

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR SPECIAL TOURS

This year, Pacific Stage Lines again offers two of its most popular annual events, Christmas and New Year tour-parties. For Christmas, there is a four-day tour which leaves the Vancouver Bus Depot at 8 a.m., December 24. Destination is the beautiful Rosario Resort Hotel on Orcas Island in Washington State's Puget Sound.

Here you spend three nights. Special features include a Christmas Eve Buffet with carolling, a flaming plum pudding and a champagne punch party. On Christmas Day there is brunch, an eggnog party and a traditional dinner.

Boxing Day offers a special drive leaving at 2 p.m. for Eastsound, Westsound and Deer Harbour, and of course dinner.

Rosario Resort Lodge is widely known for its excellent facilities which include an indoor swimming pool, a sauna, a whirlpool and a music room. It is situated on the water front with a beautiful beach and spacious grounds.

Cost of this four-day Christmas holiday is \$195.00 single, \$153.00 each for twin accommodation. It includes three dinners and brunch and other features listed above.

NEW YEAR'S PARTY IN SEATTLE

The New Year's Eve Tour is a two-day event with buses leaving the depot at 9:00, 9:30, 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. which gives an idea of its popularity. Destination is the Doubletree Inn. This hotel is located close to Southcenter, a shopping mall in Seattle, with a theatre. The dining room and coffee shop never close and there is a lounge with entertainment.

Special events for this tour are a New Year's Eve party with music, suitable refreshments, party favours a midnight-snack buffet and the opportunity to whoop it up for a successful entry into 1977.

A New Year's Day buffet breakfast also is included in the fare which is \$72.75 single, \$63.00 each twin accommodation.

Both of the above tours will have an experienced escort. Handling of baggage in and out of the hotels is included in the fare. For reservations, call 681-6381.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICE TO SANDOWN RACES

Pacific Stage Lines will operate special buses direct to the thoroughbred races at Sandown Park on Vancouver Island. Racing dates are October 16, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 27, 29 and 30, November 1, 3, 5, 6, 10, 11 and 13.

Buses will leave the Vancouver Bus Depot at 10 a.m. and will leave the track at 4:30 p.m. to catch the 5:00 p.m. ferry back to the mainland.

Fares are: Vancouver to Sandown \$6.25, senior citizens \$3.50; Vancouver to Sandown and return \$12.50, senior citizens \$7.00. These fares do not include admission to the Race Track, and bus passengers should be prepared to show their bus ticket or fare receipt in order to qualify for reduced entrance fee.

There will be no reservations for pick-up enroute to the ferry. The bus operator will sell fares to the track to passengers on the ferry if space is available on the bus. For additional information, call 681-6381.



Keith McMillan, transit operator from Kensington Transit Centre in Burnaby, was this year's grand champion in the Second Annual B.C. Bus Rodeo held in September. He holds the permanent trophy, while his wife holds the City Bus Division Trophy which he won first. Between them is Mr. Danburger of ICBC. To the right of Keith is Jack Souter, superintendent of Kensington Transit Centre and next to him is Terry MacGillivray, assistant superintendent. Keith keeps small replicas of the two major trophies he won. The contest took place over a course which simulates congestion and other problems found in city driving. On October 17, Keith will compete in San Francisco against 30 operators from United States and Canadian properties in the First International Bus Rodeo staged by the American Public Transit Association.

COMING EVENTS

†Oct 15 - Annual Fall Fair, H Hall, 1225 W. 71st Ave., p.m., Oct 16 - 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

†Oct 15 - Rummage Sale, St. John's Anglican Church, 2206 St. Johns (Port Moody) 1-7 p.m., Oct 16 - 9:30 a.m.-12 noon.

†Oct 16 - Rummage Sale, St. Helen's Anglican Church, 8th & Trutch, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

†Oct 16 - Fall Tea & Bake Sale, Vancouver Church for the Deaf, 3519 Cambie, 1-4 p.m.

