



behind the wheel

By way of introduction

B.C. Hydro Transit is pleased to introduce a new feature in this issue of the Buzzer: this column.

Called "Behind the Wheel," this space will be regularly allocated to expressing our transit operators' points of view on a number of subjects which we hope you, the transit user, will find interesting and worthwhile.

We value your patronage on our buses and hope this column will serve as a forum for ideas and suggestions which will make using the transit system easier and more pleasurable for passengers and operators alike.

Have you ever wondered where to get a specific bus timetable, the best way of carrying a bulky package on a bus, what to do if a car is parked in your bus stop or the best time of day to get a seat on the bus?

These are just some of the

areas that will be discussed in the regular column.

As well as transit operators, members of the public are welcome to contribute ideas, comments, suggestions or questions about general transit subjects which can be discussed in future issues. Write to Behind the Wheel, B.C. Hydro Transportation, 850 Southwest Marine Drive, Vancouver, B.C. V6P 5Z1.

Happy riding, and don't forget to check this space next issue for information that could help you.

ODDS AND ENDS

Vancouver's Centennial Museum is looking for volunteers to assist in the gift shop and as guides. If you can lend a hand a few hours a week drop by the museum, 1100 Chestnut St., Feb. 15 2:30 to 4 p.m. or 7:30 to 9 p.m. . . . The Parents Auxiliary of the Junior Symphony Society will hold their annual fund-raising Spring Ball at the U.B.C. Faculty Club Feb. 19. For information and tickets call Mrs. M. Visentin at 291-2788. . . . The Chinese United Church Day-care Centre, 430 Dunlevy Ave., has openings for youngsters aged three to five years. Call 255-9717 for information.

COMING EVENTS

†Feb 11 - Scottish & Gaelic Singing, Piping & Dancing, Highland Assoc., Scottish Auditorium, 1605 W. 12th Ave., 8 p.m.

†Feb 12 - Dance, F.O.E. 2075, 748 Kingsway, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

†Feb 12 - Pensioners Dance, Collingwood Hall, E. 41st Ave. & Joyce, 7:30 p.m.

†Feb 12 - Rummage & donut sale, Killarney Park Lutheran Church, 3022 E. 49th Ave., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

†Feb 18 - Rummage Sale, Marpole United Church, 67th Ave. & Hudson St., 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.

†Feb 19 - Rummage Sale, Renfrew Community Centre, 22nd Ave. & Renfrew, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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Come fly with us

More and more people are boarding B.C. Hydro Transit buses to get to London, Paris and Rome.

They "transfer" at the Vancouver International Airport from the recently expanded airport transit service to the flights which carry them to their destinations around the world.

Daily airport service has quadrupled since first introduced in 1966 and has brought the airport within easy reach of all Lower Mainland residents, including those who work there.

Buses drop off and pick up passengers on the departures level every half hour with three services linking the terminal building with the Greater Vancouver transit system. A new timetable explains the airport service in detail.

Connecting with Pacific Stage Lines' Fraser Valley bus service, the Midway Connector 800 from Port Coquitlam and New Westminster travels via Marine Drive and will pick up at all transfer points along the way. (Cont'd. on p. 2)



SURREY SHOPPERS SPECIALS

Special mid-day "shoppers" bus trips in Surrey begin Feb. 18 on a trial basis.

B.C. Hydro Transit is pleased to offer this new service to Surrey residents and hopes it will prove to be popular among passengers. Future continuation of the service is dependent on ridership during the next few months.

The Archibald 326 will carry passengers between Newton Exchange and Guildford Shopping Centre, leaving Newton at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and leaving Guildford at 10:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. for the 20-minute trip.

It travels via 72nd Ave., 144th St., 88th Ave., 152nd St. and 104th Ave. Return route is via 104th Ave., 150th St., Eaton's Access Road, 152nd St., 88th Ave., 144th St. and 72nd Ave.

