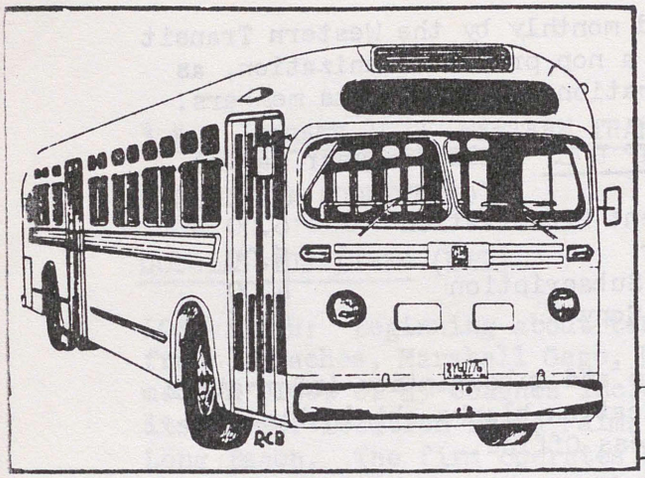


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CALIFORNIA

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BUS OPERATIONS

On a somewhat reduced scale, last year, as in several years past, California transit properties operated specially decorated and painted buses to add to the holiday festivities. LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY 1566 (TDH 4519) and SANTA MONICA MUNICIPAL BUS LINES 5349 (TDH 5303) ran as red and white striped candy cane buses. SACRAMENTO TRANSIT AUTHORITY did not have an Xmas bus this year as their new garage is being built and it was not possible to repaint buses at this time. The City of Huntington Park again sponsored a free SHOPPERS SPECIAL service along Pacific Boulevard between Randolph Street and Florence Avenue six days a week from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM using one bus on a 20 minute headway. This year AIRPORTRANSIT 11 and 13, both one door, 17 seat Minibuses, were used between December 4th and Christmas Eve. For the second straight year the Montclair Chamber of Commerce operated a SHOPPERS SHUTTLE bus. This year the Chamber leased PACIFIC SCENIC LINES 3944, a Minibus which has 23 forward facing seats, to cover the two routes 1-MILLS and 2-BENSON (WT 1/72). The bus operated Tuesday through Saturday between 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM from November 28th through December 23rd. Each route was covered once an hour with Route 1 leaving Montclair Plaza on the hour and Route 2 departing on the half hour.

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (LBPTCo)

LONG BEACH: From December 20th to December 23rd LBPTCo operated a special loop route-Line E - to test the Electrobus (WT 12/72). The line began at 4th and Cherry traveling via 4th Street, Alamitos Avenue, 5th Street, Pine Avenue, 1st Street and Cherry Avenue to 4th. The first trip was 10:00 AM and half hourly through 5:30 PM except for a lunch break at 1:30 PM. This bus, which resembles the new style Twin Coach in certain ways, is painted white and yellow with interiors of white over dark brown with padded longitudinal seats on both sides of the bus and across the back. The bus can run up to 4 hours before recharging and it is necessary to recharge the length of time the bus was run. The batteries can be changed in five minutes (WT 12/72 incorrectly stated the bus could be recharged in five minutes). LBPTCo has taken delivery of five new GMC buses which feature several "new to Long Beach" features including a metallic blue interior, back lighted car card racks and chrome wheel covers. The firm also plans to purchase four small buses and the Electrobus was tested to determine if such a bus would be practical for the city.

