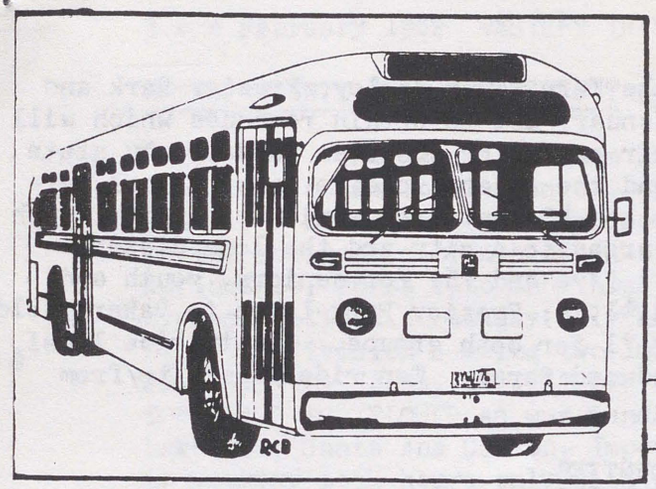


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AMERICAN SIGHTSEEING TOURS SAN DIEGO (The Bus That Goes In Circles, Inc. d/b/a)

SAN DIEGO: TBTCIC has joined the American Sightseeing Association and is now doing business as AMERICAN SIGHTSEEING TOURS SAN DIEGO effective January 1st. Also effective that same day was a new daily sightseeing one way service between Coronado, San Diego, Anaheim and Los Angeles including excellent narration enroute, luggage handling and information about the area you are visiting. Passenger pick up and drop off points are at selected hotels and this new service resembles the type of operation that CALIFORNIA PARLOR CAR TOURS performs. One daily trip is operated northbound from San Diego in the morning and southbound from Los Angeles in the afternoon and the routing is designed to travel along the Coast to the extent possible. Originating in Coronado at the Hotel Del Coronado the bus travels across the Coronado Bay Bridge into San Diego and after making stops at several hotels in San Diego and La Jolla runs along County Highway S21 (old US 101) through Del Mar, Solana Beach, Cardiff by the Sea, Encinitas, Leucaida, Carlsbad, Oceanside, thence Interstate 5 to San Clemente and Pacific Coast Highway through Dana Point, Monarch Bay, Laguna Beach, Corona Del Mar, Newport Beach, then via MacArthur Boulevard to Newport Freeway, Santa Ana Freeway exiting at Katella to serve Grand Hotel in Anaheim returning to the freeway, Santa Monica Freeway, Harbor Freeway, 9th Street, Figueroa Street and 7th Street to the terminal at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. Only one way fares are charged, San Diego-Los Angeles $19.50, San Diego-Anaheim $14.25 and Anaheim-Los Angeles $5.40 for adults with children 5-11 one half the adult fare. Reservations not required. Four TDM 4515s, two PD 4106s and four PD 4107s have been purchased for this tour service and the intercity contract service between Oceanside & San Diego and Escondido & San Diego operated under contract with the County of San Diego. AST #302 (PD 4107/061) has been repainted into a new scheme with white roof, dark blue around the window areas, light blue trim and two red stripes and is used on the tour. Plans call for the other buses to be so painted.

Depart	800AM	Hotel Del Coronado (Coronado)	Arrive	610PM
	815AM	Holiday Inn Embarcadero (Downtown)		555PM
	825AM	Sheraton Harbor Island Hotel		545PM
	840AM	Town & Country Hotel (Hotel Circle)		530PM
	855AM	San Diego Hilton (Mission Bay)		515PM
	910AM	Summer House Inn (La Jolla)		500PM
	1155AM	Grand Hotel (Anaheim/Disneyland)		215PM
Arrive	1240PM	Los Angeles Hilton Hotel (Los Angeles)	Depart	130PM

The firm continues to operate the original "Circles" San Diego City Tour, the 170-STRAND STREAKER service between Coronado and Imperial Beach, the county financed commute service from Escondido and Oceanside to downtown San Diego and has on order for spring delivery one T6H5307N from General Motors of Canada.

