

White Motor Company, White Busses

The **White Motor** Company of Cleveland , Ohio manufactured the majority of motorized vehicles in Yellowstone 's museum collection. The company began as an offshoot of the White Sewing Machine Company in 1901 when the White Steam Car was brought into production, and by 1906, production requirements were so great that a separate corporation, **White Motor** Company, was founded. The company manufactured a wide variety of vehicles, including early touring cars and open touring buses, numerous types of trucks, National Park and Highway Post Office buses, as well as half-tracks used by the U.S. Army during World War Two.

From: <http://www.nps.gov/yell/historyculture/whitebus.htm>

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File "D5015 Book 6, July 1957 to January 1958"

File contains correspondence, memoranda, and documentation regarding the protest of the **White Motor** Company regarding the diesel generator contract for electricity for the Canyon area and contract specifications.

Box YPC-6

File "White Busses"

Materials on YPT Co. White busses 1917-1930 compiled by Dr. Richard Bartlett during research for his book Yellowstone: A Wilderness Besieged. Included are issues of White Company's Albatross, a magazine containing material on Yellowstone busses and White busses, copies of White Bus photos from the Smithsonian collections, "The Passing of the Stage Coach" from White Albatross, "Delving into Nature's Secrets at Yellowstone" from White Albatross, articles on YNP busses from **White Motor** Company's The White-Book, "My Prize Trip Thru the Yellowstone" by Ann McLaughlin, "It's A Hard Life" about YNP busses, "Traveling Conditions Idea in Yellowstone" (1924), Two Presidents H.W. Child and Walter C. White, "What Garage Fire Did to White Busses at Yellowstone Park" (1925), and other articles on YPT busses.

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One file marked "59 Automobiles in Park 1926-1933"

Containing: Application of Hertz Driveyourself System for license in YNP, 1926, and briefs opposing application. Correspondence about Hertz, and John L. Moyers Tour Company wanting entry. Parkhills' Tours brochures, 1930, 1931. Description and maintenance manual from the Yellowstone Park Transportation Company for the **White Motor** Company Model 706.

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"12 **White Motor** Co. 1937-1942 [1] Correspondence between Mr. Nichols and Union Pacific Railroad regarding the shipping rate for transfer of White buses to Yellowstone. Correspondence between **White**

Motor Co. and Mr. Nichols regarding purchase of 4 gas trucks. Documentation of bus repairs for 1936. Correspondence regarding a credit discrepancy due to YP from **White Motor** Co. concerning repairs that YP considered to be guaranteed. Correspondence between **White Motor** Co. and Mr. Nichols about ordering of buses. Letters concerning using Yellowstone's White buses to transport defense workers.

"12 **White Motor** Co. 1937-1942" [2]Correspondence between Northern Pacific Railway, **White Motor** Co., and YP Co., regarding purchase and transport of 40 new White buses for use in Yellowstone. Two photos of 1937 buses from Bender Streamlined. Body Specs and schedules for the 1937 buses.

"45 Mgr., Transp. Div.--1946"Correspondence and memoes preparing for the 1946 season. Time tables for 1946. Drivers' reports for 1946. Detailed list of driver's rates and pay. Total Mileage lists for season of 1946. Daily report of car movement for 1946. Equipment Record for 1946.

"Transportation 1953-1954"Tucker Snowcat brochure. Total mileage for YP Co. vehicles for season of 1955. Daily report of car movement for season of 1955. Bus Schedule for 1955. Copy of Motor Carrier Safety Regulations from the Interstate Commerce Commission. Request for transportation equipment for the 1954 season.

"Transportation 1956,1957,1958"Total Mileage for season of 1956. Train, bus, plane travel recapitulation for 1957. Stockroom inventory 1957. Total Mileage and Driver Reports for season of 1957. Recapitulation of train, bus, and plane travel for 1958. Total Mileage and Driver Reports for season of 1958. List of prices old buses were sold for. Crew list for 1958 season. Crew list 1958.

"Transportation 1955-1956"Total Mileage and Drivers' Reports for 1956. Recap of Garage Reports for 1958. Correspondence on proposal to YP Co. on conversion of buses. Recap of Garage Reports for 1956. Correspondence on hiring employees and rates for 1956.

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File "1951 **White Motor** Company"

This file contains bills of lading, invoices, and statements for the **White Motor** Company in 1951.

Box YPC-162

File "Yellowstone Park Company Vehicle Information-Documents Donated by Robert Goss"

This file contains a collection of documents donated to the Archives in November 2003 by Robert Goss of Xanterra. The collection contains over 120 documents relating to the purchase, maintenance, and disposal of nearly 100 Yellowstone Park Company fleet vehicles, primarily those of the **White Motor** Company but also some Ford, Lincoln, Mercury, Dodge, Chrysler, Willys, and Buick models. Documents include titles, bills of sale, and correspondence. The documents are dated 1926-1959 and provide information on vehicle models as old as 1917. The file also includes a donation letter from Goss and an inventory of the documents, prepared by Yellowstone bus enthusiast Bruce Austin. The inventory categorizes the documents according to fleet number, manufacturer, engine number, and serial number.