MEETING DATES

Next meeting - Sunday February 11

Future meeting - Sunday March 11

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

West side of Los Angeles 1/4 block north of Olympic Blvd., three blocks east of Fairfax Avenue

Transportation: SCRTD Lines 4 and 89

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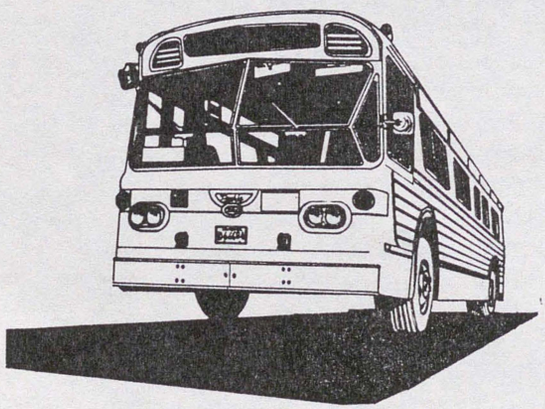
FIVE YEARS AGO IN "THE BOOSTER"

January 1968

BLUE AND WHITE BUS LINES purchased the transit operations of ATKINSON TRANSPORTATION COMPANY and SOUTH LOS ANGELES TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.

SANTA FE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY discontinued its train connection bus service between Pasadena, Los Angeles and Bakersfield.

LONG BEACH PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY began a new weekend only route between downtown and Pierpoint Landing using two former LONDON TRANSPORT double deckers, RLH 7 and RLH 30, which arrived aboard the Queen Mary.



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DOUGLAS BUS LINES (DBL)

LONG BEACH: Beginning about ten years ago with a fleet of 14 conventional (engine-in-front) coaches, Marshall Gage, DBL President and WTS Member, has built DBL into a modern fleet of 45 coaches including fifteen PD 4104s. DBL just recently moved from its former location in La Palma to a new facility on Paramount Boulevard in North Long Beach. The firm operates home-to-work commuter type routes to Douglas Aircraft Plant in Long Beach, McDonnell Douglas Aircraft and American Autonetics from a wide range of Los Angeles and Orange County cities from Mission Viejo to Covina to Alhambra. Exact routes and schedules depend on the riders work schedules. DBL also performs charter service. Most of the buses in the fleet seldom see the DBL garage as they are stored in service stations and parking lots near the beginning of their runs and are serviced by a roving pick up truck which is dispatched from the garage on a regular schedule. DBL coaches are all being painted white with red trim. Transit type buses are lettered "DOUGLAS BUS LINES" while parlors are lettered "DOUGLAS CHAPTER LINES". DBL is presented as our "Roster Of The Month".

Number	Make	Model/Serial	Seats	Year	Notes
30	YC	TD 3602/060	36	1941	Ex Pasadena C L 8612
32	YC	TD 3602/063	36	1941	Ex Pasadena C L 8615
36	GMC	TD 3609/224	36	1946	Ex Cook Transp.
38	GMC	TD 3609/077	36	1945	Ex SCRTD 6660
44	GMC	PD 4103/354	37	1951	Ex AVBI 614
46	GMC	PD 4103/109	37	1951	Ex AVBI 714
48	GMC	PD 4103/1241	41	1952	Ex AVBI 414
50	GMC	PD 4101/232	41	1949	Ex ABL 6210
52	GMC	PD 3751/886	37	1948	Ex SCTC 2832
54	GMC	PD 4104/305	41	1953	Ex WGL 7244
56	GMC	PD 4104/348	45	1953	Ex Knickerbocker 217
58	GMC	PD 4104/3335	38R	1958	Ex GL-W 2040
60	GMC	PD 4104/965	45	1954	Ex GLOSF 243
62	GMC	PD 4104/077	45	1953	Ex Embree 513
64	GMC	PD 4104/3371	38R	1958	Ex GL-E 9919
66	GMC	PD 4104/3376	38R	1958	Ex GL-E 9924
68	GMC	PD 4104/3105	39R	1958	Ex GL-E 6962
70	GMC	PD 4104/2732	39R	1957	Ex GL-E 6915
72	GMC	PD 4104/928	41	1954	Ex SCTC 2493
74	GMC	PD 4104/1052	41	1954	Ex SCTC 2494
76	GMC	PD 4104/2454	45	1957	Ex Arrow 285
78	GMC	PD 4104/349	45	1953	Ex Knickerbocker 218
80	GMC	PD 4104/862	45	1954	Ex CST C5625D
82	GMC	PD 4104/858	45	1954	Ex AVBI 1824

