

Note from Steve

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Greetings from Marathon headquarters in Coburg, Oregon! I hope springtime is treating you and your family well. Warm and sunny weather has been rare in Oregon this year, but summer is just around the corner.

As we move swiftly through 2010, our Marathon team is already planning for 2011, when some interesting developments will occur in the Prevost bus shells that we custom convert:



Transition to Volvo Engines

The Environmental Protection Agency's next generation of stricter diesel emission standards takes full effect at the end of 2010. At that time, for a variety of reasons Prevost Car will completely phase out the Detroit Diesel Series 60 engine and introduce the 500 horsepower Volvo D13 engine on all bus shells. All Prevost shells will still come equipped with Allison transmissions.

SCR/Urea Tank

To supplement the Prevost's Dust Particulate Filter (DPF) system, coinciding with the switch to Volvo engines, all shells will come with a SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) device that uses urea fluid to further scrub the engine exhaust of nitrogen oxide. The coach urea tank will need to be refilled every 2-3 fuel stops.

XLII Entertainer Shell

Prevost has made the difficult decision to phase out in 2011 its XLII motorhome shell as it is currently known, in favor of a modified version of its "Entertainer" shell. Prevost is in the process of finalizing the exact specifications of the new "Entertainer" shell, however, the new shell will incorporate the longer wheel base seen on Prevost's current "Entertainer" shell.

Please feel free to contact any of our facilities if you would like more information about these interesting product developments. More than ever, it is clear that there is never a dull moment in the world of luxury bus conversions.

On a separate topic, I am pleased to announce that Marathon will again be hosting the Las Vegas NASCAR race rally in 2011. It is very important for people to register early for this March 4-6, 2011 event, so don't delay in signing up. Friends of Marathon are welcome! Please see the preliminary itinerary on page 28 in this issue.

On behalf of everyone at Marathon, I would like to express sincere thanks to our coach owners for their past and continued support.

Happy Travels,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Schoellhorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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