The New McLellan 327 will operate between Newton Exchange and Cloverdale, leaving Newton at 10:20 a.m. and 2:20 p.m. and leaving Cloverdale at 10:45 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. for the 20-minute trip.

It travels via 72nd Ave., 144th St., New McLellan Road (Highway 10), 168th St., 60th Ave., 177-B St. and New McLellan Rd. to a terminus on 176-A St. Return route from 176-A St. and New McLellan Rd. is via 176-A St., 57th Ave., 177-B St., 60th Ave., 168th, New McLellan Road, 144th St. and 72nd Ave.

SOLVE THE MAGNIFICENT MYSTERY

Be on board and solve the magnificent mystery when Pacific Stage Lines Mystery Trips resume Feb. 20.

There's only one way to find out where the bus is going, and that's to come along. Cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Mystery trips leave Wednesdays and Sundays at 1 p.m. from the bus depot for pleasant drives in the Lower Mainland area. Buses follow interesting back roads to surprise destinations with afternoon rest-stops, returning in about four hours.

Buses use highways to get out of the city, then follow quiet interesting backroads, past farms and little villages, streams and many points of interest not seen by those who ride the fast buses on the highways. Reservations are not required.

Mystery Trips run to March 23.

AIRPORT SERVICE . . . (Cont'd. from page one)

The No. 4 Road 64 and No. 5 Road 65 from Ladner Exchange meet the Richmond Express 60 from downtown Vancouver at Sexsmith Loop and continue to the airport. The Richmond Express will stop for passengers at certain points along Granville Street in Vancouver.

Said transit planner Barrie Sanford: "Check with transit information at 324-3211 for further details and let B.C. Hydro sit be part of your next trip abroad."

LADIES DAY

Every Wednesday, until April 13, 1977, is Ladies Day at the Cloverdale Harness Races. Ladies will be admitted free of charge to the Grandstand.

Pacific Stage Lines offers special bus service direct to the races every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

On Saturdays, buses leave Vancouver bus depot at 12 noon and New Westminster bus depot at 12:30 p.m. Post time is 1:30 p.m. Buses return from Cloverdale Raceway at approximately 4:30 p.m.

On week nights, departure time is 6:30 p.m. from Vancouver bus depot and 7:00 p.m. from New Westminster bus depot. Post time is 7:30 p.m. and the return trip leaves approximately 11:00 p.m.

A package rate includes the two-way fare plus admission to the Grandstand: \$3.25 from Vancouver, \$2.50 from New Westminster.

The special rate for Ladies Day is \$2.25 from Vancouver, \$1.50 from New Westminster. For further information call 683-2421.

GET AWAY TO ORCAS ISLAND

Reported to be among North America's great resorts, Rosario Resort Hotel on Orcas Island, Washington, is a truly magnificent and historic setting for a holiday.

And Pacific Stage Lines wants to take you there for three days and two nights starting March 19.

Built in 1905 for shipbuilder and Seattle mayor Robert Moran, the mansion-lodge was redeveloped over the years with enclosed gardens, outdoor lighting and numerous other luxurious facilities.

It now boasts indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpools, tennis, hiking, fishing, boating, beaches, snack bar, lounge and music room with pipe organ concerts at 4 p.m.

Cost of the "getaway" is \$111.60 single and \$81.70 twin accommodation, and includes transportation, escort, accommodation, wine and cheese party and baggage handling.

Day One — Leave Vancouver at 8 a.m. via Bellingham to Anacortes on Fedalgo Island, Ferry to Orcas Island and Rosario Resort Hotel for two nights. Wine and cheese party.

Day Two — Day free to enjoy the resort facilities or join a general drive of the island at 2 p.m.

Day Three — Leave at 12:30 p.m. and return via Anacortes and duty free store at the international border, arriving back in Vancouver about 6 p.m.

Call Pacific Stage Lines at 681-6381 for reservations.

Valentine card from wife to husband: "Guess who? And you had better be right."