KERN AREA RURAL EXPRESS (KARE)

BAKERSFIELD: KARE operations in Lamont-Weedpatch, the Kern River Valley, Frazier Park and Mojave-Boron-California City increased their fares January 1st to obtain revenues which will the services to recover at least ten per cent of their operating costs as mandated by state law. The Kern River Valley line gets 4.9 per cent and the others receive less. Local service on all four lines is now 75 cents for full fare and 40 cents for senior citizens, youth and disabled. Each line offers trips from outlying areas to a city and the long distance fares are: Lamont-Weedpatch to Bakersfield $1.25 full fare and 75¢ for seniors, youth and disabled; Kern River Valley to Bakersfield $2.75 and $1.75; Frazier Park-Lebec to Bakersfield $2.50 and $1.25; and Mojave-Boron to California City $1 for both groups. Twenty ride local passes are also available at $14 full fare and $8 reduced fares. Ten ride passes to/from Bakersfield are also available.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS IN KINGS AND TULARE COUNTIES

HANFORD AND VISALIA: Public transit systems, set up as a result of a 1974 state law providing funding from a half cent per gallon tax on gasoline, are now operating in these central valley counties. There are five systems in Tulare County including a countywide system for rural areas and one each in the cities of Visalia, Tulare, Porterville and Dinuba. Kings has a countywide network. Tulare County and Visalia provide buses and other vehicles while the other cities contract for service with local taxicab or other transportation firms. Cost of rides vary but average between 50 and 75 cents in cities and $1 in county areas. In Kings County the four incorporated cities turn over their tax money to KINGS AREA RAPID TRANSIT (KART) which provides city local service and operates between them in addition to providing service to Lemoore Naval Air Station.

ALAMEDA-CONTRA COSTA TRANSIT DISTRICT (ACT)

OAKLAND: New bus equipment is in the news. ACT has ordered for April 1982 delivery twelve more Flyers and sixty Advance Design Neoplans, size unknown. Gillig was the low bidder to build an order of 131 buses including 91 forty foot units and forty 35 foot buses. These will be equipped with two wheelchair stations, electronic destination signs, no air conditioning and brake retarders. Gillig, Flyer and Neoplan bid on the 40 footers while Gillig, Flyer and Orion bid on the 35 footers.

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The Trouble Shooter column in The Register newspaper (Santa Ana) had the following item - A. A. H. of San Clemente writes that her daughter in Connecticut has lots of old railroad timetables, lists, etc dating from 1900 to 1940. TS will forward letters from interested collectors - Trouble Shooter, c/o The Register, P. O. Box 11626, Santa Ana, CA, 92711.

Member Tim Lane, 14654 Bethany Street, San Leandro, CA, 94579 is interested in obtaining a Key System Transit Lines hat badge and would appreciate hearing from any members with information on such.

ORANGE COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (OCTD)

SANTA ANA: The General System Shake Up took place on February 7th and included a number of operational changes. Line 21-HUNTINGTON BEACH-CYPRESS COLLEGE VIA VALLEY VIEW is a new alignment comprised on the 21-VALLEY VIEW SHUTTLE (WT 11/81) and the former Springdale branch of 54-CHAPMAN. Routing is from Springdale and Warner via Springdale, Polsa into and thru Westminster Mall, Springdale, Lampson, Valley View to Cypress College. Weekday only hourly service is operated 6AM to 6PM. The line is based at Division 4 using two 1000s (TDH 5303s). Saturday service was discontinued on 22-TUSTIN-LA HABRA, 62-WEST FIFTH-HAZARD and 80-HUNTINGTON BEACH-SANTA ANA VIA VICTORIA AND SO. FLOWER as was Sunday service on 22. The alignment along Riverdale, Lakeview, Santa Ana Canyon, Imperial and La Palma on 38-LA PALMA AVENUE was reduced to weekday peak hours only with buses at other times operating directly along Tustin between Riverdale and La Palma. Four trips (one am northbound, one am southbound, one pm northbound, one pm southbound) on 37-EUCLID were rerouted to serve the Irvine Institute in Fountain Valley. 54-CHAPMAN AVENUE lost the Springdale segment to the new 21. 57-LAGUNA HILLS-LAGUNA BEACH-SANTA ANA and 141-NEWHOPE-SEGERSTROM were changed to operate from both divisions while 59-GRAND/GLASSELL/TRACK CROSSTOWN was transferred from Division 4 to 7. 58-17TH STREET CROSSTOWN had midday service instituted (half hourly headways using 3 buses) between Main Street and Beach Boulevard. Line 80 was shortened in Huntington Beach to no longer operate between 5th & Orange and Yorktown & Main and midday service between South Coast Plaza and Huntington Beach was dropped. The alternate routing along Selva Road and Golden Lantern in Dana Point on 85-CROWN VALLEY PARKWAY was discontinued. 57 and 95-PACIFIC COAST HIGHWAY were rerouted in Laguna Beach to coincide with the opening of the new Laguna Beach Transportation Center. Buses have been rerouted to travel via Broadway, Forest, Ocean, into and thru the center and Broadway. The center will also serve LAGUNA BEACH MUNICIPAL TRANSIT LINES, TRAILWAYS, INC., and GREYHOUND LINES, INC. For the 1982 baseball season the 100R leg of 100-ANAHEIM STADIUM SERVICE serving Rossmoor, Leisure World and Golden West College will not be reinstated although the 100L leg serving Mission Viejo Mall and Laguna Hills Mall will be back in operation for weekend games only. 206-SAN CLEMENTE-NEWPORT CENTER PARK/RIDE was rerouted between Crown Valley Center and Irvine to run via Crown Valley Parkway, Marguerite Parkway, Trabuco, Lake Forest, Irvine Center and San Diego Freeway instead of traveling along the freeway and serving Laguna Hills to test the concept of bringing express service closer to riders homes to allow them to walk to their bus rather than drive to a parking lot for a portion of the journey.

