

WE WANT YOUR INPUT

The Transit Tidbits was born October 2011. We hope that you enjoyed the format. MEMBERS – please e-mail me with any news articles you would like to have in the “Tidbits”. One idea that came from our survey was: Driver, Rider, Staff spotlight. We know you have some great staff who have some wonderful stories – share a few with us!

Question: How many of you have a “transit rider booklet”. If you do, would you be willing to share highlights of what you include in it for your riders? Just e-mail me your highlights or a copy of your booklet if you are willing to let me share parts of it with others through our Tidbits.

Member Highlights

Karen Walton (SD Board Member) was born and raised in New Jersey. Karen worked for 12 years training & handling drug and patrol dogs for the Military Police. She moved to Wasilla, Alaska (Sarah Palin’s home town) and worked as a social worker. She has been involved with transit for 10 years and is hooked! She loves to travel and has a goal of having a martini in all 50 states (currently up to 31).

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

River Cities Public Transit will be conducting a PASS, Defensive Driving, and Maltreatment Awareness for Bus Drivers classes December 6-8, 2011. The classes will begin at 1 pm Tuesday, December 6th and conclude at 4:30 pm on December 8th. They have some space for more drivers and welcome DTA members to call if they’d like to join the class. Meals will be served on site and if you need hotel rooms please contact Gary at River Cities.

LATEST ADA UPDATE

Please also be advised that the FTA has revised the definition of a wheelchair which went into effect on October 19, 2011. The definition of a “common wheelchair” has been removed from the ADA. If the lift on your vehicle is capable of lifting the device to floor level of your vehicle and back to ground level, and the device can fit into the securement location, it must be transported.

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From Kim Adair at ND DOT

We have 2 new employees! Becky Hanson is replacing Bruce Fuchs, and Patrick Joyce is replacing Paula Jacobsen. The NDDOT is very excited to get both of these talented and outgoing individuals--we have finally gotten a full transit staff. The transit section has come a long way over the past year and we continue to make great service strides to be here for our providers. We are looking forward to starting the coordination implementation projects with SURTC in the Valley City and Bismarck regions. We are also in the process of cross training the transit staff so anyone will be able to assist you in the future with your questions. We have started our compliance reviews this year and they are going very well. I enjoy going to everyone’s facility and spending some quality time with each of you.

Pat Hanson’s Fund Raiser



South Central Adult Services held a fundraiser for our transit system on October 29, 2011. We had a dinner show and dance at the Eagles in Valley City. The Eagles served a meal and Rick Senger performed as “Elvis”. We had 150 people in attendance and are hoping to make this an annual event. “Elvis” received three standing ovations. In working with the Eagles we made nearly \$4,000 for our system. We were also celebrating the completion of our bus storage facility and we had tours of the building during the social hour. Thanks Rick!

*Happy
Thanksgiving
To each of you!*

DIRECTOR’S COMMENTS

Your Board of Directors will be meeting in Aberdeen, SD on December 4,5 and 6, 2011. If there are any issues you want brought to the table, please inform me.