

SKI SERVICE - MAYBE

B.C. Hydro Transportation's special ski bus service to Grouse Mountain, Cypress Bowl and Mount Seymour failed to start earlier this month because of unsuitable snow conditions.

At press time, it was hoped ski conditions would have improved to allow the ski bus service to start by the end of January. Check with the mountain or transit information (324-3211) before heading for Grouse or call Pacific Stage Lines at 683-2421 for information about Mount Seymour and Cypress Bowl.

Service to Grouse Mountain runs daily until end of the ski season. Buses leave the downtown Vancouver bus depot, Monday through Friday, at 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10 a.m., 6:15 and 6:45 p.m., and return from the mountain at 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30, 10 and 11:30 p.m.

On Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, buses leave the downtown depot at 7:30, 8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10 a.m., 6:15 and 6:45 p.m. Buses return at 2:30, 3, 3:30, 4, 4:30, 5 and 10 p.m. with extra return trips at 11:30 p.m. Saturdays and 9 p.m. Sundays.

STOPS

Stops are made at Granville and Georgia, Burrard and Georgia, Denman and Georgia and Capilano Road and Marine Drive in North Vancouver. One-way fare from Vancouver is 75 cents; from North Vancouver it is 50 cents.

Cypress Bowl and Mount Seymour ski bus service operates on Saturdays and Sundays until the end of the season. Buses leave the Vancouver depot for Cypress Bowl at 8:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m., returning from the mountain at 3:45 p.m. Stops will be made at Georgia and Denman, the north end of Lions Gate Bridge and at Park Royal's north side regular transit stop. One-way fare for adults is \$1.25 from Vancouver and \$1 from the North Shore. For children, fare is 65 cents from Vancouver and 50 cents from the North Shore.

Mount Seymour buses leave the downtown depot at 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45 a.m., 12:45 and 3:45 p.m., leaving the mountain at 9:45, 11:45 a.m., 1:45, 2:45, 3:45 and 4:45 p.m. Stops will be made at Hastings and Commercial, Hastings and Renfrew, PNE Park 'n Ride bus shelter, Phibbs Exchange (bay five) and Mount Seymour Park entrance. Adult fares are \$1.25 from Vancouver, \$1 from Phibbs Exchange and 75 cents from the park entrance. Childrens fares are 65 cents from Vancouver, 50 cents from Phibbs Exchange and 40 cents from the park entrance.

In addition to the special ski bus service, B.C. Hydro Transportation has regular transit service to Grouse Mountain.

Queens 89 will continue to operate year-round from Kootenay Loop via Second Narrows Bridge, Phibbs Exchange,

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Mountain Highway, Keith Road, Lonsdale, Queens, Capilano Road and Nancy Greene Way to Grouse Mountain.

Buses run at a frequency of about 30 minutes from 6:14 a.m. Monday through Friday, 6:19 a.m. Saturday and 8:19 a.m. Sundays and holidays. Buses depart daily from Grouse approximately every half hour until 1:21 a.m.

Timetables for the complete ski services are available from sport shops throughout Greater Vancouver, as well as from regular outlets.

INSULATION MONEY AVAILABLE

B.C. Hydro has announced plans to provide financing assistance to customers to help them insulate their homes and reduce energy losses — and at the same time reduce upcoming utility rate increases.

B.C. Hydro chairman R.W. Bonner said up to \$500 per household would be loaned by Hydro at an interest rate of 10 per cent, repayable over 24 months. The repayments would be made by customers with their normal utility bill payments.

Mr. Bonner said Hydro was embarking on a major program to encourage heavy insulation in households as part of a broader campaign to encourage efficient use of energy and reduction of waste.

He said many households, not presently insulated to recommended standards, could reduce their heating bills substantially.

ODDS AND ENDS

Blood donor clinics will be held Feb. 21 and 22 from 2 to 8 p.m. in the New Westminster Red Cross House, 51 Sixth Street. . . The annual Women Mothers' March takes place Jan. 30 to Feb. 5 with all donations going to support the disabled. Volunteer canvassers are needed. Call 736-3521 to offer your services. . . The Vancouver People's Law School offers a free course about workers' compensation Jan. 31, Feb. 1 and 2 at King George Secondary, 1750 Barclay, Vancouver, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For pre-registration, call 681-7532.

COMING EVENTS

†Jan 28 — Poetry Night, Kits Neighbourhood House, 7th & Vine, 8 p.m. Free admission.