CALIFORNIA -- DBL (CONTINUED)

Number	Make	Model/Serial	Seats	Year	Notes
102	Mack	C41GT/1802 (Dieselized)	41	1947	Ex LBMBCo 7102
104	YC	TD 4505/134	45	1941	Ex Torrance 324
108	YC	TD 4505/115	45	1941	Ex Torrance 325
111	White	1144D/412345	45	1952	Ex SMMBL 706
112	YC	TD 4505/343	45	1941	Ex Bayshore 650
114	GMC	TD 4506/030	45	1945	Ex Bayshore 652
116	GMC	TD 4507/138	45	1946	Ex LAMTA 6987 via Cook
118	GMC	TD 4507/145	45	1946	Ex LAMTA 6980 via Cook
120	YC	TD 4505/125	45	1941	Ex Gardena 61
201	GMC	TD 4506/164	45	1945	Ex Aerospace B201
202	GMC	TD 4506/842	45	1946	Ex Aerospace B202
203	GMC	TD 4506/782	45	1946	Ex Aerospace B203
586	GMC	PD 4501/515	43F	1955	Ex Leisure 4501
703	GMC	TD 3609/163	36	1945	Ex ELACIA 703
704	GMC	TD 3609/165	36	1945	Ex ELACIA 704
705	GMC	TD 3609/160	36	1945	Ex ELACIA 705
706	GMC	TD 3609/142	36	1945	Ex ELACIA 706
4306	GMC	PD 4501/041	43R	1954	Ex LV Travel 4306
4307	GMC	PD 4501/631	43R	1955	Ex LV Travel 4307
4308	GMC	PD 4501/112	43R	1954	Ex Four Winds 432
4312	GMC	PD 4501/768	43R	1956	Ex LV Travel 4312

ABL - American Buslines, Inc.
AVBI - Antelope Valley Bus, Inc.
CST - California Sightseeing Tours
ELACIA - East Los Angeles Community Improvement Association
GL-E - Greyhound Lines-East
GL-W - Greyhound Lines-West
WGL - Western Greyhound Lines
GLOSF - Gray Line of San Francisco
LAMTA - Los Angeles Metropolitan Transit Authority
LBMBCo - Long Beach Motor Bus Company
SCRTD - Southern California Rapid Transit District
SCTC - South Coast Transit Corporation
SMMBL - Santa Monica Municipal Bus Lines

GREYHOUND LINES - WEST (GL-W)

SAN FRANCISCO: On January 1st all fares on the SAN DIEGO-SAN YSIDRO route were hiked ten cents to conform to the recent fare increase (WT 11/72). Several PD 4501s (1153, 1154, 1159, 1160, 1165, 1166, 1187, 1193, 1196, 1197, 8165 and 8176) were converted to ten seat baggage cars for the Christmas season package express business and have since been reseated to 43 seaters. On January 1st all SFBACR Peninsula routes, the LONG BEACH-SANTA MONICA route and the SAN DIEGO-SAN YSIDRO were changed over to the Exact Fare system with Duncan fareboxes replacing the Grant and Johnson boxes. Beginning with 2070 the Western MC 7s now contain only 43 seats - so far 2070-2149 have arrived this way.

