



The Bus Stop

Buses just part of this story

There is no way for anyone to demonstrate how much Fred Winkler will be missed at Mohawk.

Those of you who had the opportunity to work with Mr. Winkler already know about his professionalism and his vast knowledge.

He was a blue-chip engineer. What made him so special was that he was imaginative yet exact. His bachelor's degree was in mathematics, but he was as creative as he was precise.

Mr. Winkler was more than an engineer. He was a friend to all of us at Mohawk and to many of you. His warm smile, his disarming laugh put everyone at ease.

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Mohawk mourns

Fred Winkler was with Mohawk from start

Frederick Winkler Jr., one of the founding executives of Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co., died Monday, May 20, 2002 after a short illness. He was 80.

Mr. Winkler was the Vice President of Engineering for Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co. His impact on Mohawk is immeasurable. His expertise was instrumental in Mohawk's growth, and his eye for detail helped build Mohawk's reputation of quality.

Mr. Winkler was Mohawk's only engineer until 1986, and during his 44 years with Mohawk, he designed thousands of Mohawk's parts. After semi-retiring in 1986, Mr. Winkler continued as Vice President of Engineering and worked closely with his successors, including



Fred Winkler, shown here in a recent photo, played a major role in developing Greyhound's popular Scenic Cruiser Bus. He then joined Mohawk and helped it become the major bus parts manufacturer and supplier it is today.

current engineering manager Bob Stuker and staff engineer Russell Pinsky.

Mr. Winkler graduated from St. Rita High School in Chicago and St. Benedict's College in Atchison, Kan. before serving as a pilot in the United States Navy in

World War II.

After the war, Mr. Winkler joined Greyhound's corporate engineering department in the late 1940s where he helped develop the popular Scenic Cruiser. He then worked for Chance Vaught in Dallas and then for Good-year's airplane production division.

He rejoined Greyhound, serving as a product engineer for Greyhound Motor & Supply, Greyhound Bus' replacement parts division. Mr.

Winkler worked for division president Wilbur Brown.

In 1958, Greyhound began disbanding its replacement parts division, so Wilbur Brown left Greyhound to start Mohawk Mfg. & Supply Co. Two Greyhound employ-

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Mohawk Excellence Award

School's out for Dunn

5 years of training equals technician certification and an improved staff

The Canadian city of Moncton, New Brunswick, is home of Codiac Transit technician Chris Dunn, the Spring 2002 winner of the Mohawk Excellence Award.

Dunn is part of a three-man team at Codiac that includes chief mechanic Brian Wheaton and technician Abel Gallant.

"Not only do they keep our fleet healthy, but they also give their time and expertise to help keep the Red Cross Emergency Vehicle, the Soup Kitchen Bus and the Fire Department Command Post going," fleet supervisor Mickey Mazerolle writes.

The soup kitchen bus is a project that wouldn't have been possible without Codiac Transit, which sold a used bus to the soup kitchen for \$1. Codiac's maintenance staff has continually worked on this vehicle to keep it in working shape.

"They are there to help out whenever somebody drives by with a problem," Mazerolle added. "Even delivery trucks."

Dunn joined the staff in 1990 as a technician helper, and became a full-time employee in



Codiac Transit's Chris Dunn signs his first New Brunswick safety inspection form April 18, 2001. Dunn studied for four years to become a certified technician, and Mohawk honors him with the Spring 2002 Excellence Award.

1995.

From 1996-2000, Dunn took eight weeks out of every year to study to be a truck and transport technician at New Brunswick Community College. The rest of the year he would apprentice at Codiac.

In December 2000, Dunn earned his certification.

"We congratulate Chris, for him becoming a technician only bettered our maintenance department," Mazerolle writes.

We congratulate him as well.

Want to recognize excellence you see?

Want to nominate someone you know for excellence in the motor-coach or transit industry?

Send nominations to us by e-mail (tbrown@mohawkmfg.com); fax (847-647-1499) or mail (7200 N. Oak Park Ave., Niles, IL 60714) and tell us why your nominee is someone deserving of the Mohawk Excellence Award.

