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Stertil-Koni Tapped By Legacy Classic Trucks to Help Refurbish Iconic, Rare Vehicles

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STEVENSVILLE, MD September 24, 2019 – Heavy duty vehicle lift leader Stertil-Koni, known for its award-winning hydraulic bus lifts and truck lifts, has announced that Idaho-based Legacy Classic Trucks – recognized as one of the top vehicle restoration companies in the nation – has selected and is currently using Stertil-Koni heavy duty lifting systems to give new life to historic vehicles.

Recently, Legacy Classic Trucks landed a contract for a multi-year restoration project upgrading 33, 1937 White Motor Company Model 706s tour buses. Each of these 80+-year-old vehicles will be transformed from gas-powered buses into environmentally-friendly hybrid vehicles.

Explained Legacy CEO Winslow Bent, “By updating the buses to an electric hybrid system, they will have a much lower carbon footprint. Adding regenerative braking will charge the batteries during downhill descents.”



Stertil-Koni EARTH LIFT raises an iconic bus undergoing restoration



Winslow Bent, CEO of Legacy Custom Trucks, (lime green shirt) with crew and EARTH LIFT Mobile Column Lifts

Coincidentally, this braking process is much like the Active Energy Retrieval System (AERS) of the Stertil-Koni EARTH LIFT – the “green” Mobile Column Lift – chosen by Bent to assist with the refurbishment project. These portable lifts safely support the iconic buses so specially trained technicians can modernize the fleet.

Legacy’s four EARTH LIFTs contribute to this precise work performed at the busy shop where a lot is riding on the finished product. Here’s what’s unique about EARTH LIFT:

- Columns made with 98 percent recyclable components with 100 percent recyclable batteries;
- Models and Capacities: ST 1085, 18,500 lbs. or ST 1100, 22,000 lbs.;
- Safe mechanical locking system with overload protection and synchronization; and

- Powered by AERS, each lift achieves 5 percent more lifting cycles at maximum lifting load, thus providing up to 50 lifting cycles without recharging.

How Bent discovered Stertil-Koni’s EARTHLIFT Mobile Column Lifts is no joke.

“Two or three years ago Jay Leno showed me his lifts,” noted Bent. “If I had sucked it up then and spent the money then, I would be ahead of the game. As soon as I went ahead and got the lifts, it was ‘why did I not do this before?’”

Once the Mobile Column Lifts were purchased, Bent and his crew were pleased with the results. “You do heavy work in a transit facility, but in a shop like mine you do heavy *and* precision work,” said Bent. “The EARTHLIFT is way better than our previous lift. I have expensive trucks, why hoist them on an old immobile two-post? I’m raising vehicles that are irreplaceable.”

Helping to make it all happen were Stertil-Koni’s Westcoast Regional Sales Manager, Ron Reazer and National Sales Manager, Rick Palmer.

Noted Reazer, “Our customers are primarily in industrial fields and include transits, cities, municipalities, and towns. This was a unique opportunity to leverage our tremendous expertise in reliable hydraulic lifting technology to a whole new arena – the rebuilding of vintage vehicles. Winslow said he has discovered significant time and cost savings with his four new lifts.”

“Normally it takes 10-hours to remove the body from a frame. With the EARTHLIFT it’s faster, safer and even more precise. You can move the lift where you need it. You don’t need to move the vehicle to the lift. You go where the job is. Now we get the same work done in three to four hours.”



Winslow and the Legacy Classic Truck crew discovered significant time and cost savings with the four new EARTHLIFTS



Stertil-Koni EARTHLIFT Mobile Columns have become an integral part of Legacy Classic Trucks workshop

He continued, “We got EARTHLIFTS purely for the bus restoration project, but now that they are here we are realizing all the things we can do with them,” he noted. Today, the Legacy crew is able to lift vehicles never before thought possible. Recently, he replaced a tire on a trailer carrying an 8.5-ton military vehicle and completed maintenance on an amphibious WWQII duck boat.

With a long list of future projects, Legacy Custom Trucks plans to build its own larger facility near its currently rented shop, and Bent has already set the plans into motion, “We will be ordering more Stertil-Koni Mobile Column Lifts,” said Bent.

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About Stertil-Koni

Stertil-Koni is the market leader in heavy duty vehicle lifts, notably bus lifts and truck lifts, and proudly serves municipalities, state agencies, school bus fleets, major corporations, the U.S. Military and more. Stertil-Koni's breadth of products meets all ranges of lifting needs and includes [portable lifts](#) such as [Mobile Column Lifts](#), 2-post, 4-post, [inground piston lifts](#), [platform lifts](#), and its axle-engaging, inground, scissor lift configuration, ECOLIFT. The company's innovative, inground telescopic piston DIAMONDLIFT is now available with an optional Continuous Recess System, ideal for low clearance vehicles. Stertil-Koni USA is headquartered in Stevensville, Maryland with production facilities in Europe, The Netherlands, and in Streator, IL.

About Legacy Classic Trucks

Founded in 2008, Legacy Classic Trucks grew out of Winslow Bent's family fascination with vintage American military and commercial vehicles. Bent grew up helping his father restore these vehicles as a hobby. After earning a business degree, Bent moved to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to run a group of restaurants while continuing to "resto-mod" classic vehicles as a hobby. In 2008, he decided to graduate from the restaurant business and make his hobby his full-time business, founding Legacy Classic Trucks outside of Jackson Hole in Driggs, Idaho. A certified welder and engine restorer, Bent's hobbies include adventure travel: he has driven the Pan-American Highway and circumnavigated Australia. For more information, please contact Legacy Classic Trucks, (307) 734-6500, www.legacyclassictrucks.com.

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