



Welcome to another issue of The Green Pennant Special. It is through this publication that we endeavour to keep the membership informed on happenings in the organization and the transit industry.

*** NOVEMBER MEETING ***

The November meeting of The Omnibus Society of America was held on November 5, 1993, at the Welles Park Field House located at 2333 W. Sunnyside in Chicago. The meeting began at 7:00 pm.

The meeting for the evening was a group participation slide program of current bus service in the six-county RTA area.

*** DECEMBER MEETING ***

The December meeting of The Omnibus Society of America will be held on December 3, 1993, at the Welles Park Field House located at 2333 W. Sunnyside in Chicago. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

Our meeting will be a slide presentation given by Mel Bernero on his trip this summer to Poland and some of the now independent states of the former Soviet Republic.

*** JANUARY MEETING ***

The January meeting of The Omnibus Society of America will be held on January 7, 1994, at the Welles Park Field House, located at 2333 W. Sunnyside in Chicago. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm.

Our meeting for the evening will be presented by Ray DeGroote. Ray will give a program on Washington, DC., (mostly rail), including Capitol Transit, DC Transit and a few other surprises. If any member might have any bus slides taken before WMATA, please bring them for showing.

*** ELECTION TIME ***

All paid up 1993 members should have received in the mail a ballot to be used for

voting for Director of OSA.

Please see to it that your ballot is received by the party it is addressed to by the December meeting, or if you are planning on attending the December meeting, bring it with you.

*** OSA FANTRIP ***

OSA will have a fan trip using the CTA Fixible painted up for DA BEARS on December 11, 1993. The charter will leave from State/Lake southbound at 10 am, returning at 2 pm. The fare will be our standard \$20.00. See you there. Also, there may be a charter on MCTS in Milwaukee using one of their ad buses in January.

*** CTA CORNER ***

The CTA has made it official, the Green Line rapid transit line (Lake, Englewood, Jackson Park) will be closed for a two year rebuilding January 8, 1994. This closing will be after the Christmas and New Years holidays and not in November as originally stated by the CTA.

The plans for the replacement bus service has not been finalized at this time. When they are, we will print this information in GPS.

The last of the married-pair single unit PCC 1 through 50 series rapid transit cars have been retired on the Skokie Swift. The new M-K cars have taken over all service on the line.

*** PACE PATTERN ***

The Pace Board voted on November 10, 1993, to eliminate 15 bus routes, raise some fares and defer plans to expand service to people with disabilities to cover a \$5.9 million deficit in its 1994 budget.

The fifteen bus routes will be eliminated early in 1994, along with cutbacks to another 20 routes. The routes serve 262,000 riders a year.

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 TRANSIT (ORANGE LINE) DESIGNATION.

Fares on local routes in Aurora, Joliet, Elgin and Waukegan, and all rail feeder routes to Metra stations will be raised to \$1.10 from 85 cents on January 3rd.

In addition, plans to expand service for people with disabilities in Kane and Will counties will be put on hold and such service in other counties will be capped at existing levels.

Routes to be eliminated are No. 500 Trolley, No. 604 Springinguth, No. 643 Northwest Elmhurst, No. 645 Industrial, No. 646 Southeast Elmhurst, No. 699 Northwest Arlington Heights, No. 726 Barrington/Wauconda, No. 729 Ameritech, No. 731 Bartlett-Sears, No. 732 Barrington-Sears, No. 751 Chicago Heights/Flossmoor, No. 783 Naperville, No. 784 Lisle Evening, No. 805 Crystal Lake-Spring Hill and No. 832 Joliet-Cicero.

Service on the following routes will be reduced. No. 210 Glenview-Loop, No. 226 Oakton, No. 240 Dee Road, No. 290 Touhy, No. 352 Halsted, No. 422 Lake Avenue, No. 505 Rockdale, No. 521 High Street, No. 524 Downer, No. 525 Farnsworth, No. 527 Moecherville, No. 531 Waubonsee, No. 534 Fox Valley Villages, No. 563 Farnsworth, No. 567 Ports of Call, No. 616 Chancellory, No. 690 Arlington Heights Road, No. 790 Warrenville, No. 791 Country Lakes and No. 823 West Bollingbrook.

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