

PRESS RELEASE

Grand Tours adds a new MCI J4500 to their coach fleet

Lockport, NY – February 14, 2007 – Grand Island Transit Corporation's Grand Tours, an upscale charter and tour company, has added a new MCI J4500 to serve its expanding customer base of students, seniors, tour operators and other discerning travelers.

"Our customers love the J4500s. They like the looks and ease of entering that curving staircase and of course the ride. It's a solid coach with a lot of curb appeal," explains Tom Weeks, president of the now family-owned company that started in 1935. Weeks, whose father purchased the Lockport, NY company in 1958, says he's invested in 46 MCIs since he started working for the firm in 1971. Today, Grand Tours operates a fleet of 18 coaches, 17 of which are MCIs.



Grand Tours' latest J4500 is top of the line, featuring a Caterpillar CAT-13 engine, a ZF-ASTronic transmission, six LCD flat-screen monitors with DVD and video inputs, Amaya 102 High Back-style seating and the SmarTire monitoring system.

Grand Tours is a descendent of Grand Island Transit Corporation, a regular route carrier and Ridge Road Express, the school bus company Weeks' father Ralph drove for 71 years ago. "Both my mom and dad drove for Ridge Road at the start," Weeks explains. "They had two buses that took rural workers to auto and steel plants early in the morning. Instead of deadheading on the return, they picked up school kids in rural Niagara and Orleans Counties. That evolved into our school bus operation."

School buses are actually the largest part of Weeks' business. The company's Ridge Road Express division operates nearly 300 buses and vans serving 10 school districts and transports 20,000 students a day.

Weeks says several key competitors leaving the Buffalo, NY region has kept their charter business rolling. "We find that our businesses complement each other perfectly. We have (school bus) contracts that have lasted for decades, but we find that the service we provide students and teachers on our school bus routes and field trips help inform potential customers about our deluxe charter and tour operations. Customers know our longevity with both operations and that works well for us."

The company's website is www.grsbuses.com