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Transit Tidbits

Tidbit for the Tidbits

As you will notice, the September "Transit Tidbit" is being e-mailed to you prior to the 15th of the month. We want to REMIND you about the annual conference which is just around the corner.

The DTA Board of Directors encourages all to Attend and participate. We have worked hard getting you topics you have requested.



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Safety is No Accident!

-- LAST CHANCE--

**2013 Fall Conference
Bismarck, ND
Ramada Inn**

Rodeo

September 14th & 15th

Conference

September 16th-18th

Harlow's Bus Sales, Inc.

Harlow's will be holding an Open House on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Lunch is being served from 11:30 am until 1:00 pm. Their address is 1021 South 23rd Street in Bismarck. They have extended an invitation to all DTA participants. I hope many of you take the time to attend and check out their new building.

Memorabilia

The DTA Board of Directors would like to ask each project/organization to bring with you memorabilia from your office; such as pens, pencils, brochures, business cards, etc. We would like to display these items at our Registration Table and encourage other projects to help themselves. We are hoping you will have something unique that others may want to start doing.

Information available at
www.dakotatransit.org



Professional Dispatching and Scheduling (PDS) Certification and Workshop

Presented by the Community Transportation Association of America & Prairie Hills Transit, Spearfish, SD

Registration:

Register by October 4th, 2013.
Fax Registration Form to 605-642-6434

When:

- October 11th & 12th, 2013
- 8:30am - 4:30pm

Where:

Prairie Hills Transit
2015 Tumble Weed Trail
Spearfish, SD 57783

Attached to the Tidbit you will find a Brochure & Registration Form

Dickinson PASS Training

Registration Deadline:

September 15, 2013

Register at www.dakotatransit.org

When:

- September 26, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - PASS Training (2-Day Session)
- September 27, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - PASS Re-certification
- September 28, 2013 - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. - Maltreatment Awareness
- September 28, 2013 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00p.m - Defensive Driving

Where:

ND DOT Building
1700 3rd Avenue West
Dickinson, ND 58601

Hotel:

Comfort Inn
493 Elks Drive
Dickinson, ND
(701) 264-7300

Block of rooms under Dakota Transit Association for September 15-25 at Dickinson State Rates of \$93.60.

Reserve rooms by *September 8, 2013.*

PASS Train the Trainer

We are looking at setting up a "PASS TRAIN THE TRAINER" session in our area (North and South Dakota). We would like to know how many people are interested in taking this course. As a certified trainer, we would be asking for your help with our driver training session. Please e-mail me at wandm@restel.net if you are interested! PLEASE let me know as soon as we hope to get this set up as soon as possible.

- Linda Freeman



Senator Johnson visits Groton Community Transit

Senator Tim Johnson and his staff made a point of being in Groton on Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Senator Johnson, a long-time advocate of rural transit systems, very much wanted to meet the people that make the Groton Community Transit work.

“With reliable transit systems, we can strengthen our economic development by connecting people to medical services, schools, family and jobs” Senator Johnson stated. “Meeting with people on the ground who deal with rural transit issues every day helps me as I work to ensure that the needs of rural communities are met”.

Groton Community Transit was started as a way to provide safe and timely transportation service to all citizens of Groton, both young and old. Transit provides medical, shopping and social activities so the citizens of Groton may lead a full and enjoyable life.

The crowd gathered at the transit office consisted of drivers, dispatch workers and board members of Groton Transit. Senator Johnson spent some time informally talking to them about their jobs and some of the problems they have encountered. He also spent some time talking to Arlis Doeden, Transit Director, on how the transit went about getting their vehicles and funding.

Arlis Doeden explained that much of their funding for vehicles have come from grants and that all the drivers are 100 percent volunteer.

“You are the grant writer of your community” stated Senator Johnson. “One of the things I wanted to learn with this visit is how this small community accomplishes so much. The answer is you people, you who make it work. The volunteerism in the community is impressive!”

It takes the younger people to make sure things continue” Senator Johnson stated.



Addendum to the By-Laws

Back in September 2010, the general membership proposed and passed a by-law change. The Board Member terms were changed from a 2 year term to a 3 year term. This change was not initially put on the DTA website. If you are browsing the DTA website, you will see the addendum has now been added.

National RTAP

The National RTAP program has some fantastic FREE training webinars that everyone should take advantage of. Just go to the RTAP website for more information. You can also sign up to receive their e-news which keeps you up to date on all their scheduled trainings.

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Tidbit Articles

Please contact me with articles for your "Transit Tidbit."

Recycle

Please share your Transit Tidbit with your staff and any interested person(s).

New Address

I am still being notified from projects that they have sent information to me (Dakota Transit Association); however, it is being sent to the old address in Fargo, ND. Directors, please check with your bookkeepers as well as the rest of your staff to assure they have the correct address. Thanks to all!



- Jacque