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Heading to Seattle? Hop In!

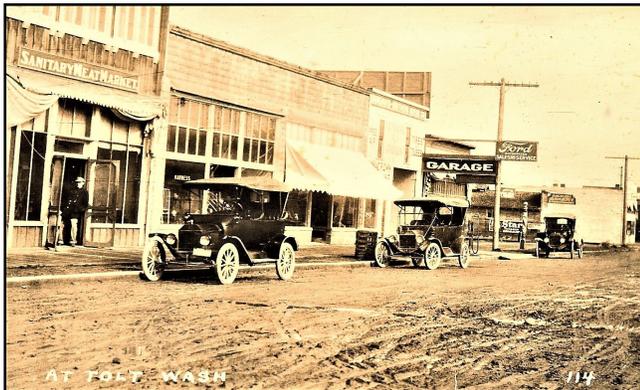


"Seattle Snoqualmie & North Bend STAGE" by Cascade Hotel Snoqualmie Valley History Museum

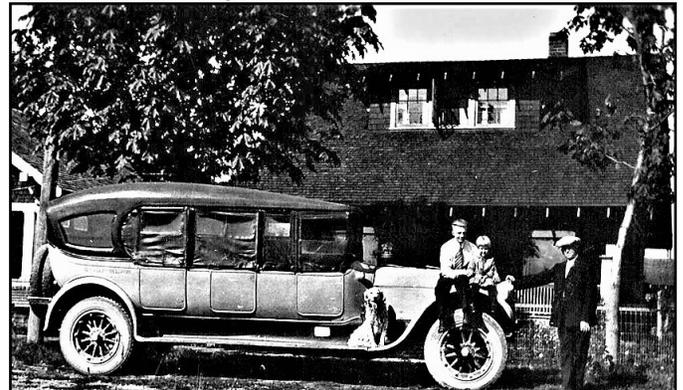
When E.A. Arneson began operating the North Bend Stage Lines in 1919 between North Bend and Seattle, road conditions and transportation options were changing rapidly across the state and region. In 1915, the Sunset Highway had been designated as the major route for motorized travel from Seattle over Snoqualmie Pass, offering new opportunities for both commerce and passenger travel across the state. Here in the Cascade foothills, rough wagon roads were being improved and widened, as when in 1908 King County began upgrading the major roads in and around Fall City by adding crushed rock to the dirt surface.

In 1916, King County had 54 miles of paved highway, 1,057 miles of gravel roads, and 376 miles of "Earth" roads. In the late 1920s, Redmond-Fall City Road was designated as State Road No. 2 which meant the existing gravel road would be improved with State funds.

Prior to Metro Bus service, many privately owned bus companies provided transportation around the greater Seattle area. The Des Moines Auto Co. started in 1918 with service between Seattle and Des Moines, Yost Auto Co. in 1915 started service between Seattle and Edmonds, and in 1922 the Seattle-Renton Stage Line began, adding in 1923 a second service Seattle to Bothell. Here in Fall City during the 1920s, Amel Larson ran a bus service from Tolt (Carnation) to Fall City.



Dirt Roads in Tolt, FCHS Collection



Amel Larson Stage, Tolt, 1924. FCHS Collection



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But How Long Will It Take? About 75 minutes!



In this 1938 Time Schedule, North Bend Stage Line, Inc. provides two services to Seattle; one traveling south through Fall City, Issaquah down through Renton, and then a second northern route through Carnation, Woodinville, and Bothell. Commuting to Seattle? You can catch the stage at 7:40am in Fall City and arrive in Seattle at 8:55am. In 1938, the Lake Washington Floating Bridge was funded, and then completed in 1940 allowing for a direct route to Seattle. Do we feel like it's faster?

TIME SCHEDULE No. 17
Cancels Time Schedule No. 16

of

NORTH BEND STAGE LINE, INC.
CERTIFICATE No. 100

Between

Seattle, Wash. - - North Bend, Wash.

Via **RENTON and ISSAQUAH**
Via **BOTHELL, REDMOND and CARNATION**

DEPOTS:
Seattle . . . 308 Virginia Street
North Bend . . . McGrath Hotel
Carnation Pete's Club

Issued **October 21, 1938** Effective **November 10, 1938**

Issued by **E. A. ARNESON, Pres. and Mgr.**
308 Virginia Street
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

1938 North Bend Stage Line Schedule Generously Donated by Beth Traverso of Fall City

TIME SCHEDULE -- North Bend Stage Line, Inc.