†Jan 29 — Giant Flea Market, West End Community Centre, 870 Denman St., 11 a.m. —

†Feb 1 — Winter Fair, Burnaby South High School Band, Choir and Theatre students, 6626 Kingsway, Burnaby, 7 to 10 p.m.

†Feb 2 — Bridal Shower, held by Welcome Wagon, Skystage Richmond, gifts, refreshments, 7 278-2801 for free invitations.

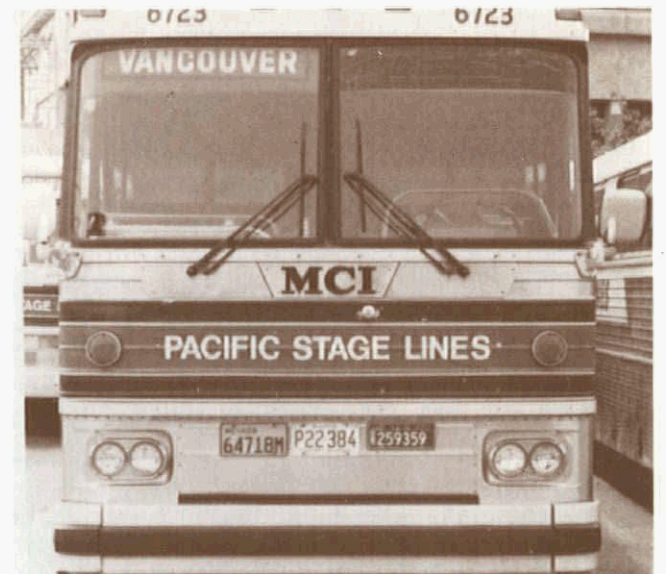
†Feb 5 — Thrift Sale, Burnaby Central Division Girl Guide & Brownies, St. Francis de Sales Church, 6610 Balmoral (Burnaby) 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

†Feb 9 — Valentine Tea, Helen McGill Circle, Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, 1408 W. 37th Ave., 2 to 4 p.m.

†Senior Citizens Activity Days, Fraserview Neighbourhood Centre, 41st Ave. & Victoria Dr., Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., 324-6212 if you need a ride.



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PSL's valley service up

Passenger response to recent improved commuter Pacific Stage Lines bus service in the Fraser Valley has been overwhelming and more improvements are to take effect this month.

Pacific Stage Lines is pleased to introduce a number of changes effective Jan. 21 on both south and north sides of the valley, aimed at improving service to the public. Special commuter tickets are available.

A new Monday through Friday bus service will leave Chilliwack at 6:15 a.m. and make local stops en route to Langley. It leaves there at 7:20 a.m. as an express to Vancouver via 200th Street and Highway 401. The 9:35 a.m. departure from Abbotsford connects at Langley with an express to Vancouver.

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MORE PSL COMMUTER SERVICE

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Also on the south side, Monday through Friday, Vancouver-bound buses leave Chilliwack at 5:45 a.m. making some local stops en route to Aldergrove. The buses then travel via 264th Street to Highway 401 as commuter expresses. Another bus leaves Abbotsford at 6:15 a.m., making local stops as far as Langley and connecting with a commuter express bus via 200th Street.

Daily Vancouver-bound buses leave Chilliwack at 5 p.m. and Hope at 6:10 p.m. with connections at Abbotsford. These are express services from Abbotsford with the exception of the Saturday Hope departure which makes local stops en route.

Also to Vancouver, buses will leave Hope at 12:10 p.m. and Chilliwack at 3 p.m. In the other direction, a Chilliwack-bound bus will leave the downtown Vancouver Bus depot at 11:30 a.m. while a Hope-bound bus will leave at 1:30 p.m. A bus for Harrison Hot Springs departs at 3:30 p.m. These will be express services Monday through Saturday via Highway 401 with a stop at Langley. On Sundays, the buses do not run as expresses and will make local stops.

NEW CONNECTIONS

New Monday through Saturday services from Vancouver to Abbotsford with connections to Chilliwack, Hope and Harrison Hot Springs will leave at 10:45 a.m., 12:45 p.m. and 2:45 p.m. The 2:45 p.m. Abbotsford bus also runs on Sundays, with a connection to Chilliwack.

Service from Vancouver to Abbotsford is extended with connections at Langley, Monday through Friday, leaving at 4:25 and 5:30 p.m. Also operating weekdays is a new Vancouver to Chilliwack commuter express leaving at 5:10 p.m.

On the north side of the valley, a new run will be added to the Vancouver to Haney service. Operating Monday through Saturday, the bus will leave at 3:50 p.m. A new Vancouver to Mission service leaves at 4:35 p.m., Monday through Friday. Previously, this run stopped at Haney.

