



TRANSIT TIDBITS

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2013 DTA MEMBERSHIP DUES

Jacque Senger

As of today, January 15, 2013, I have received 18 Membership Forms from projects and 2 Associate Memberships. Remember, we are striving to have 100 percent paid up memberships for 2013 by February 1, 2013. You may pay by Paypal on the web or send a check to me. Either way, I must have a filled-out membership form returned to me. Thank you to all the projects to have already sent in their membership forms.

Driver Appreciation

This is just a quick story of how appreciated our drivers are: I received two calls just before Christmas from riders. The first caller wanted to make sure I knew what a wonderful job our driver here at Kenmare was doing. The second caller also told me how great Angie, our driver was, and then added one last comment which is quoted here: "You need to give her at least a \$1000.00 Christmas bonus to let her know how much she is appreciated!" Of course, I had to tell the caller that we weren't able to give such generous bonuses, but I'd be sure to pass on their sentiments. Our driver loved it!

**Linda Freeman
Kenmare Transit**

DRIVER TRAINING CLASSES

Linda Freeman

DTA TRAINING COORDINATOR

Thanks to Barb at Prairie Hills for the picture of our last group of trainees.



Kerdell Rembold, Charlie Trobee, Sonny Thompson; Vermillion Public Transit, Steve Stinson, Paul Young, Galen Johnson, Lois LaPage, Dave Chipman, Sheryl Dowdy, Dave Kegler, Greg Tefertiller, Eileen Nichols, Yolanda Pummel. All were Prairie Hills Transit employees with the exception of Sonny Thompson who is with Vermillion Public Transit.

FUTURE PASS SESSIONS

May 9-11, 2013: Grafton, ND - Room for up to 40 participants. Defensive Driving and Maltreatment Awareness will be on May 9 with PASS Class May 10-11 (PASS Recert May 11). The Facility arrangements are still being made but will be posted on DTA Web Site as soon as possible.

June 5, 2013: PASS Recertification class only at West River Transit in Bismarck.

Registration, class information, and maps will be on the DTA Website soon. Please register for classes as soon as possible to make planning easier.

YOU CAN HELP! We use the DTA membership list for our addresses for mapping for the classes so please let Jacque know if there are any changes during the year. THANKS A BUNCH!

Linda Freeman
PASS Coordinator
Kenmare Transit

THANK YOU

“I would like to thank everyone for all the cards I received for my retirement. It’s been a privilege to get to know so many great people in Transit. I will miss the friendships I have made.” Winnie Jo Jons

**2013 FALL CONFERENCE
BISMARCK, NORTH DAKOTA
RAMADA INN (FORMALLY THE
DOUBLEWOOD INN)**

**The dates for the Fall Conference are:
Rodeo September 14th and 15th
Conference September 16th, 17th and 18th.
Please mark your calendars as this proves
to be an exiting conference.**

TRAIN THE TRAINER

Jacque Senger

We are in the process of gathering dates for a “Train the Trainer” workshop. We are in the preliminary stages. We are announcing this so you all have time to think about becoming a PASS Trainer. When the workshop is confirmed, we will get the information out to the general membership in the “Transit Tidbit”. Please watch for this.

**PAT HEJLIK
SENIOR MEALS & SERVICES
DEVILS LAKE TRANSIT**

Hi, my name is Pat Hejlik. In October 2012, I joined the Senior Meals & Services/Devils Lake Transit team in Devils Lake, ND. Together with my husband Kent and son William, we farm south of Lakota, and live on the family farm. 1 dog and 5 cats also claim me as mom. I went back to school and graduated from Lake Region State College with an Information Technology Degree and Mayville State University with a Bachelor’s Degree in Business Administration.

SOUTH DAKOTA DOT PROVIDERS REMINDER!!

Vehicle grant applications are due by Friday,
February 16, 2013, to SDDOT

ALSO

Please submit your drug and alcohol testing
results for 2012 to the MIS testing site at

<http://damis.dot.gov>
by February 28, 2013.

Melissa Hull
SD DOT

DTA BOARD MEMBERS FOR 2013

Remember-----We are only as strong as our membership, so if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact any Board Member.



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2012 DTA SURVEY RESULTS

Attached please find the "2012 DTA Member Survey Results". I think you will find this survey interesting reading.