

THE LONDON BUS PRESERVATION GROUP LTD



THE GROUP VISIT TO CHISWICK WORKS DRIVER TRAINING SCHOOL IS DESCRIBED IN THIS NEWSLETTER.

THE PHOTOGRAPH LEFT, DEPICTS EARLIER DAYS – ABOUT 1951 – WITH AN STL IN ACTION ON THE SKID PAN. THE LOWER PICTURE SOME 30 YEARS LATER, SHOWS RT 1530 ON 8TH JUNE 1982 – DRIVEN BY A GROUP MEMBER ON THE DAY OF OUR VISIT.



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COMMITTEE 1982

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PROGRAMME

August 29/30	Birmingham & Midland Motor Omnibus Trust Open Day at Wythall, near Birmingham
September 4	Day Trip on Paddle Steamer "Waverley" from Southsea – see Notes
October 17	Working Party at Cobham
November 6	Fireworks and Supper at Cobham
November	Newsletter distributed
December 4	Annual General Meeting at LT Museum, Covent Garden. Details in November Newsletter



An STL in trouble on route 7 – probably photographed in West London about 1945
Courtesy: Leon Daniels

Annual General Meeting

Please note the date of the Annual General Meeting has been brought forward. We have been offered facilities at the LT Covent Garden Museum including use of the lecture theatre on Saturday 4th December 1982, in the afternoon and this has been accepted.

Details will be contained in the next newsletter - meanwhile please make a note of the amended date in your diary.

Group Visit to Chiswick

London Transport's Chiswick Driver Training School was visited by approximately 30 members on 8th June. Among the items of interest was the control room showing the allocation of instructor and trainee to vehicle and garage throughout the system.

Outside in the parking area training vehicles consisted of RMA, RMC and DMS types together with RT 2143 devoid of all adverts after a recent repaint and RT 1530 which was brought onto the skid patch by Chief Instructor, Mr. Owen. After sampling the experience of uncontrolled and controlled skids as passengers in the lower saloon, several members were given the opportunity to drive themselves into breathtaking skids with the aid of bicycle clips.

RT 1959 turned out to be the driving simulator situated in a room where members assembled to witness a mock up of a cab only to an RT control layout and an enormous screen in front. The simulator equipment enables London Transport staff to estimate whether a potential trainee has the co-ordination necessary to become a competent bus driver.

Responding exactly to manoeuvres made in a real vehicle, it seemed all too easy to chase trees and telegraph poles around what appeared to be abandoned DMS type buses with hilarious consequences.

After tea and biscuits in the canteen to steady the nerves we were finally treated to two films one of which featured trams and a well known elephant!

On behalf of all the members who attended Chiswick, may I take the opportunity to thank the London Transport instructors and especially our host for the day, Mr. Lobley for a most enlightening and enjoyable afternoon and for making us extremely welcome.

Our thanks to Bill Cottrell for arranging such a unique and unforgettable visit and hope that other events can be 'fixed' and similarly well attended.

Peter Plummer.

Other Visits

During September there will be two opportunities to wallow in other forms of nostalgic transport.

The first will be on September 4th when the paddle steamer "Waverley" will sail round the Isle of Wight. The normal rate for this is £10.50 per person, but members can take advantage of a special price of £7.

The trip starts from Southsea, and there will also be a special rate for rail travel, ASLEIF and NUR permitting, details available nearer the time.

Places are on a first come, first served basis, so early booking is essential. Any members wishing to set sail please contact Tony Peters at Cobham, giving details of places required. Do not send any money yet as final details of the train fare are not yet known. I sincerely hope the sea is calm and the only churning done will be by the paddle wheels.

The second event will take place the following day on Sunday 5th September, with a re-run on Sunday 19th. It is an enthusiasts rail-tour on ex Metropolitan Locomotive no. 12 "Sarah Siddons", which will haul a rake of Mark 2 BR coaches over the outer sections of the Metropolitan line. There will be two trips a day from Wembley Park at 08.40 and 13.40 to Watford, Amersham and Uxbridge sidings. The tickets are £7 each which entitle the holders to unlimited travel on the Underground system on that day. This will enable ticket holders to follow "Sarah Siddons" on scheduled services. Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis, yet again.

For details and bookings write to:

Commercial Office,

London Transport,

Room 24, 55 Broadway,

London SW1 OBD or call personally between 08.30 and 16.30.

Vehicle News

After canvassing members' views on the recent proposal to reduce the number of vehicles in our care it has been decided to withdraw TD 95, RT 2775 and 702B from the disposal list. RF 226 and RW 2 remain open to offers.

T 448, the sole surviving member of the 9T9 class, has been bought by us from Don Allmey. Although this may seem to contradict our avowed aim of reducing our commitment and spreading our resources too thinly, it is too good a vehicle to lose, bearing in mind its long association with Cobham Bus Museum.