CALIFORNIA Continued

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: OCTD and AMERICAN TRANSIT CORPORATION have signed a new management contract consolidating the SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP. $15,080 yearly contract and the SANTA ANA TRANSIT CORP. $14,400 agreement, inherited when OCTD took over from the City of Santa Ana, into a $24,000 a year agreement. The district is responsible for wages, cost of fuel and supplies and 3 per cent of gross operating revenue to ATC for accounting. OCTD inaugurated its revised Santa Ana city routes on January 2nd using the new Flxibles. Four new or revised lines are operated, three of them operating from one part of town thru downtown to another section of the city. Line 143-COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER-SOUTH COAST PLAZA begins at the Orange County Medical Center via Manchester, Dawn Road, an unnamed roadway into The City Shopping Center, City Boulevard East, City Parkway East, The City Drive, Memory Lane, Bristol Street, Civic Center Drive, Flower Street to Santa Ana Boulevard where the line branches - Line 143B travels west on Santa Ana and south on Bristol Street to South Coast Plaza - Line 143M goes east on Santa Ana Blvd./ 5th Street, Main Street, MacArthur Boulevard and Bristol Street to South Coast Plaza. Line 144-SANTA ANA CIVIC CENTER-HARBOR BOULEVARD is a two way loop service alternate buses covering the loop clockwise and counter-clockwise. Beginning at Santa Ana and Flower Street via Flower, 1st Street, Harbor Boulevard, 17th Street and Flower Street to Santa Ana Boulevard. Line 145-SIXTH & GRAND/CENTRAL & HALLADAY begins at Main and St. Andrew Place via St. Andrew, Standard Avenue, Warner Avenue, Halladay Street, Central Avenue, Main Street, St. Andrew Place, Flower Street, Civic Center Drive, Broadway, 17th Street and Grand Avenue to 6th Street. Line 146-SIXTH & GRAND/HARVARD & GREENVILLE is operationally connected to Line 145. From 6th and Grand it travels along Grand Avenue, 4th Street, Wright Street, Palm Street, Lyon Street, 1st Street, Main Street,(3rd westbound, 5th eastbound), Ross Street, Santa Ana Blvd., Flower Street, Civic Center Drive, Raitt Street, McFaden Avenue, Center Street, Edinger Avenue and Greenville Street to Harvard Street. Night service (until 9:00 PM) Monday to Friday has been instituted on hourly headways. Weekday service is half hourly (hourly on the branches) with generally hourly Saturday service (two hourly on the branches). Lines 53-SANTA ANA-BALBOA and 57-SANTA ANA-LAGUNA BEACH were rerouted in Santa Ana with Line 53 operating via Main Street, 3rd Street, Ross Street, Santa Ana Blvd., Flower Street, 3rd Street, Olive and Santa Ana Blvd/5th Street to Main. North of South Coast Plaza Line 57 travels Bristol Street, Santa Ana Blvd/5th Street, Broadway, 3rd Street, Ross Street, Santa Ana Blvd. to Bristol Street returning to Laguna. Line 53 schedules have been coordinated with Line 143M to provide 30 minute weekday service (hourly Saturday) along South Main and Lines 57 and 143B are similarly coordinated along Bristol Street. As a rule on weekdays buses stay on the same line or lines throughout the day, but on Saturday because of reduced headways, the need to coordinate schedules on Lines 53, 57, 143B and 143M and the desire to have buses continue in one direction along Flower Street downtown (rather than looping the block) buses have been programed into cycles that might involve four lines or portions of lines. Eleven coaches are assigned on Saturday with nine in service at any time. The operator keeps the same bus all day including his lunch period and any split he might have. The nine new air conditioned, EIP equipped Flxibles (201-209) have 41 Monarch Blue textured National seats with a seat belt for the operator, white melamine paneling on walls and lower sides. The area around the standee windows and car card racks is black and in front the operators area is gray. Turn signals are foot operated and there is a yellow ICC line for standees. The floors are streaked white and the buses have single piece electric headsigns and side route sign boxes without signs. There are no outside advertising frames in line with OCTD's policy to limit advertising.