CITY OF CAMARILLO TRANSIT SYSTEM (CTS)

CAMARILLO: Last August 4th CTS became a two bus route system as a new service, EAST-EPN CAMARILLO, began operation. Four round trips are operated Monday thru Saturday (two hour headway) between 830AM and 530PM. The line begins at the Lamplighter Mobile Home Park and ends at the Carmen Drive Center serving many residences in what used to be a large agricultural area. The fare on this line is 50¢. Fare on the other CTS line is 35¢. One location served, Camarillo Springs Mobile Home Park, offered a free bus service to the Carmen Plaza, but the residents of the area agreed to support the bus service and the free shuttle is no more. CTS recently took delivery of two 35 foot Gillig Phantom buses (details of the units presently unknown-Ed.).

CALTRANS PENINSULA TRAIN SERVICE (CPTS)

SAN FRANCISCO: Hearings were scheduled in December to consider fare increases including 25% average fare increase, revising fare zones from 7 to 6, youth fare to replace student fare, reduced fares for off peak and weekend one day limit round trip tickets, cash penalty for buying tickets on train while ticket windows open and increasing parking rates to 50 cents daily or $8 monthly. Elderly and handicapped half fare discount during off peak hours will remain unchanged.

SAN MATEO COUNTY TRANSIT DISTRICT (SAMTRANS)

SAN MATEO: Route and service changes throughout the SAMTRANS system in 1981 are summarized as follows by operations area:

Peninsula Mainline (effective August 10)

5L-BART/DALY CITY-PALO ALTO VIA EL CAMINO REAL (operates weekdays only) had the number of daily r und trips reduced from 32 to 25 by dropping the first two northbound morning trips (450A & 520A) and all evening service (hourly 630PM-1230AM). Southern terminal temporarily changed from Palo Alto SP to Sanford Shopping Center on September 21 for duration of construction of new Palo Alto Transit Center. Route is now served by new Crown/Ikarus 286 Articulateds #700-709.

5M-S.F.-HILLSDALE VIA MISSION/EL CAMINO had weekday service increased from 41 round trips to 49northbound/47southbound and southern terminus extended evenings, weekdays and holidays from Hillsdale via ECR to Redwood City SAMTRANS/Greyhound Depot.

7B-S.F.-REDWOOD CITY VIA BAYSHORE had weekday service improved from 39northbound/36 southbound trips to 41 round trips and is now lift equipped.

7F-S.F.-PALO ALTO VIA US 101 had weekday service (38northbound/39southbound trips) increased by two trips each way.

7R-S.F.-REDWOOD CITY VIA US 101 (operates weekday peak only) had service increased from 5am north/4pm south trips to 6am north/5pm south.

Coastside/Pacifica (effective May 4)

1C-S.F.-LINDA MAR EXPRESS had the number of weekday thru trips to SF (am north/pm south) increased from four to six.

Daly City

On February 23 20C-DALY CITY-SERRAMONTE VIA SOUTHGATE added one weekday southbound pm short trip from BART at 535PM. Other changes took place on May 4.