TD 95

At last, some news to report. The exterior panels are being removed to investigate the condition of the framing. When this is done an estimate will be submitted to us for rebuilding. The cost of this is £100.

RF 332

Geoff Singer is adapting the air system to allow vehicles with spring brakes to be towed.

RM 3

The current problem is to find out why the level in the brake reservoir is falling and the level in the gearbox is rising, and if there is any connection between these two phenomena. We may have to check out the brake pump seal which will delay the re-appearance of the bus.

G 351

The Guy was recently inspected by representatives of ITP apprentice training scheme to see if they could tackle the body overhaul as a training project. Unfortunately it will need a total rebuild and the work could not be done without involving additional craft labour, which in these troubled times for ITP is not possible. It is heartening to know the principle of the project was not rejected but it was defeated by the size of the task. We did offer other vehicles to consider and it was felt that one proposal may suit their needs. I hope to report some positive developments in the next newsletter.

Service Ramp

As with most grand civil engineering projects we have failed to meet our completion target date. The original concept of having the ramp just inside the building with detachable lead-ons outside will not work in the way it was conceived. The length of these would need to be about 40 feet to give sufficient ground clearance. They would be far too heavy to move and consequently block the yard.

We are now looking to have the entire ramp inside. This will make it less complicated by eliminating the need to make the lead-ons mobile, and hopefully less expensive. There would be no loss of parking spaces as one bus will park on the ramp, and another, with a good handbrake, will park on the lead-ons.

Cobham residents will be glad to know that all the heavy units will then be parked between the ramp and the paint bay. This will be the final resting place for the engine, gearbox, axle and spring stores, and they will never again have to be moved (he said, with fingers and all other sundry appendages crossed.)

Photographic Day

This is cancelled due to a 'negative' response!!!

Driving Instruction

Big-Wheelers (HGV and PSV Driver Training) of Reading have offered the LBPG their HGV courses at up to half price. Further details from Geoff Singer on Romford 543.

Busman's Holiday

Taurus Travel is a London holiday company specialising in touring holidays in the South of France and Spain. The vehicles involved, a Bristol FLF and Lodokka, are furnished downstairs with eating and cooking facilities, and upstairs with high-backed airline-type seats. For a colour brochure ring 01-5141. Major places of interest are visited and your personal cook and courier is always present for information on local attractions. This holiday caters for the 18-135 age group and has been tried out at personal expense on our behalf by Geoff Singer, so if it's rotten, see him. He's your contact!

Licence Check

All members who wish to continue driving Group vehicles will have to produce their licences for inspection to Bill Cottrell by September 1st. Any member not complying with this will not be allowed to drive Group vehicles, until this condition has been met. My licence will be available for inspection by any participating members.

Tailpiece

Good news! We have recently received a letter from the LT Apprentice Training School confirming that the rebuilding of G.351 cannot be undertaken by them - however - the internal refurbishment of the 10 T 10 coach T.504 is considered a suitable project for the apprentices to undertake and it is expected this vehicle will be moved to Aldenham in the September/October period where the work will be carried out.

FOR SALE

RTW Front Offside Wing: Contact Malcolm Bowers, c/o Cobham Bus Museum.

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RF 551. Warm garaged for last 5 years - repainted at Cobham March 1978. Will be MOT'd before sale. Taxed to March 1983. All seats very good upholstery. Could be restored to show condition. Spare wheel in carrier - spare exhaust system, voltage regulator and sundry parts. Telephone : Mr. Randell 0580 521 daytime or 0580 413 evenings or weekends.

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Available from Cobham Bus Museum. Information on the following from A. Peters. Telephone Cobham 4078

RF 226 and RW2

Price subject to negotiation: About £2,500 for the former and £1,500 for the latter.

Selected Reductions - Available until 24th September

1. Set of RT Head Gaskets (2) and Rocker Cover Gaskets (2):
Usual price £23.92 Current price £11.50 inc. VAT.
2. RT Rear Brake Drums - New
Usual price £151.16 Current price £28.75 inc. VAT.
3. Gearbox Brake Bands suitable for RT/RF Gearbox - £1.00 each.

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The Group has secured a small batch of PSV Badge Holders. They are useful for wearing your badge from a button or belt. Price: A very reasonable £1.75 including Postage & Packing.

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1983 OPEN DAY

A meeting of those principally concerned with the organisation of the recent Open Day has been held. A number of problems arose this year - mainly in providing continuous and adequate supervision at the museum throughout the day.

For 1983, Bill Cottrell will be taking on the role of labour co-ordinator. It is proposed that a duty rota will be prepared to cover not only the manning of the bus service but the museum requirements as well. This will be circulated to members before the day.

A newsletter will also be timed to go out before the Open Day which should help to keep everyone better informed of our arrangements. The date of the next Open Day is Sunday 10 April 1983.

