



Silk Road Transport maneuvers onto the BC Ferry to cross Howe Sound, northwest of Vancouver, British Columbia, on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Claude Sabot Photograph  
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On May 20<sup>th</sup>, Silk Road Transport draws Société des Transports Intercommunaux de Bruxelles (STIB) 9060 aboard for its trip across North America. Claude Sabot's efforts to establish a heritage trolley route in Gibsons, British Columbia with his collection of Brussels trams have ended. The Museum is acquiring STIB 9060, one of one hundred single truck cars built in 1960 with PCC-style bodies, to provide a heated tram for winter service at the Museum. The car has a backup controller, pantograph, and bi-directional seating so it can serve as a double-end car. Follow the link in the box to the right to see STIB 9079 operating in Brussels.

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Go to:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXF\\_nhB0CT8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nXF_nhB0CT8)

STIB 9079 is shown at 0:40 seconds and 7:00 minutes into the video.

## MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 13, 2015** *Transit Progress Day* includes exhibits by several transit agencies from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- June 18, 2015** Thursday-Friday operation begins at 10:00 a.m. Go to [www.dctrolley.org](http://www.dctrolley.org) for a listing of the special programs for children each day to August 14, 2015.
- June 27, 2015** Montgomery County Heritage Day features the Museum's newest temporary exhibit, *Civil War Streetcars & Gilded Age Streetcars*.
- July 11, 2015** *A Horse Car Named Desire: Walt Whitman's Street Railway Romance* explores the poet's passion in Civil War Washington at 3:30 p.m. (Mature audience)
- July 18, 2015** The Board of Trustees meets at 9:30 a.m.
- August 15, 2015** Thursday-Friday operation ends at 2:00 p.m.
- August 23, 2015** *A 78th Anniversary* celebrates the arrival of the Presidents' Conference Committee street cars in the Nation's Capital.

NATIONAL CAPITAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM  
OF TRANSPORTATION, INC.  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 18, 2015

Call to order at 9:32 a.m. by President Rucker.

Officer	Present
Rucker, President	yes
Velte, Vice President	yes
Paulson, Secretary	yes
Tirschman, Treasurer	no

Trustee	Since	Present	Trustee	Since	Present
Rucker	71	yes	Petzold	07	yes
Glick	87	yes	Clarke	09	yes
Paulson	89	yes	Kaiser	09	yes
Madison	01	yes	Armstrong	13	yes
Velte	03	yes	Gegan	13	yes
Cox	04	yes	Carroll	15	yes

Also attending: No one

The trustees welcome Patrick Carroll to the Board.

The minutes of the April 18, 2015 meeting are approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report: Detail report is attached through March 2015. Rucker reviews report and addresses Kaiser's concern about the Car Shop expense which exceeds the budget. (Off budget emergency repair of motor-generator set for HTM 1329.)

**Communications:**

Petzold describes the form letter response from the Public Utilities Commission to her letter about Potomac Electric Power Company billing in winter 2014. She will follow up.

Glick presents the Museum a three-inch cast metal Toonerville trolley.

**Membership Secretary welcomes:**

Brian Uzwiak of Germantown, Maryland

Report from the Director of Administration: Rucker presents his report of April 17, 2015 (attached). He discusses water line leak repair by W. F. Wilson & Company and advises the Board that Bruce Thain is behind in the work on CTCO 27 scheduled for completion by May. The Board accepts Thain's request to continue his work on the car until September, 2015.

Report from the Director of Development: Paulson acknowledges the success of the monthly Constant Contact eblasts and notes that the Extreme Makeover campaign is 45% funded.

**Topic: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee**

Velte outlines the plans for *Transit Progress Day*. Kaiser notes contacts made with Maryland Mass Transit Administration and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Paulson offers to follow up with Ride-On, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation, and Dr. Gridlock.

Discussion follows regarding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fundraiser; the event is now re-scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Topic: Business Partnership Committee**

Kaiser questions the relationship between fundraiser and the Partnership Opportunities program. Discussion follows; the matter is referred to the Committee. Carroll offers to explore how the Museum might use LinkedIn to promote the Partnership Opportunities program.