†Oct 16 - Rummage Sale, St. Michael's ACW, E. Broadway at Pr. Edward, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

†Oct 19 - Rummage Sale, Immaculate Conception Church, Parish Hall, 3776 W. 28th, 7-9 p.m., Oct 20 - 1-3 p.m.

†Oct 21 - Thrift Sale, Wilson Heights United Church, 1634 E. 41st, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

†Oct 22 - Rummage Sale, St. James' Church, Gore & Cordova, 1 p.m.

†Oct 22 - Thrift Sale, Fair Haven Sr. Citizens' Home, 2720 E. 48th, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

†Oct 23 - Rummage Sale, South Hill United Church, 645 E. 47th, 12:30 p.m.

†Oct 23 - Thrift Sale, St. Paul's United Church, Smith & Lister (Burnaby) 9:30 a.m.

†Oct 23 - Rummage Sale, Chown Memorial Church, 3519 Cambie, 10 a.m.-12 noon.

†Oct 27 - Bridge Luncheon, Children's Hospital Auxiliary, Marpole Community Centre, 59th & Oak, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

†Auxiliary to Shaughnessy Hospital needs men & women volunteers. Tuesday 1-3:30 p.m. 263-3343 or 433-4423.

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BRIGHT IDEA

Starting on Sunday, October 31, with the return to standard time in British Columbia, it will be "lights on". The operators of all B.C. Hydro Transit and all Pacific Stage Lines buses will be asked to drive with lights on at all times in the interest of safety for all users of roads and highways.

The principle behind this request is that vehicles are more visible with lights on even in bright daylight. A number of big commercial fleets composed of all types of vehicles have experimented with using lights during the day and have been sufficiently impressed with the improvement in safety to accept the idea as permanent policy. Many of these firms have recorded a substantial reduction in the number of accidents involving their vehicles.

So when you see the lights of one of our Hydro Transit or Pacific Stage Lines buses burning brightly in daylight, remember that we have a very active safety department which is continuously working towards safer operation of vehicles and greater protection for passengers. Every practical idea, large and small, that will contribute towards safer operation becomes a part of the safety program.

IMMEDIATE CHANGES TO 619, 620 AND 621

Today, October 15, further changes go into effect to provide further improvements in routing and stops for the Scott 619, Hjorth 620 and King George 621 services. These changes are made to provide more adequate and faster service.

To Vancouver, the route will be as at present to 8th and Columbia, then via 8th Street, Canada Way, Sperling Interchange, Highway 1 Freeway, Cassiar and Hastings, continuing from there on the present route to Melville and Thurlow.

From Vancouver, the present route remains via Hastings, then to Cassiar, Highway 1 Freeway, Sperling Interchange and Canada Way to existing route.

Between Vancouver and New Westminster, passengers will be picked up and discharged in both directions. From New Westminster, stops will be McBride at Royal, Columbia at Merrivale, 8th at Columbia, 8th at Royal, 8th at 6th Ave., 8th at 8th Ave., and on Canada Way at Edmonds, Imperial, Burriss and Sperling.

From Vancouver, stops are the same except that after Columbia at 8th there is a stop at Columbia and 4th, then Columbia and Merrivale before proceeding across the Pattullo Bridge into Surrey.

On inbound trips to Vancouver, passengers who wish to reach points served by previous routing will transfer to Canada Way 820 at Canada Way and Sperling.

Note that 619, 620 and 621 buses will continue to serve as the Canada Way 820 at certain times Monday - Saturday, and all day Sunday & Holidays. These times are noted in the timetables.

CAMPAIGN AIMED AT WILFULL DAMAGE

B.C. Hydro is offering up to \$2,500 reward for information leading to positive identification of persons wilfully damaging insulators, power lines and equipment.

Thoughtless persons with guns are using pole insulators and transformers for target practice. Damage usually increases during the Fall hunting season. This form of vandalism through Hydro's province-wide electrical system during the past year is estimated to cost about \$150,000 in repairs. Also it causes hardship for a large number of innocent people by cutting off supply of power.

Any person with information on vandalism should report promptly to the nearest police or Hydro office or phone collect to the security investigation section of B.C. Hydro in Vancouver at 685-9731.