If chosen, your nominee will receive a Mohawk fleece jacket, a certificate and a profile in *Mohawk Quarterly*.

Bus Stop: Winkler's presence just can't be replaced

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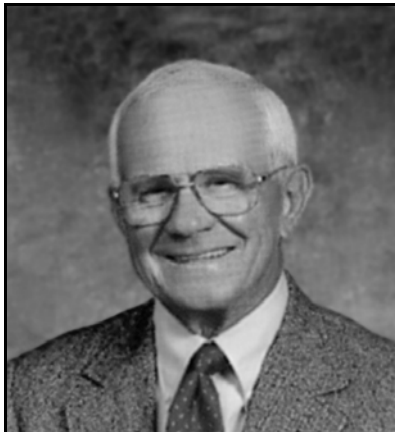
Mr. Winkler was a Navy pilot, flying bombing missions during World War II.

Before that, he was a two-sport star (football and basketball) at St. Rita High School in Chicago and then St. Benedict's College, where he earned his bachelor's degree. When he was in the Navy's flight school, he was starting point guard on the basketball team as it played exhibition games against various major college teams. Mr. Winkler directed the flight school's offense during an upset at Georgia Tech in 1943.

So yes, he could explain the diesel engine one moment, tell war stories the next, and talk basketball the next moment.

He was much more than a great parts engineer.

He was a walking encyclopedia on just about any bus from the PD4104 to the MC-8 to the RTS



Frederick Winkler Jr. 1922-2002

II to some of the newer low-floor buses.

He was a great executive, who helped plan Mohawk's strategies for almost half a century.

He was a positive influence on our staff with his easy-going laugh, his sense of humor and his work ethic.

He was a great man.

He was devoted to his family first, but he found plenty of time to help build Mohawk, his American dream.

And we feel so lucky that he did.

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ees, John Brown and Mr. Winkler, joined him.

"He was an excellent engineer, and he became a close, personal friend," said current Mohawk president John Brown, who worked with Mr. Winkler for 49 years. "He was a person everyone in the organization enjoyed being associated with."

Mr. Winkler is survived by his wife Patricia Rose and his children Peter (Darlene), Kurt (Karen), Julie, Christine (Joe), Frederick III (Eileen), John, Thomas (Michele) and Joe.

Services were held for Mr. Winkler Thursday, May 23, 2002.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Mr. Winkler can be sent to Notre Dame High School for Boys, 7655 Dempster St., Niles, IL 60714.

Solutions: Designing a custom kit from Mohawk is easy

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tains 21 different parts.

What many customers don't realize is that more kits are available than the kits listed in our price book.

What kits do you need? You tell us.

Talk to your regional representative or a customer service representative and describe what you need a kit for.

If it's a brake kit, we need the bus model, the axle (front or back), the cam type (S-series, wedge-type) and the main components that you will need.

For other parts, we will just need to know the type of repair you are making.

Mohawk will then set up and price your kit. We will be ready to assemble your kits and stock them for the next time you order.

Designing your own custom kit

Here is how to set up your custom Mohawk kit:

- ✓ Call a customer service representative at (800) 323-7652, or call your regional representative.
- ✓ Give us information about your bus that will help us devise the kit (if it's a brake kit, we need to know about the axle, for example)
- ✓ A customer service representative will call you with a price for your custom kit.

Custom-made solutions

Mohawk kits known for their flexibility, value

Mohawk's various repair and overhaul kits are some of the best values in the parts market.

Of course, you probably already realize it.

Mohawk kits — from the G1012726 king pin kit to the MBK-2000 brake kit — are some of Mohawk's most requested products.

The benefits of Mohawk kits are obvious. It's much easier to order one kit instead of dozens



This is the G1012726 king pin kit (\$129.11 U.S.). Mohawk offers a wide variety of standard and custom-made kits.

of components.

Case in point: the MBK-1000 brake kit for a wedge-style

brake. This overhaul kit con-

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- Extra schooling helps Codiac Transit's Chris Dunn improve maintenance department.
- Mohawk custom kits make repairs simpler.