1981 Accounts

Attached to this newsletter are a copy of the 1981 accounts which should be attached to the main AGM reports included with your last newsletter.

1982 Membership List

An updated membership record list is being prepared. It is not proposed to circulate this to all members but if you would like a copy please let the Secretary know.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNTS year ended 31 JULY 1981

A). MUSEUM ACCOUNT 31 JULY 1981

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>
Members Rentals & Sundery Receipts	6214	5733
Rental from Trading Account	1536	1308
Donations (Open Day)	1371	1591
	9121	8632
Bank Interest on Deposit Account	110	295
	<u>£9231</u>	<u>£8927</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Audit & Accountancy	50	200
Electricity	576	443
Insurances	377	350
Rates - General - Elmbridge Council	3235	2791
Rates - Water	214	237
Repairs & Renewals	4641	8309
Rent paid - Eastbourne	497	718
Sundry Expenses	75	-
	<u>£9665</u>	<u>£13048</u>
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<u>DEFFICIENCY (LOSS)</u>	<u>£434</u>	<u>£4121</u>
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B). TRADING ACCOUNT 31 JULY 1981

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>
General Sales	36366	44005
Sales of Books & Photos	364	1040
Subscriptions	864	807
Donations	426	384
Bank Interest on Deposit Account	2483	2260
Walton Planning Appeal costs received	-	950
	<u>£40503</u>	<u>£49446</u>
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<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Purchase of Materials for resale	18495	23976
Books & Photos	443	703
Salaries	692	-
Outside and Casual Labour	892	841
Printing & Stationery	1028	252
Rent paid to Museum A/C	1536	1308
Insurances	914	1001
Telephone	1097	894
Group Vehicle Expenses	1887	1637
Repairs & Renewals	713	641
General Expenses	1513	1095
Depreciation	-	100
Audit & Accountancy	860	1210
Bank Charges	4	-
Legal Charges	-	1245
	<u>£30074</u>	<u>£34903</u>
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<u>SURPLUS</u> (Before provision for Corporation and in the case of yr 31/7/81 before provision for Depreciation and 3rd write off of Volvo car for tax purposes)	<u>£10429</u>	<u>£14543</u>
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Subject to Audit

BALANCE SHEETS year ended 31 JULY 1981

A). MUSEUM ACCOUNT 31 July 1981

ASSETS

		<u>1981</u>		<u>1980</u>
<u>a) CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Cash at Bank - Current Account	954		3794	
" - Deposit Account	809		1699	
Prepayments	236		244	
		<u>1999</u>		<u>5737</u>
<u>b) FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Museum Premises Redhill Road - at cost	16623		16623	
Equipment	89		105	
		<u>16712</u>		<u>16728</u>
<u>c) OTHER ASSETS</u>				
Deficiency (Loss) on Museum A/C for year		435		4121
		<u>£19146</u>		<u>£26586</u>
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LIABILITIES

<u>a) CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Trade Creditors	1423		4753	
Loan from Trading Account	8677		9424	
		<u>10100</u>		<u>14177</u>
<u>b) OTHER LIABILITIES</u>				
Accumulated Fund		9046		12409
		<u>£19146</u>		<u>£26586</u>
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B). TRADING ACCOUNT 31 July 1981

ASSETS

<u>a) CURRENT ASSETS</u>				
Cash at Bank - Current Account	2937		2150	
" - Deposit Account	16043		25560	
Cash in Hand	5		16	
Stocks on Hand (Estimated)	14150		14225	
Debtors (Sales Accounts)	11657		10355	
Prepayments	3462		1093	
		<u>48254</u>		<u>53399</u>
<u>b) FIXED ASSETS</u>				
Motor Vehicles at cost	8648			
LESS: Write down on car	1665			
		6983		2253
Equipment, Fixtures & Fittings		1486		579
		<u>8469</u>		<u>2832</u>
<u>c) OTHER ASSETS</u>				
Company Formation Expenses	327		327	
LTL Account	81		81	
Loans to Museum Account	8677		9424	
		<u>9085</u>		<u>9832</u>
		<u>£65808</u>		<u>£66063</u>
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LIABILITIES

<u>a) CURRENT LIABILITIES</u>				
Trade Creditors	12488		16952	
Share Capital	7		7	
		<u>12495</u>		<u>16959</u>
<u>b) OTHER LIABILITIES</u>				
Provision for Bad Debts	755		2436	
Accumulated Fund:				
As at 1 Aug. 1980	47294		37125	
Surplus for year	10429		14543	
	<u>57723</u>		<u>51668</u>	
Less: Provision for tax	3500		5000	
Car written down	1665			
		<u>52558</u>		<u>46668</u>
		<u>£65808</u>		<u>£66063</u>
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