Pacific Stage Lines is hopeful these new services will prove as popular with the public as the earlier commuter improvements have been.

Special commuter tickets are available.

Customer, shopping for an alarm clock: "I'd like one that rings when I'm ready to get up."

A notice in a university campus cafeteria stated: "Shoes are required to eat in the cafeteria."

Someone wrote below: "Socks can eat wherever they want."

Epitaph on the grave of a hypochondriac: "I told you I was sick!"

Changes mean improvements

Several B.C. Hydro Transit service changes, including introduction of several new trial routes, should improve transit in the Langley, New Westminster, Surrey and Burnaby areas. Changes take effect Feb. 18.

Frequency of the Hjorth 620 from Langley to New Westminster and the King George 621 from White Rock to New Westminster has increased to 30 minutes from an hour, Monday through Saturday. Through runs to Vancouver remain at 60-minute intervals.

These changes, as well as serving New Westminster residents, should make it easier for persons in Langley and White Rock to travel to the Royal City.

In Surrey, there are two new midday shopping routes being introduced on a trial basis: the Archibald 326 and New McLellan 327. The Grosvenor 328 route, meanwhile, will be altered to provide improved service.

The Archibald 326 route from Newton Exchange to Guildford Shopping Centre is via 72nd Avenue, 144 Street, 88th Avenue, 152nd Street and 104th Avenue. Return route will be via 104th Avenue, 150th Street, Eatons access road, 152nd Street, 88th Avenue, 144th Street and 72nd Avenue. Monday through Friday morning shoppers' service leaves Newton at 10 a.m. for the 20-minute trip to Guildford, returning from Guildford at 10:30 a.m. Afternoon service leaves Newton at 2 p.m. and leaves Guildford for the return trip at 2:30 p.m.

The New McLellan 327 route between Newton Exchange and Cloverdale follows 72nd Avenue, 144th Street, New McLellan Road, 176th Avenue, 56A Avenue and 176A Avenue, returning via 176A Avenue, New McLellan Road, 144th Street and 72nd Avenue. Monday through Friday, morning shoppers' service leaves Newton at 10:20 a.m. for the 20-minute trip, leaving Cloverdale at 10:45 a.m. Afternoon service leaves Newton at 2:20 p.m., leaving Cloverdale at 2:45 p.m. for the return trip.

TRIAL SERVICE

The above two services are introduced on a trial basis to determine their popularity. Future continuation of the service is dependent on ridership during the next few months.

B.C. Hydro Transit is hopeful for a good response to these new services and literature explaining them in detail is being distributed door-to-door in the areas they serve.

The Grosvenor 328 service will operate via Grosvenor, Hansen, 112th Avenue, 136th Street, 113th Avenue, Kindersley and Grosvenor in both directions.

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In other Surrey changes, the 128th Street and 132nd Street services will be increased to every half hour during the morning and evening rush hours and the 112th Street and 116th Street buses will run every 15 minutes during rush hours operating directly to Vancouver.

In Burnaby, the Smith service has been increased to every 15 minutes permitting connections to be made with Queens buses to and from North Vancouver.

The change was made to allow for projected increased ridership.

STOP-OVER PRIVILEGE FOR TAXPAYERS

First 1977 due date for payment of City of Vancouver taxes is February 2. To accommodate taxpayers, B.C. Hydro again will grant stop-over privileges to anyone who wishes to get off at City Hall, pay their taxes, and continue their journey.

This concession does not permit taxpayers to go to City Hall and then make a return journey. Ask the bus operator for a transfer when you board your bus. This will allow a one-hour stopover. The transfer must be stamped at City Hall to be valid for continuation of the journey.

A similar concession will be available when the second tax payment becomes due.

RAILFAN'S FEAST SLATED

"A feast for all brands of railway enthusiasts" — that's what's in store for participants in the annual Target Rails Show, Feb. 5, 1 to 11 p.m. at the Marineview Chapel Hall, 4000 West 41st Ave., Vancouver.

Slides, movies and pictures of railway systems all over the world will be featured and participants are urged to bring theirs to share with others.

For more information, call Norris Adams at 261-3415.

TOUR FOR TEA

The annual St. Valentine's Day Tea Tour happens Feb. 14.

The Pacific Stage Lines' bus departs from the Vancouver bus depot at 1 p.m. for a comfortable relaxing afternoon of touring through the Fraser Valley with a stop for tea. There is one stop at the New Westminster bus depot to pick up passengers.

The ticket price of \$5 adult and \$4 child includes the cost of tea. For information, call 683-2421.