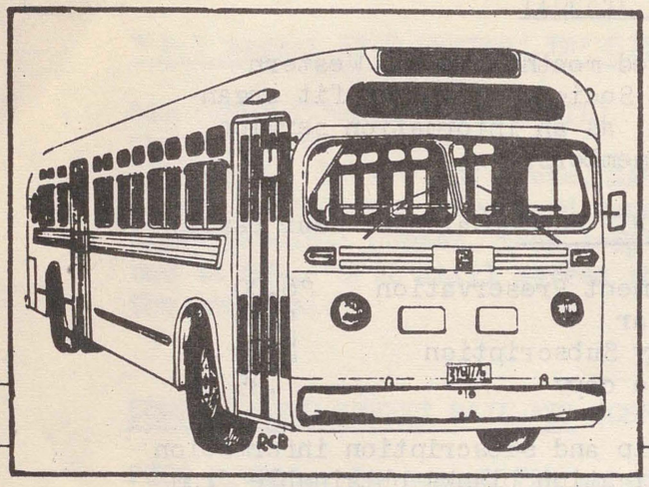


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C A L I F O R N I A

PINK BUS LINE (PBL)

BUENA PARK: PBL began operating its LA HABRA-HUNTINGTON BEACH route on June 18 with the closing of school. The schedule this year is the same as 1971 except the first round trip leaves La Habra at 9:00 AM and Huntington Beach at 10:00 AM (one hour later than last year). Two other PBL routes are also operating. The first is a GARDEN GROVE -HUNTINGTON BEACH STATE BEACH route which began July 10 and will continue through September 9. Financed in part by a City of Garden Grove donation of $2,000 the route operates two round trips Monday through Saturday. Beginning at Valley View and Chapman Avenues, buses travel along Chapman, Harbor Blvd., Trask Avenue and Brookhurst Street to the beach. The bus leaves the Chapman terminal at 9:00 AM and 12:30 PM and departs the beach at 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM. One way running time is 70 minutes and a round trip fare of 50 cents is charged all patrons. A third service, technically operated as a City of Irvine municipal operation, provided for two buses operating from Irvine through the city and into Newport Center and Corona Del Mar beach area. Three daily round trips were run plus a Monday/Wednesday/Friday evening service to the Irvine Teen Center. The service ran under contract beginning on June 19 ending on August 11.

FRASCA BUS LINE (FBL)

WOODLAND HILLS: FBL is indeed operating (WT 4/72) between the San Fernando Valley and the Zuma/Malibu area. Three trips leave Granada Hills (Chatsworth Street and Zelzah Avenue) at 10:00 AM, 11:30 AM and on summer school days at 12:40 PM Monday through Friday and both buses leave Zuma Beach at 4:00 PM and Malibu at 4:15 PM for the return trip. Saturday service will run through September 30 (leave the Valley at 10:00 AM and Zuma at 4:00 PM). A 75 cent fare is charged for rides north and east of Sherman Way and Topanga Canyon Blvd. with 65 cents for rides west of that point. Two former SCRTD coaches (See Equipment Report) are being used and travel along Chatsworth Street, Reseda Boulevard, Sherman Way, Fallbrook Avenue, Ventura Boulevard, Ventura Freeway, Las Virgenes Canyon Road/Malibu Canyon Road and Pacific Coast Highway.

MEETING DATES

Next meeting - Monday, September 11

Future meeting - Sunday October 8

Location: West side of Los Angeles 1/4 block North of Olympic Blvd., 3 blocks east of Fairfax Avenue

