

KPTA NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

KPTA HAS A NEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The KPTA Board of Directors accepted the new slate of directors and officers at the December general meeting in Louisville. The following make up the new Board:

Dave Arnett, TARC
John Woodford, TARC
Jim Seibert, TANK -Treasurer
Mark Donaghy, TANK
Brian Tingley, Lextran
Buddy Fuqua, GRITS
Ned Colcord, BRADD
Sue Jeffers, BUS - President
Mark Davis, PADD - Vice-President
Shirley Cummins, RTEC - Secretary
Florence Tandy, KRFDC
James Conn, FIVCO ADD
Ned Sheehy, FTSB

Board Members and officers will serve for the next two years.

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Kentuckians for Better Transportation Conference

Mark your calendar now. The Kentucky Transportation Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency, Thursday thru Friday, January 23-24, 1992. The conference will bring national, state and local leaders together to discuss the transportation network and how it can be improved and utilized to provide job opportunities and improve quality of life.

The conference theme this year is "*Responding to New Opportunities.*" A couple of the sessions that may be of interest to transit personnel are *Public Transportation and Jobs* and *Cost of Environmental Regulation to Transportation.*

For more information contact KBT at (502) 491-5600.

TRANSIT REAUTHORIZATION: EVERYONE IS A WINNER

All facets of public transportation received a shot in the arm with the reauthorization bill which passed in November. Most markedly, rural areas are to receive a 62% increase for FY '92 over the previous year. The formula has been changed from 2.93% to 5.5%.

16(b)2 also received an increased authorized level of up to "an amount equivalent to 1.34 percent." Changes to this section also call for greater coordination and expanded eligibility.

The much feared "flexible funding" will not affect Section 18 or small 9 operators but may cause some problems for TMA's with populations over 200,000 persons.

Other items of interest included in the Act are: a required intercity bus program; a name change for UMTA to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA); and, increases in planning and technical support programs.

CTAP KICK-OFF SEMINAR HELD IN ATLANTA

CTAA, the National Easter Seal Society and the Region IV Transportation Consortium held a Regional Orientation Workshop in Atlanta, in early December to kick off the new CTAP program. CTAP, which stands for the Community Transportation Assistance Project is modeled after the RTAP program but will serve human service agencies.

CTAA's Barbara Price moderated the session which was attended by primarily DHHS staff and human service agency representatives. The purpose for the workshop was to orient HHS personnel to the CTAP program as well as explain how the Americans with Disabilities Act would impact human service agencies and what can be done to help them during the transition.

THINK ABOUT IT

The incredible thing about the federal debt is that we actually got into this terrible shape by buying from the lowest bidder.

Anonymous

EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE

The City of Owensboro is offering for sale, four Orion diesel powered 31 passenger transit buses. All are equipped with automatic transmissions. Would prefer to sell as a package including one spare Detroit Diesel engine (6V53T) newly rebuilt, various alternators, starters, hydraulic motors, fan motors, new Carrier A/C compressors, condenser assemblies, evaporator assemblies, miscellaneous window glass and parts.

Contact: Sharon Murphy, Purchasing Agent, City Hall, Owensboro, Kentucky.
T- (502) 685-8239.

SEAT BELT LAW SURVEY

According to a survey performed by the U.K. Transportation Center, three out of four Kentuckians endorse the idea of a state law requiring the use of seatbelts.

The survey, sent last fall to 15,000 licensed drivers across the state, was conducted by the center on behalf of the Kentucky State Police and the National Highway and Transportation Safety Administration.

Kentucky is one of only nine states in the nation without a seat belt law, although Fayette and Jefferson counties have secondary seat belt laws. A secondary law is one in which a driver is not cited for failing to wear a seat belt unless stopped for another violation and found to not be wearing a seat belt.

Survey information:

- 51% of the surveys were returned.
- 76% of the respondents were in favor of a seat belt law.
- More than 82% of all drivers who had been in an accident said the seat belt helped reduce injuries.
- 52% believe the proper penalty for not wearing seat belts is a \$10 fine.

TRAINING

CTAA has sent KPTA a proposal to conduct two training sessions in the state. The first is "Foundations for Transit Management" which is designed specifically to provide an essential foundation of management learning within a "real world" transit context that will serve any transit leader in carrying out both their long-term and day-to-day missions.

The second workshop is "Transit Drivers' Training (Train-the-Trainer)." This session demonstrates how transit trainers can train their drivers in all facets of driving safety.

Before this proposal can be sent to the RTAP Committee for review, there must be demonstrated support. FTSB has been asked to solicit transit operator's input on this training, so if you are interested in either of these training sessions please call Ned Sheehy at 606-233-0066.

TANK'S NON-BULLETIN BULLETIN BOARD

In all probability there are bulletin boards located in key places throughout all Kentucky transit systems. Most likely, on these boards are posted such items as job openings, EEO statements, safety posters, UMTA announcements, Federal and State wage laws and system policies. They may or may not be checked regularly by employees, but in any case the boards primarily serve only as a place to hang information which is required by law or policy to be available for all to read. And frankly, while on occasion containing something of interest, these bulletin boards normally make for very dull reading.

At TANK, a new bulletin board concept has been implemented. While TANK still utilizes boards for the posting of documents as described above, it also has what is titled a "Not-Necessarily-the-News-Board."

This 6' X 3' bulletin board is located in an area which operators, maintenance personnel and administrative staff pass on a regular basis. There are never any official announcements, system policy, or Federal or State information posted. It is strictly for the enjoyment and entertainment of the employees. The Marketing Department places cartoons, photos of TANK people and events, and encourages employees to submit photos of their families, friends, vacations, etc. it is a "fun" board.... a place to stop and get a laugh or learn something about a fellow employee.

At first hesitant, employees are now contributing items to the board with enthusiasm.

In coming months there will be a photo review of the Roadeo, an employee vacation photo contest, and a pre-season football display.

This type of display can actually be a contributor to a system's employee relations, to the feeling of "team spirit" and to the morale within the workplace. It's difficult to measure its success, but if employees are contributing items, viewing it together or alone, talking about some of the photos, Not-Necessarily-the-News is good news!



Why people named Buddy hate to drive

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