3B-STONESTOWN-AIRPORT-MILLBRAE EXPRESS was changed to run on San Bruno Ave. instead of I-380 between El Camino Real and Airport Blvd.

3C-BART/DALY CITY-CRYSTAL SPRINGS EXPRESS was changed to serve Serramonte Shpg Center by detouring off I-280 in a cw loop via Serramonte Blvd, Junipero Serra, Hickey, Gellert and Serramonte to I-280.

On June 29 22D-S.F.-DALY CITY-SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO had its South SF cw terminal loop changed to Grand, Airport, Baden and Cypress and had weekday midday service (900AM-345PM) cutback from 1st & Mission to BART/Daly City with buses reduced from 6 to 4.

BRISBANE (effective May 4)

24B-DALY CITY-BRISBANE-TANFORAN was rerouted and extended on its northern (Daly City) end from Bayshore Blvd via Bayshore, Geneva, Scherwin, Martin, Rio Verde and Geneva to Carrizal looping cw Carrizal, Velasco and Santos to Geneva.

Midpeninsula Intercity

On September 7th 4A-HILLSDALE-STANFORD SHOPPING CENTER VIA ALAMEDA was rerouted in Menlo Park between Alameda de las Pulgas & Avy and Willow Rd to run Avy and Santa Cruz instead of Alameda and Santa Cruz and Saturday service was changed to serve Stanford Medical Ctr by detouring off Willow on Pasteur, same as weekdays.

On September 28th 6A-CANADA COLLEGE-EAST PALO ALTO VIA MIDDLEFIELD was rerouted in Menlo Park SP Depot area to run on Merrill northbound and Merrill, Santa Cruz and El Camino Real southbound instead of two directional on Alma.

San Mateo

On January 5th 90E-SAN MATEO-HILLSDALE-BART/HAYWARD changed and enlarged its San Mateo CBD terminal loop.

On May 4th 43A-SP DEPOT-HILLSDALE VIA CIVIC CENTER was rerouted at the Hillsdale terminus enabling a more direct thru routing with 43V.

43N-NORFOLK had school trips added to serve Hillsdale High and Aragon High Schools.

43R-SAN MATEO-BURLINGAME VIA SAN MATEO PARK was discontinued without replacement.

On June 29th 43-SAN MATEO VILLAGE was rerouted and shortened between Curtis & 39th and Saratoga & Santa Clara to run 39th, Orinda and Santa Clara to Saratoga.

SAMTRANS Continued

Foster City
On May 4 the Saturday only Hillsdale Shopping Center routing of 44A-PORT ROYAL, 44B-SHELL and 44C-CRANE was changed to Edison, 36th, Hacienda and Hillsdale.
Belmont
On January 5th 40E-CARLMONT-STERLING DOWNS VIA HILLSDALE was rerouted and extended south of the Carlmont Village end to run from Alameda de las Pulgas & Cipriani via Cipriani, Continentals, Lyal, Lake, Carlmont nd Alameda looping ccw Chula Vista, Fernwood and El Verano to Alameda.
On May 4th 45B-CHULA VISTA-HALLMARK changed its Hillcrest Dr loop off Ralston to run Hillcrest, cw Lock, Beresford and Hillcrest to Ralston. Last weekday westbound trip from Ralston & Hiller was changed from 505PM to 605PM.
Portola Valley (effective May 4)
50A-ALPINE ROAD had last westbound trip from Palo Alto SP at 522PM extended from normal Portola Valley terminus at Town Hall to the town of Woodside via Portola and Canada Rds to Woodside Road.
Menlo Park (effective January 5)
50B-SHARON HEIGHTS-MARSH MANOR had 1am/2pm weekday peak trips extended on east end from Marsh & Page via Constitution looping cw Independence, Chrysler and Constitution.

As the result of a detailed study of route productivity by SAMTRANS followed by series of public meetings the Board authorized service reductions on 25 of the most poorly patronized lines, primarily the elimination of early or late trips, reduction of midday trips and cutbacks on Saturday, to take effect on January 4, 1982. These reductions will save an estimated 500,000 annually. Gerald T. Haugh has been appointed the new General Manager of SAMTRANS beginning January 4th replacing the late John T. Mauro who died of a heart attack at age 59 while attending an American Public Transit Association (APTA) meeting in Denver last July. Mauro had been SAMTRANS G.M. since its inception in 1976 and his accomplishments included helping to save the SP commute service through a Fare Stabilization Program, takeover of Greyhound Peninsula service by contract rather than a buy out, establishment of a handicapped accessible program involving a dual system of Redi Wheels personalized serivce (Mercedes Benz 0309Ds) acting as feeders to accessible fixed route service, an increase in daily riders over five years from 14,000 to 70,000 in 1981 and approval of Board of Directors for enactment of a countywide ½¢ sales tax to take effect July 1, 1982. Huagh comes to SAMTRANS from SEATTLE METRO TRANSIT where he has been the General Manager. He previously held a similar post with LONG BEACH TRANSIT.