CALIFORNIA -- OCTD (CONTINUED)

OCTD's nickname is The "Two Bit" Bus Line and all coaches display an orange windshield card with black print reading -- 25¢ One Way Two Bit Bus Fare in addition to any other windshield cards. To introduce Orange Countians to their new buses coach 206 was on display at The City in Orange on Saturday January 6th. Frank K. King, OCTD Bus Operations Manager, was on hand to greet visitors and explain OCTD's new services. The size of the rear window has been decreased because a vertical exhaust stack in connection with the EIP kit has been installed on the left side. The right side includes engine air intake ducts. The seven SANTA ANA TRANSIT CORP. buses - 2071 and 2072 (TDH 3612s) and 2475, 2488, 2661, 2903 and 2904 (TDH 3714s) have been sent to PHOENIX TRANSIT CORP. while the five former SOUTH COAST TRANSIT CORP. buses - 2489 and 2660 (TDH 3714s) and 2075, 2076 and 2077 (TDH 4509s) have been retained as back up units. On weekdays 16 buses are scheduled with 17 New Look units and 5 Pairys.

SERVICE TABLE

Line Name	Monday - Friday First Bus	Hdwy	Buses Req.	Last Bus	Saturday First Bus	Hdwy	Buses Req.	Last Bus
53-BALBOA	538AM	60	2	634PM	735AM	120	1	533PM
57-LAGUNA	535AM	60	3	530PM	735AM	120	1½	530PM
65-UCI-BALBOA	655AM	60	2	655PM	755AM	120	1	555PM
143-MED. CENTR	655AM	30*)		825PM	725AM	60)		525PM
143B-S. BRISTOL	600AM	60*)	3	755PM	825AM	120)	2½	425PM
143M-S. MAIN	600AM	60*)		825PM	825AM	120)		425PM
144-WEST 1ST	600AM	30*)	2	855PM	730AM	60)	1	525PM
144-WEST 17TH	600AM	30*)		825PM	755AM	60)		455PM
145-17TH-FLWR	600AM	30*	4	855PM	730AM	60	1	525PM
145-VIA 143M	-	-	-	-	755AM	60		455PM
146-1ST-RAITT	600AM	30*	%	925PM	800AM	60	1	555PM

*-After 600PM all service on Lines 143/144/145/146 runs hourly until about 900PM
%-See Line 145 for equipment requirements
#-Buses operate on various cycles - this indicates the number of buses on the line at any one time

SANTA CLARA COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SCCTD)

SAN JOSE: Borrowing a phrase (slightly modified) from BART, SCCTD announced, "We're Off And Rolling" January 1, 1973. AC TRANSIT has been given a contract to manage the existing combined bus operations pending establishment of a county wide transit network. The former PEERLESS STAGES suburban lines out of San Jose were renumbered from 1-6 and 8 to 11-16 and 18 and the PALO ALTO local lines 1-4 and 6 became 31-34 and 36. SAN JOSE CITY LINES Lines 1-7 retain their old numbers. All operations have been shifted to the former SJCL garage necessitating a 40 mile deadhead round trip for the Palo Alto buses. New pocket timetables have been issued, but all schedules remain as before. A new interlocking "CT" logo has been applied to all buses and all fareboxes have been painted silver. New headsigns have been installed in the former PSS buses while the Palo Alto signs had the new route numbers applied on the former headsigns. SCCTD acquired the entire SJCL roster of 54 buses (WT 12/70) less one TD 3609 - either 6614 or 6616 which was previously sold.

CALIFORNIA -- SCCTD (CONTINUED)

The ten city owned Palo Alto buses (formerly operated by PENINSULA TRANSIT LINES) and eight vintage coaches from PEERLESS STAGES. The first digit (2) of the PSS fleet numbers was dropped to avoid conflict with the former Palo Alto coaches.

Former Palo Alto Buses

260-261, 263-268	GMC	TGH 3102/1536-1537, 1539-1544	1963	Ex PTL 260,61,63-68
II 262	GMC	TGH 3102/643	1957	Ex PTL 400
269	GMC	TGH 3501/087	1966	Ex PTL 269

Former Peerless Buses

59	Yellow	TD 4505/586	1942	Ex PSS 259
60	GMC	TD 4506/234	1945	Ex PSS 260
65	GMC	TD 4506/023	1945	Ex PSS 265
66	GMC	TD 4506/032	1945	Ex PSS 266
67	GMC	TD 4506/028	1945	Ex PSS 267
80	Yellow	TD 4505/574	1942	Ex PSS 280
81	GMC	TD 4506/226	1945	Ex PSS 281
85	GMC	TD 4506/223	1945	Ex PSS 285

