

Museum of Bus Transportation Spring Fling 2021



By Gary Hatt

I was fortunate, for the first time in my life, to be a participant in the MOBT Spring Fling on June 4th and 5th in Hershey, Pennsylvania. There were 420 people in attendance which was great as we were at the end of the COVID pandemic, which may have reduced attendance over what it would normally be.

I drove there from Anaheim, California, making me one of the bus people that drove the farthest to attend the rally, about a 3,000-mile run. My 1967 Eagle made the trip without a hitch.

There were 44 buses outside of the museum available for people to tour as well as 10 of the museum buses, along with over 40 buses at the annex and inside the museum. That is a total of almost 100 buses that people could see and walk through and reminisce.

Prizes were awarded for the "Oldest Bus", Ronald Pushnik's 1947 GM PD 2903, and TWO "Bus that Traveled Farthest", both Frank Gonzalez's 1957 Mack MV-620 and Gary Hatt's 1967 Eagle Model 03 came from California. The "Best Motorhome" went to Pat McNeal's 1957 GM Scenicruiser, and "Best School Bus" was John Corr's 1955 Chevrolet Ward.

Frank Gonzalez and Gary Hatt each won "Best 1950's Bus" and "Best 1960's Bus" respectively.

It's ironic, and a tribute to their owners, that each of these buses are exceedingly rare antiques, and each made the trip from California without incident.



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