936 South Genessee Avenue
Los Angeles, California
7:30 PM

Transportation: SCRTD Lines 4 and 89

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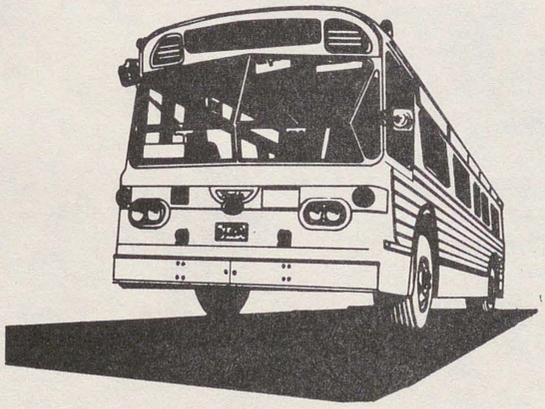
FIVE YEAPS AGO IN "THE BOOSTER"

August 1967

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RAPID TRANSIT DISTRICT purchased both INGLEWOOD CITY LINES and PASADENA CITY LINES merging these systems into its transit network.

The new GREYHOUND LINES/SCRTD Bus Terminal at Sixth and Los Angeles Streets was ready for opening.

PEERLESS STAGES, INC. was studying the possibility of instituting new bus routes in the Fremont/Newark/ Union City area.



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SAN PERDO TRANSIT LINES (SPTL)

SAN PERDO: SPTL's one route, SAN PEDRO-HARBOR CITY, has been extended from the former Harbor City Greyhound Depot eastward along Pacific Coast Highway to the Kaiser Medical Center, then looping via 257th Street and south on Normandie Avenue to PCH. SPTL still serves the Greyhound station although it is no longer the terminal.

CONSOLIDATED STREET RAILWAYS (CSR)

PICO RIVERA: On August 7th an additional rush hour round trip was added to Line 3-SIMI VALLEY-LOS ANGELES departing Simi at 555 AM and Los Angeles at 440 PM. The former Friday only trip departing Simi Valley at 715 PM now departs there at 715 PM daily.

GOLDEN STATE CHARTER BUS LINES (GSCBL)

LOS ANGELES: The Los Angeles Unified School District awarded GSCBL a school bus contract which will require about 85 buses. The firm has purchased sixty new 20 seat Dodge 300/Thomas bodied coaches. GSCBL already has thirty Crowns including two 3 axle, 64/96 seaters.

THE BUG LINE (TBL)

SAN DIEGO: Dr. Jack Haberstroh, Advertising Professor at San Diego State University, has purchased two buses from AZTEC BUS LINES (believed to be TDH 4509s) and plans to use them to provide a free bus service for SDSU students beginning in September. Two routes, one from Pacific Beach and the other from Ocean Beach, would make four round trips a day carrying students to and from school. Haberstroh hopes the venture will become self supporting through the sale of advertising. The buses will be repainted and outfitted with installation of fiberglass bug eyes, antennae and legs along the roof line. The Ocean Beach bus will be named the "Oatmeal Briny Weevil" and the Pacific Beach coach is to be dubbed "Peanut Butter Gnat". Bus service will begin on September 18th and Dr. Haberstroh hopes to be out of the picture then with students handling the business end. They will receive both financial compensation and class credit for this project.

SANTA CRUZ METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCMTD)

SANTA CRUZ: A system whereby University of California - Santa Cruz students pay a $10.50 annual fee to allow them to ride SCMTD buses "free" has proven very successful. This type of subsidy is expected to bring in about $50,000 this fall, about one-third of the district's operating costs. SCMTD operates six TDH 3301s and three other coaches in the Santa Cruz area including routes onto the UCSC campus.

SAN DIEGO TRANSIT CORP. (SDTC)