PTL retained the original 262 (TGH 3102/1538) minus engine and 401 (TGH 3102/644) and restored Ford Transit 221 which, together with the former 400, were painted in City of Palo Alto colors (white, gold and olive) and were used as spares for the City owned GMCs. Also at PTL are 402 (TD 4502/001), 216 (a restored Fageol Safety Coach) and two or three unserviceable Ford Transits.

65 - 67 are the only former PSS coaches with automatic transmissions and rear doors. The other five are one door stick jobs. PSS retained their newer suburban coaches 246-248 (TDM 4512 suburbans), 290 (TDM 5108) and 291 (TDM 4515). These coaches had provided base service on the San Jose suburban routes (five coaches needed) and the eight coaches turned over to the District were used as spares and for local charters.

A county wide fare of 25 cents has been adopted with no zone charges. Senior citizens and children (5-17) ride for ten cents. A color scheme of white with orange and blue trim has been announced and present plans call for refurbishing fifteen buses (presumed to be former SJCL 6513-6527, TDH 4517s and TDH 4519s) and replacement of other coaches.

AMERICAN PACIFIC STAGE COMPANY (APSC)

LOS ANGELES: December 1st APSC began operating the train connecting bus service between San Francisco (Trans Bay Terminal) and Oakland (16th Street Station) to connect with AMTRAK's Coast Daylight, Coast Starlight and San Francisco Zephyr. As APSC does not have any buses stationed in the Bay Area they are using P8M4905As of EASTSHORE LINES. GREYHOUND LINES-WEST had been operating the service using MC 7s.

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				
Orange County Transit	201-209	Flxible	111-DD-D05-1/56791-99	41 seats EIP
Long Beach Public Transp	4602-4606	GMC	T6H4523A/202-206	
Golden Gate Transit	833-860	GMC	T8H5307A/968-995	45 recl seats
Orange Belt Stages	150, 152	GMC	P8M4905A/173-174	
Roesch Lines	426	GMC	P8M4905A/191	
Greyhound Lines-West	2104-2149	MCI	MC7/ -	43 seat, RF
Mark IV Charter Lines	415-416	MCI	MC7/9924, 9928	Unit Nos 12023,12072
Associated Charter Bus Co	5330-5331	MCI	MC7/9929, 9930	Unit Nos 12096-12097
USED EQUIPMENT				
Valley Charter (Castro Valley)	unnumb	GMC	TDH4507/1459	Ex AC 1706
Gray Line of Los Angeles	4801-4810	GMC	TDH4801/043,042,003 046,060,188 220,062,216 201	RTD 2942,41,02, 2945,59,6522, 6554,2961,6550, 6535
El Camino Charter Lines	unnumb	GMC	TDM4801/058	Ex GLW 9507
Holiday Lines	208	GMC	TDH4801/229	Ex RTD 6563
	209	GMC	PD4106/1900	Ex LVTR 141
Eastshore Lines (IV)	309	GMC	PD4107/522	Ex Brush Hill 6613
Fiestacoach	4704-4706	GMC	PD4501/516,-,654	Ex GLW 8191,-, 1395
Thompson Transportation	8	Crown	A-590-10/33500	Ex Claus 8
Coach Leasing Co	4662	Mack	C49DT/2402	Ex Mike Sheridan Orig SFMRy 2662
DISPOSITIONS				
Greyhound Lines-West	1676	Mack	C49DM/1930	to pvt party(SF)
Crew Transit (I)	C101	GMC	PD4103/284	to Mexico
Eastshore Lines	317	GMC	PD4104/3862	to pvt party
Rapid Transit Lines	512	GMC	TDH5104/046	to pvt party-Houston
Community Chtr Bus System	2111	GMC	TDH5103/542	to pvt party

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