

GOOD LUCK AJ

AJ Mock will be resigning his position at NW Dakota Public Transit/Williston Council for the Aging at the end of March. AJ has been in Williston 4 years and has seen significant changes. Not only has "little" Williston expanded, but the transit organization has almost tripled in the past four years. In 2008 transit provided 18,000 rides, last year, 2011, there were over 45,000 rides provided. AJ started his position with no experience in transit and was as green as a person could be. However, transit got into his blood and he is so thankful that he was able to get involved.

"The people in transit are some of the best people that I have ever had the pleasure of meeting and I will definitely miss all of you". AJ will be the Director of a Senior Center and Transportation Organization in Buffalo, WY. AJ looks forward to a new chapter in his life. For all of us that new AJ, we will certainly miss him!

PRAIRIE HILLS TRANSPORTATION

The Federal Transit Administration Region VIII selected Prairie Hills Transit and the South Dakota DOT to receive the 2012 Pacesetter Project Award. FTA Region VIII believed the new Prairie Hills Transit intermodal facility enhances the community by expanding the services they offer in Spearfish beyond transportation to include a child care and conference room available to the public. Public Hills Transit is excited about this award and hopes to continue to provide the best service possible to all of the communities they serve. CONGRATULATIONS Barb and Staff and SD DOT for a job well done.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION EXPO

Registrations are now open for the CTA Expo which will be in Baltimore, MD beginning with the Bus Rodeo on May 20, 2012. One of the intensive sessions is the 3-day session for PASS Train the Trainer so if you're interested in becoming a PASS Trainer, this is a great opportunity to become certified. Just go to ctaa.org to find out about all the sessions available. Be sure to contact your state DOT office to see what plans they have and to let them know that you're interested in going. Don't wait – do it now. The registration fees are discounted if you register before April 20, 2012.

Fall Convention Hint: CHANGE

"SNEAK PEAK"

THE FRONT FENDER'S BAND
WILL BE RETURNING TO THE
2012 CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER
22nd CONFERENCE DATES
SEPTEMBER 21st THROUGH
SEPTEMBER 26th IN BROOKINGS,
SD. SEE YOU THERE!

MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



Misty Curn has been the marketing director and travel trainer for Bis-Man Transit paratransit and CAT Bus fixed-route in Bismarck/Mandan since March 2009. The marketing part of her position is focused on increasing fixed-route ridership

through marketing promotion and the travel training part entails encouraging paratransit riders to use the fixed-route for some or all of their trips. When a DTA board position recently opened up, Misty wanted to use her marketing skills to help Dakota Transit Association and she knew this would be a great opportunity for building network relationships with other ND and SD transit providers and supporters. Misty holds a communications degree from the University of Mary and will be finishing a certificate in web design in May. In her capacity on the board, Misty will serve as treasurer and will assist with the establishment of a new design for the DTA web site. If anyone has any suggestions for the web site, please email them to mistys.bisman@midconetwork.com.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

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