SAN DIEGO: In an effort to stimulate business and encourage people to use autos less, SDTC reduced their Monthly Saver Pass to $10.00 on August 1st and will reduce regular fares from 40 cents with 10 cent zones to 25 cents with no charge for additional zones beginning September 1st, the second California transit property to do so (the first was ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT beginning on August 1st). Lines 5-UNIVERSITY CITY EXPRESS and 11-SOUTHEAST SAN DIEGO EXPRESS are experiencing an average eight per cent passenger increase each month. The routes began running last April 24th. All express buses carry orange on black "EXPRESS" signs in the front ad frames and fly yellow flags from the front corners of the bus when operating on these two routes. June 18th saw a series of route changes. All trips on Line 11-KENSINGTON-LOGAN HEIGHTS which terminated at 58th and Logan were extended to Skyline Drive and Meadowbrook, the terminal of Line 4-CLAIREMONT-LOMITA VILLAGE. This means there is now weekend service between 58th Street and Meadowbrook. Line J-PACIFIC BEACH-KEARNEY MESA was both rerouted and rescheduled. Half hourly weekday service is now operated all day rather than rush hours only - hourly weekend service continues. In the Kearney Mesa area Line J was rerouted to operate along Convoy Street, Clairemont Mesa Blvd., and a large loop via Ruffin Road, Balboa Avenue and Kearney Villa Road to Clairemont Mesa. Line B-LA JOLLA has returned to its former route along West Mission Bay Drive in the Belmont Park area due to the completion of a new bridge across Mission Bay (WT 6/72). Line F-SAN DIEGO-LEMON GROVE-SPRING VALLEY-COLLEGE GROVE received the greatest changes. A new branch of Line F was instituted deviating from the main line at 65th and Broadway and traveling via 65th, Klauber Avenue, 69th, Mount Vernon, Massachusetts, Broadway and College Avenue into College Grove Shopping Center. A ninety minute headway is operated on each branch providing a 45 minute headway between 65th/Broadway and downtown San Diego. Saturday service, offered for the first time in many years, is operated on a similar schedule. One additional bus is required for base service with two more buses needed for peak hour service.

GREYHOUND LINES - WEST (GL-W)

SAN FRANCISCO: Last April 30th the LONG BEACH-RIVERSIDE-SAN BERNARDINO route was rerouted through Anaheim (WT 3/72). Hearings were held recently on GL-W's proposed second step increase request of 13.5% (originally to be 8.5%) for California intrastate passenger fares. The original application was filed in April 1971 asking 15% in total and the Public Utilities Commission authorized a 6.5% increase to be come effective August 21, 1971 which was held up until last November 23rd because of the Price Freeze. The increase is necessary to afford a rate of return of 7%, a rate the Commission has previously found reasonable. The proposed minimum fare is to be fifty cents with round trips to be 190% of the one way fare (presently 180%).

CALIFORNIA -- GL-W (CONTINUED)

GL-W has applied to the PUC for authority to operate over additional segments of Interstate Highway 680 and California Highway 21 in order to institute express service between San Jose and Sacramento via Walnut Creek and Concord on a three month trial basis. The present four daily round trips on the SAN JOSE-TRACY-STOCKTON-SACRAMENTO route would remain the same. Two daily round trips on the new routing are proposed. On September 6th the FORT BRAGG-SANTA ROSA-SAN FRANCISCO route (one round trip daily) will be cut back to Santa Rosa with San Francisco connections at that point. Also service to the College Of The Canyons in Valencia by local trips on the LOS ANGELES-SAN FRANCISCO route will be discontinued. Coaches 1900-1906 (MC7s) have been repainted and refurbished and are now being used on the PORTLAND-SEATTLE-VANCOUVER, B.C. VIP schedules. PD 4107s 7900-7906 have been repainted into the standard Greyhound paint scheme and are now assigned, along with the remaining 7900s to the principal north/south routes between California and the Pacific Northwest.

KNICKERBOCKER TOURS (KT)

