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Subject: Fwd: Re: [Transit-Vancouver] West Van Fageols

--- In Transit-Vancouver@yahoogroups.com, Bob Rogers <bob.rog@s...> wrote:

Interesting theories the kids had on the background of these buses. In actual fact, they were used for the PGE/BC RAILWAY train connection to and from downtown Vancouver. The caged area was used for luggage. They were quite often used for school "trippers", occasional charters, and overloads as required. They were both built in 1952 and retired in the early '70's.

----- Original Message -----

From: "railsmith" <railsmith@y...>
To: <Transit-Vancouver@yahoogroups.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2005 9:16 PM
Subject: [Transit-Vancouver] West Van Fageols

> As we have been discussing West Van's bus history in the past few
> days, I thought I'd put this question to the list.
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> During my high school years in the early to mid-60s, two of the
> Fageols that regularly ran in WV school bus service were configured
> with a mesh cage positioned behind the rear wheel wells, which
> extended from floor to ceiling. There was an open doorway in the
> aisle so that the rear seats were accessible, but it appeared that
> at one time there would have been a hinged mesh door to enable this
> area to be sealed off.
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> In hindsight, I suppose this might have been an area for baggage or
> parcels, but the folklore among the students was that these buses
> were imports from somewhere in the Southern states, and the
> enclosure had been used there for black passengers.
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> If I remember correctly, the two were numbered 51 and 52. They
> definitely stood out from others in the fleet in having smoother
> body panels and I believe they were fitted with side roll-sign
> mechanisms, which were not used in WV in those days and not found
on
> other WV Fageols.
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> Anyone know the history of those two?
>
> Ian Smith
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