**Topic: Nominating Committee**

Rucker announces that the Committee must report next meeting.

Adjourns at 11:05 a.m.

**DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION  
REPORT TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
May 26, 2015**

Buildings and Grounds Maintenance

W. F. Wilson and Company has tightened bolts on all sides of the T connection in the water line to the Maintenance Carhouse. During this operation which cost \$3607, there was discussion about whether all bolts were tightened two years ago. If this connection leaks again, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission inspector will expect to find a new installation as a better fix for the recurring problem.

Jack's Roofing sent the job leader on a rainy day in March to plan his work to repair the gutter on the south wall of Street Car Hall. He has not been back!!

Collections Acquisitions

The Acquisitions Committee thanks the Trustees for a rapid response to the poll concerning its recommendation to acquire STIB 9060. Moving quickly, the Museum ran a Power2Give campaign to raise the money to move the car from British Columbia. Silk Road Transport has picked up the car.

Collections Care

The Car Shop crews have successfully installed a re-conditioned motor-generator set in HTM 1329. They have also installed a new battery with supporting tray in DCTS 1101. Finding a firm to paint the ceiling of DCTS 1101 is a priority.

Bruce Thain of Rail Technical Services reports that the severe winter delayed his work on CTCO 27. In particular, he wants to complete the manufacture and installation of the door operating linkages, to complete new wiring and install ceiling panels, and to blast and prime the exterior of the car. His adjusted timetable suggests that he can have this work done by September, 2015. He also reports that the millwork firm which owed \$7000 of woodwork to the project since 2003 has closed.

Collections Interpretation and Exhibition

Student participation in the Museum's programs has taken a hit from the difficulty in coordination with Montgomery County Public Schools. Of the sixteen days the Museum offers its programs, MCPS is closed four and makes no field trip buses available for two more. A school which has participated regularly for several years failed to arrive on the day it was scheduled. Joanie Pinson continues to schedule smaller student groups, but the larger target groups for whose

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curriculum the Museum's programs are directly designed are missing out. The Museum is working with a committee of the Montgomery County Arts Advocates to improve coordination with MCPS.

Ken Rucker is developing three temporary exhibit banner sets and planning the installation of an information sign at the Museum entrance gate. This project is funded in part by the Heritage Tourism Alliance of Montgomery County.

Railway Maintenance

K. W. Reese Company has replaced 107 crossties between Fishhook Curve and pole 254 on the legacy railway and installed the new Racor E22 switch throw at the M-10 switch. Some small track adjustments are being done with volunteers.

Two trolley wire hangers must be re-attached to the span wires above them.

**EXTREME MAKEOVER: THE FINALE**

The exterior restoration of CTCO 522 is nearing completion. During the summer, Keith Bray is making three entrance steps and is preparing the portable vestibules for installation.

Meanwhile, George Epperson is preparing drawings of the lettering and striping for a local painter to apply the finishing touches.



Upon his return on May 7<sup>th</sup>, Keith Bray trims the excess canvas to prepare for painting the roof on CTCO 522.

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Final steps include re-glazing the end wall windows.

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The windows are installed. The roof canvas and painting are complete. The trolley pole is ready to go. Now CTCO 522 awaits the delivery of a Lord Baltimore truck, installation of its portable vestibules and entrance steps, plus completion of lettering and striping.

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**IN MEMORIAM**

Joshua Lepman joined the Museum while attending Wheaton High School and became a leading member of the track construction gang. During the summer of 1969, he served with the working group developing the *Manual of Operating Rules* and served as a motorman on opening day in October. Josh led the effort in 1972 to acquire the rail from St. Elizabeth's Hospital and use some of it to rebuild



Josh Lepman saves the Seat Pleasant Loop during the summer of 2014..

the end of the carline into Fishhook Siding. Later, he directed track construction at the Baltimore Streetcar Museum and employed his willingness to teach to improve many volunteer track gangs at several railway museums.

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