HOLLYWOOD: KT's sightseeing operations authority (consisting of seven routes) (WT 2/71) has been revoked by the Public Utilities Commission at the company's request. KT, who was the Los Angeles affiliate of AMERICAN SIGHTSEEING ASSOCIATION, will continue as a charter carrier.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: AC Transit has taken delivery on sixty additional 51 passenger coaches (See Equipment Report) which feature Environment Improvement Package, an outside light above the front and rear doors for use during darkness and a new style bucket seat which is wall mounted and supported by a center pedestal. Interior side paneling is white with gold flecks. A new, two year labor agreement between the District and the Amalgamated Transit Union has been signed and it calls for operators to earn $5.20 per hour, up 26 cents an hour with similar increases for clerical and maintenance personnel. A 5.5% increase will take place beginning the second year of the contract and the Cost Of Living clause will continue. When the BAPT Richmond line becomes operational Lines 72M-OAKLAND-RICHMOND VIA MAC DONALD AVENUE and 72P-OAKLAND-RICHMOND VIA POTRERO AVENUE have been authorized to be rerouted to serve the BART/Richmond Station and, at night and on Sunday, the BART/El Cerrito Station. A new Line 72B supplemental shuttle will operate between 23rd Street & Mac Donald Avenue and the BART/El Cerrito Station serving BART/Del Norte Station enroute. This new line would operate during weekday commute hours. Additional AC Transit route changes involving the BART Richmond line were detailed WT 6/72.

ARIZONA

SUN VALLEY BUS LINES, INC. (SVBL)

PHOENIX: Buses on the SVBL PHOENIX-LAS VEGAS route are now serving the new resort community of Lake Havasu City, Arizona (the new home of the world famed London Bridge) by traveling along Arizona Highway 95 between Parker, Arizona and Needles, California rather than traversing the California desert on U. S. Highway 95. Two daily round trips are offered, one being a portion of a PORTLAND-RENO-PHOENIX Thru Bus operated in conjunction with LAS VEGAS-TONOPAH-RENO STAGE LINE, INC. and GREYHOUND LINES - WEST.

PHOENIX TRANSIT CORPORATION (PTC)

PHOENIX: In an effort to stimulate business PTC, on July 3rd, reduced certain fares and extended five lines. The basic fare remains at 35 cents and the zone fare is still 5 cents, however, the system now only has two zones, Zone 2 covering Scottsdale, Glendale and the North Phoenix area, instead of the former pattern where almost every line operated through more than one zone regardless of direction and there were up to four zones on some lines. The five cent transfer charge was eliminated and Senior Citizens can now travel in one zone for 20 cents and children ages 6 to 11 can travel for 15 cents. The $1.25 Ride-All-Day Ticket is still being sold. Line 5-CENTRAL AVENUE-SUNNYSLOPE was extended at its northern end to operate in a large loop via 7th Avenue, Peoria Avenue, 19th Avenue and Hatcher Road connecting with Line 29-ENCANTO PARK. Line 10-7TH AVENUE-HATCHER ROAD now operates in a loop at the north end via Dunlap Avenue, Central Avenue, Hatcher Road and 7th Avenue connecting with Lines 5 and 7-7TH STREET. Line 16-SOUTH CENTRAL AVENUE-WEST BROADWAY was extended westward along Dobbins Road from Central Avenue to 10th Avenue and Line 23-WEST INDIAN SCHOOL ROAD had its loop enlarged to connect with Line 34-GLENDALE and to operate along Camelback Road between 37th Avenue and 27th Avenue. Line 28-WEST BUCKEYE ROAD no longer operates to the old County Hospital but instead upon arriving 35th Avenue and Buckeye Road trips alternate over two loops, the first west along Buckeye looping at 40th Avenue and the other running south on 35th Avenue, east on Durango and north on 31st Avenue to Buckeye Road. Schedules were adjusted only slightly as there was enough running time to allow for these changes. (Refer to 4/71 WT for complete PHOENIX TRANSIT CORPORATION map and service table).

OREGON

HAMMAN STAGE LINES, INC. (HSL)

SALEM: HSL has applied for authority to extend its SALEM-MILL CITY-BEND route to run between Redmond and Prineville. HSL presently connects at Bend with PACIFIC TRAILWAYS (MOUNT HOOD STAGES, INC. d/b/a) and PT now operates between Redmond and Prineville on its PORTLAND-SALT LAKE CITY route. Also filed was a request to abandon service beyond Mt. Angel on the SALEM-MT. ANGEL-WOODBURN route, primarily a suburban route.

IDAHO

SCENIC STAGES (SS)

BOISE: SS who had operated the BOISE-EMMETT route consisting of two round trips daily ceased operations recently. SS was affiliated with NORTHWESTERN STAGE LINES, a company that operates between Boise and Lewiston, Idaho.

