



## Museum of Bus Transportation To Merge with AACA Museum



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**Since 2003, the historical collections of the Museum of Bus Transportation have been housed in a marvelous facility shared with the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum in Hershey, Pennsylvania. It is located on Route 39 near the major tourist attractions of Hershey Park and Chocolate World. Buses are displayed in nearly 5,000 square feet of space on the lowest level of the three-story building.**

In late September of 2019 we received word from the [Museum of Bus Transportation](#) that an agreement had been reached to merge with the [Antique Automobile Club of America Museum](#). This decision comes 25 years after the founding of the bus museum and 15 years since the Museum of Bus Transportation started sharing facilities with the AACA Museum.

Historically, the bus museum has suffered from a lack of funding throughout its lifetime. This merger will put the historic bus collection on a sounder financial foundation. It will also improve the public

bus exhibit by increasing the number of buses on display and giving them a dedicated area.

All of this started more than 25 years ago when a group of bus industry people expressed concern over the lack of a formal bus industry display for the public. A few bus companies had one or more historical buses for show or publicity, and some private individuals had preserved a few buses. While some of these showed up periodically at various bus industry events, there was no formal display covering the bus industry.

Six individuals from the bus industry met in Pennsylvania in 1994 to discuss this situation and consider solutions. Included was Richard J. Maguire from Capitol Trailways, Edwin P. Wolf from

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