MYSTERY TRIPS TWICE WEEKLY

Mystery Trips leave the Pacific Stage Lines Depot at Cambie and Dunsmuir every Wednesday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Fare is \$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children. No reservations are needed. The leisurely drive to some unrevealed destination lasts about four hours, with a rest-stop about midway where refreshments are available. Call 683-2421 for information.

MAJOR EXTENSION OF FORTY-FIRST 41

Starting Friday, October 29, the Forty-First 41 bus service will be extended eastward from its present terminus at Joyce Loop along Kingsway to terminate at Marlborough, one block east of Nelson.

This will provide an improved local bus service along Kingsway between Joyce Loop and Nelson Street. It will reduce the number of people who have to transfer at Joyce Loop to reach the commercial area along Kingsway in Burnaby and it will greatly improve service to and from the University of British Columbia for many people in Burnaby.

The diesel buses which will operate between Marlborough and UBC will provide a 15-minute service during the day and 30-minutes at night Monday through Saturday. The service will not operate on Sundays & Holidays into Burnaby.

Effective Monday through Saturday, this extended service in conjunction with the trolley buses which operate between Joyce Loop and 41st Ave. and Camosun will provide a joint frequency of every five minutes during rush hours between Joyce Loop and Camosun, every 7½ minutes through the day, and every 10 minutes in evenings. On Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, there will be a 10-minute service during the day and 15-minute service through the evening.

With the commencement of this improved service, the Forty-Ninth 49 route will terminate at Dunbar Loop, except when UBC is in session and certain trips continue through to the university. The doubling of service along 41st Avenue to UBC and the much improved transfer connections with many north-south bus routes within the city have reduced the need of the Forty-Ninth 49 route through to UBC.

To accommodate the added buses in the Joyce Loop, the Rupert 27 service starting October 29 will by-pass the loop to operate north and south on Joyce Street. Also there will be some minor adjustments in bus stops for routes affected by the extension of the Forty-First 41 service. Too, eastbound 41st buses will stop on Joyce instead of entering Joyce Loop.

SPECIAL BUS SERVICE TO NHL GAMES

B.C. Hydro will operate on special routes to provide a fast direct service to all National Hockey League games at the Coliseum. The service will originate from Lougheed Mall in Burnaby, from the corner of 8th St. and 6th Ave. in New Westminster, from Edgemont and Highland in North Vancouver, across Broadway from Fir and from Fir and Broadway via downtown in Vancouver.

Buses leave the starting point one hour before the game is scheduled to start.

Buses from Lougheed Mall will pick up and discharge passengers at all FastBUS stops. They travel via Austin, Lougheed, Willingdon and Hastings. From New Westminster, they will pick up at 8th St. and 6th Ave., Columbia and 8th St., 12th St. and 6th Ave., 12th St. and 8th Ave., Edmonds Loop, Nelson and Kingsway, McKay and Kingsway, Boundary and Kingsway and Earles and Kingsway. On the return trip, buses will travel non-stop to Earles and Kingsway and then drop off passengers at all regular stops.

The North Vancouver service picks up and discharges passengers at Edgemont and Highland and at the transfer points of Lonsdale and Queens, Lonsdale and 15th, Lonsdale and Keith and Phibbs Exchange.

The hockey special originating at Fir on Broadway in Vancouver turns north on Granville to Hastings, then to the Coliseum, picking up at all regular stops as far as Main Street, then only at Commercial and Nanaimo.

The second bus, which also originates at Fir Street on Broadway, is the special which services all major events at the Coliseum. It originates at the Oakridge Transit Centre and will pick up at 41st and Oak, then Granville and 41st before proceeding to Broadway and Fir to start its cross-Broadway run to Renfrew. On Broadway it picks up at Fir, Granville, Oak, Cambie, Main, Kingsway, Fraser, Clark, Commercial, Nanaimo and Renfrew. On the return trip, it discharges at the same points or the nearest point necessitated by turning or other traffic requirements.

Regular fares apply, and transfers are accepted and issued. Passes are not accepted as fares on these special services.