NEVADA

LAS VEGAS TRANSIT SYSTEM (LVTS)

LAS VEGAS: Effective last May 1st Line 1-HYDE PARK-COUNTY HOSPITAL was rerouted to serve the new Clark County Health Center on Monday through Friday between 745 AM and 415 PM on outbound trips only. Buses serve the center by diverting from Charleston Boulevard along Shadow Lane to the center and then returning to Charleston. Previously it was necessary for patrons to walk the four blocks to the hospital. Half of the LVTS fleet of 22 coaches is now painted in the paint scheme which consists of a white body except for the unpainted aluminum area, a wide red belt and a thin V shaped stripe on the front end. The older paint job includes red and white, but is basically silver.

TEXAS

EL PASO CITY LINES (EPCL)

EL PASO: Although EPCL Line 1--EL PASO-JUAREZ (the International Carline) is still not operating the PCCs are being refurbished and repainted in a red, yellow and green paint scheme. So far nine of the active fleet of fifteen cars have been repainted. Eleven buses, in various states of disrepair, have either been sold or moved to a separate storage yard - 3821 and 3828 (TDH 3714s), 3058 (TDH 4509), 4090, 4104, 4111 (TDH 5105s) and 4164, 4177, 4179, 4183 and 4184 (TDH 5103s from SCRTD). With these changes all buses on the property are now TDH 4517s, TDH 5103s and TDH 5105s. 32 of the 39 motors of the TDH 4517s are being rebuilt to use the special GMC fuel injectors to eliminate visible black exhaust and it is planned to spend about $750,000 to purchase thirty used 51 passenger air conditioned buses which will also have the special fuel injectors. No date has been set for this purchase

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NOTE: The General Motors Operating Manual For Second Generation New Look Coaches Is No Longer Available.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

Below is a list of passenger equipment either acquired or disposed of by Western operators since our last report. Neither completeness nor currency is implied.

Name Of Company	Vehicle Nos.	Builder	Model/Serial Nos.	Comments
NEW EQUIPMENT				
AC Transit	930-989	GMC	T6H5307N/056-115	51 seat,EIP
Gardena Municipal Bus Lines	51-58	GMC	T6H4523A/032-039	45 seat,EIP
Ventura Transit Lines	140-146	Twin	TC31/25143-25148	correction
Greyhound Lines - West	2030-2059	MCI	MC7/-	New Greyh paint scheme
Russell Transp., Inc.	39	Crown	2A-743-11/36227	3 axle, 01 seater
USED EQUIPMENT				
Pink Bus Line	12	GMC	TDH4507/2462	Ex RTD 6902
" " "	unnumbered	GMC	TDM4801/051	Ex GLW 9500
Frasca Bus Line	unnumbered	GMC	TDH4801/206,217	Ex RTD 6540, 6551
Phoenix Transit Corp.	1904-1905	GMC	T6H4521A/357-358	Ex Austin Transit
Melni Bus Service	321	GMC	PD4103/1247	Ex Sierra 279
" " "	326	GMC	PD4101/268	Ex Adams 11
Sierra Lines	306-309	GMC	TDM4801/075,035, 010,059	Ex GL 9524, 9484, 9459, 9508
" "	455-456	GMC	PD4104/--,4797	Ex GL--,7624
" "	500	R&C	01SE/6656	Ex CRS 11736
DISPOSITION				
Greyhound Lines - West	1203	GMC	PD4501/372	To Mt. Canaan Baptist Church (Houston)
" "	2083	GMC	PD4104/--	To Mexico
Sierra Lines	277-280	GMC	PD4103/304,1034, 1247,978	To Melni Bus Service
Adams Charter Coaches	11	GMC	PD4101/268	To Melni
" " "	24	GMC	PD4103/1190	To Melni
Phoenix Transit Corp.	530,533	Twin	FLP 35/2, 15	To pvt party (Phoenix)