



# TRANSIT TIDBITS

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## HERE IT IS

Our first transit tidbits – we welcome all input and would love to have you send us any information you'd like to share with the membership. This will be a monthly publication to keep you informed on "what's happening" in the Dakota Transit Association world.

## CONFERENCE NOTES

- Per Dale **Marsico's** encouragement to us, let me re-emphasize the importance of good communication with our state and national delegates on the pending reauthorization bill, but also concerning rural transit as a whole. The Community Transportation Association's "DigitalCT" Magazine contains several articles and a video on how to communicate with elected officials. It is sent through e-mail so if you aren't receiving, go to the CTAA web site & sign up.

- Congratulations to our newly elected DTA Board Members: At Large Position—Karen Walton, Lynette Hanson (SD), Carol Anderson (ND, for second term), Executive Director—Jacqueline Senger, Returning Directors: A.J. Mock (ND), Jessica Pickett (SD), Paul Grindeland (ND), Brenda Schweitzer (SD), and Barb Cline (SD) as past president. Your 2011-12 officers are:

President---Carol Anderson

Vice President---Paul Grindeland

Secretary---Brenda Schweitzer

Treasurer---A.J. Mock

The DTA Board of Directors will be meeting soon. If you have anything you would like us to discuss, please contact a board member.

Thank you President Carol Anderson and the Board Members for a wonderful Fall Conference.

- I hope you all received the Rodeo and Conference Evaluation Form by e-mail. If you didn't fill the form out at the conference, here is your chance.

2012 CONFERENCE AND ROADEO WILL BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21 through 26 IN BROOKINGS, SD. *See you there!*

## MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

**Retirement** – Peggy Morris will be retiring on December 31, 2011 after 22 years with transit. Peggy started her employment in an old grocery store that was renovated for a senior center and transit office. Peggy stated: "It has been a pleasure working with all of you and I will miss all your smiling faces". Good luck to you in your future endeavors---**YOU WILL BE MISSED BY ALL!**

## WHAT'S NEW

For those of you who do not yet have your own web site, there is a free option through national RTAP. You are able to use their presets to set it up for your agency. It does take some study and trial & error to get it set up, but you can't beat FREE. Go to: <http://demopro.nationalrtap.org/> to get started.

PASS Training-Oct. 21 & 22, 8am to 5pm both dates at Ranch A near Spearfish may still have openings. Call Barb at 605-642-6613 or e-mail to [bkcline@prairiehillstransit.com](mailto:bkcline@prairiehillstransit.com) for more info.

## DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

I look forward to working with each of you on our many new transit avenues. Please keep in mind I would love to hear from you with any concerns, suggestions or positive comments. My e-mail address is [jacque.senger@hotmail.com](mailto:jacque.senger@hotmail.com) and my phone number is 701-662-2465.