sold to the AMERICAN TRANSIT CORPORATION owned METROPOLITAN TRANSIT CORPORATION that operates suburban service out of Seattle, Wash. Coaches 2017, 2018, 2023, and 2024 are currently for sale.

REPAINTED COACHES

The following coaches have been repainted in the new chrome yellow and saddle tan color scheme since our last listing: 2157, 2161, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2172, 2173, 2301, 2347, 2365, 2377, 5090, 5225, 5235, 5245, 5317, 5342, 5343, 5355, 5356, 5374, 5500, 5514, and 5541.

CENTURY CITY SERVICE

Beginning May 8th Line 91--HOLLYWOOD BLVD. ("W" Route trips) will be extended from the current terminal at Santa Monica and Wilshire Blvds. into Century City. This extension will add one bus to the line and $36,000 to yearly operating expenses. Century City has guaranteed the difference in costs for a one year trial period.

ADVERTISING

SCRTD has started an advertising campaign stressing the comfort and convenience of riding RTD buses, now called "EXTRACARS". Newspaper advertisements and the use of Bus Stop "aprons" are the mediums being used in the program. Some of the "aprons" are signed--"Buy Something Big With The Dough You Save On EXTRACAR", Save $100.00 A Month, Ride EXTRACAR", and "Join The EXTRACAR Rebellion For Fun And Profit".