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AS THE GM SEES BY WILLIAM VALLOW, WTS GENERAL MANAGER

We had one of our best meetings in January. Thirteen attended and really made the evening memorable. We saw some excellent slides. To those of you who have not been to a meeting for a while, why not drop by?

It would be interesting to know how many members own buses. How about sending information on your bus? Is it in operable condition? Would it be available for WTS excursions if insurance and other problems could be worked out? Let us know.

Excursion idea number one has not yet arrived. If there is something you would like to do please let us know as your opinion is valued. Our target date is 1983, but perhaps we could have something this year. Let's hear from you.

EQUIPMENT REPORT

PROPERTY	FLEET NOS	BUILDER	MODEL/SERIAL	NOTES
NEW				
Falcon Charter Service	(65-67	MCI	MC9/36545-47	49,RR,sticks
	(88-89	MCI	MC9/36460-36461	57,non RR,auto
City of Los Angeles, Dept of Airports	unkn	Gillig	3596T6V92/80091-80122	
City of Santa Rosa	unkn	Chance	RT50/80-7087	23 w/lift, AMTV power module
City of Santa Maria	unkn	WideOne	B33T0BK247059	12 psgr w/lift
City of Walnut Creek	unkn	WideOne	B33T6BK247051	11 psgr w/lift
City of Sebastopol	unkn	WideOne	B33TXBK247053	17 psgr w/ramp, prpane
Contra Costa County	unkn	WideOne	B33T3BK247055	13 psgr w/lift
City of Concord	unkn	WideOne	B33T9BK247058	16 psgr w/lift
City of Martinez	unkn	WideOne	B33T8BK247052	13 psgr w/lift
USED				
American Sightseeing of San Diego (TBTGIC)	(296-299	GMC	TDM4515/394,396, 399,411	RTD 2027,2029, 2032,2044
	(300-301	GMC	PD4106/3095-3096	OCS 5501-5502
	(302	GMC	PD4107/061	Crown 302
	(303-305	GMC	PD4107/503,505,507	LTR 191,193,195
C-TRAN (Vancouver,Wash)	(41,43,44,	GMC	TDH4512/1259,1263,1265	CT 4541,43,44
	(45,48	GMC	TDH4512/1266,2135	CT 4545,4548
	(70	GMC	T6H4521/024	LRPTCO 4566
	(71	GMC	T6H4523N/016	Chieppo Bus 440
	(72	GMC	TDH4517/602	orig Atla 641
	(73-74	GMC	T6H4523N/217,058	Chieppo 441,390
	(75	GMC	TDH4517/693	Pgh Rwys 504
	(76	GMC	TDH4517/154	Autobus Saguenay F587
	(77-78	GMC	TDH4519/881,230	LRPTCO 4543,4517
	(79	GMC	T6H4521/027	LRPTCO 4569
Falcon Charter Service	31	GMC	PD4107/822	Eastshore 321
Douglas Bus Lines	5325	GMC	TDH4801/019	Arrow Chtr 1106
Napa Chtr Co	unnumb	GMC	PD4905/231	Bonanza 7101
Airporter	342	GMC	P8M4905A/735	Hudson H859
Peerless Stages	(134	GMC	SDM5302/100	Paschoal Gray Line-accessible
	(343	GMC	T6M5305A/001	Natl Coach 304-accessible

FOR SALE

AC Transit	107,8,9,13,14,18,21,23,33,41,42,50,55	SDH 4501s
	175-179	SDM 4501s
	500,04,06,10,11,12,15,16,18,21,25,26,	TDH 5301s
	527,34,37,41,44,47,48,50,55,64,65,70,	"
	575,82,83,86,90,92,93,600,14,18,22,23,24	"
	2100,01,02,05,06,11,12,13,14	TDH 4801s
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