EAST BOUND SEATTLE—ISSAQUAH—NORTH BEND WEST BOUND

EAST BOUND					SEATTLE—ISSAQUAH—NORTH BEND					WEST BOUND				
1*	2	3*	4	5	Mi					1	2*	3	4*	5
AM	AM	PM	PM	PM	0	Lv	SEATTLE	Ar	Mi	AM	AM	PM	PM	PM
7:15	11:15	2:15	5:15	10:00	9		Renton	39	8:55	12:35	4:25	6:45	9:40	
8:00	11:50	2:55	5:50	10:35	13		Honey Creek f	35	8:15	11:50	3:45	6:05	9:00	
8:10	12:01	3:10	6:00	10:45	19		Coalfield f	33	8:10	11:45	3:40	6:00	8:55	
8:20	12:05	3:15	6:05	10:50	21		Hobart Road f	31	8:05	11:40	3:35	5:55	8:50	
8:25	12:10	3:20	6:10	10:55	25		Issaquah	27	8:00	11:35	3:30	5:50	8:45	
8:35	12:15	3:30	6:15	11:00	27		High Point f	25	7:55	11:30	3:25	5:45	8:40	
8:40	12:20	3:35	6:20	11:05	30		Preston f	22	7:50	11:25	3:20	5:40	8:35	
8:50	12:30	3:45	6:30	11:15	35		Fall City	17	7:40	11:15	3:10	5:30	8:25	
9:00	12:40	3:55	6:40	11:25	38		Snoqualmie	14	7:30	11:05	3:00	5:20	8:15	
9:15	12:50	4:15	6:50	11:35	40		Snoqualmie Falls	12	7:20	10:55	2:50	5:10	8:05	
9:25	12:55	4:25	6:55	11:40	43	Ar	NORTH BEND	Lv	9	7:15	10:45	2:45	5:00	8:00
					46		Tanner f	6						
					48		Edgewick Road †	4						
					52		9 Mile Bridge †	0						
							Camp 15 †							

Columns 1, 2, 3 and 4—Daily.
Column 5—Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and the following Holidays only: New Year's, Memorial Day, July Fourth, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.
f—Flag Stops. *—Carries U. S. Mail. †—Call Service Only.

Train for Portland 12:00 pm

READ DOWN SEATTLE—REDMOND—CARNATION—NORTH BEND READ UP

SEATTLE—REDMOND—CARNATION—NORTH BEND				SEATTLE—REDMOND—CARNATION—NORTH BEND			
1	2	3	Mi				
AM	PM	PM	0	Lv	SEATTLE	Ar	AM
9:15	5:15	5:30	0		Lake City f	8:40	4:20
9:35	5:35	5:50	8		Bothell	8:20	4:00
9:45	5:45	6:00	13		Woodinville	8:15	3:50
9:55	5:55	6:05	16		Hollywood f	8:10	3:45
10:00	6:00	6:10	19		Redmond	8:00	3:40
10:10	6:10	6:20	23		Happy Valley f	8:00	3:30
10:15	6:15	6:25	25		Tolt Road f	7:50	3:25
10:20	6:20	6:30	29		FALL CITY	7:40	3:20
10:30	6:30		33	Ar	FALL CITY	Lv	4:15
		6:30	39		TOLT ROAD f	Ar	
		6:40	34		Carnation Farm f		
		6:45	37		Carnation		
		6:50	39		Pleasant Hill f		
		7:00	44	Ar	FALL CITY	Lv	
10:30	6:30		0	Lv	FALL CITY	Ar	7:40
10:40	6:40		5		Pleasant Hill f	7:30	3:10
10:45	6:45		7	Ar	CARNATION	Lv	7:25
		6:30	43	Lv	FALL CITY	Ar	3:10
		6:40	48		Snoqualmie	7:50	3:00
		6:50	38		Snoqualmie Falls	7:20	2:50
		6:55	41	Ar	NORTH BEND	Lv	7:15

Columns 1 and 4—Daily.
Columns 2 and 5—Daily except Friday and Saturday.
Columns 3 and 6—Friday and Saturday only. f—Indicates stop on flag only.



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We need some help with a myriad of In-Office tasks. Training provided. Reasonable comfort with computer important. Work times flexible, maybe four hours a week? Send us an email to arrange a visit. **Thanks!**

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