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KPTA NEWSLETTER

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IT'S SPRING!!!!!!

RTAP COMMITTEE TO MEET

The RTAP Committee will meet Tuesday, March 31, 1992 at the Division of Mass Transportation. If you are in need of any training or need to apply for CTAA Conference funds you need to contact your regional committee member.

CTAA CONFERENCE

The CTAA EXPO '92 is quickly approaching. This year's conference, which is co-sponsored by the Easter Seals Society's Project Action, will be held in Kansas City, Missouri, May 20-22. Pre-conference sessions will be held on May 19.

EXPO '92 is being touted as the best one yet. With its central location and abundant adjacent hotels, CTAA is hoping to bring in a mammoth crowd.

If you have not received any information regarding EXPO or registration please call the RTAP hotline at 1-800-527-8279.

Think About It..

William's Law: There is no mechanical problem so difficult that it cannot be solved by brute force and ignorance.

Region IV Technical Training

The Kentucky Public Transit Association has been asked to co-sponsor the Region IV Technical Training Workshop in Nashville, Tennessee this summer.

The workshop, which is being funded by the FTA will offer many interesting and informative training sessions. Most of the sessions follow the workshop's theme - "Financing the 1990's": *System Generated Revenues and Operating Efficiencies, Creative Local Non-tax Financing Techniques, and Realizing the Financial Benefits of System Coordination* just to name a few.

The workshop is scheduled for June 21-24, which gives you plenty of time to mark your calendars.

According to Erskine Walther, one of the workshop's planners, having KPTA co-sponsor the event would be greatly appreciated and beneficial to the region. Furthermore, co-sponsoring the event simply entails announcing the workshop in the Association's newsletter and requesting that members attend. So, it appears that KPTA is now co-sponsoring the event along with the Region IV Transportation Consortium, the Alabama Highway Department, The Alabama Transit Association, The Tennessee Department of Transportation and the Tennessee Commission on Aging.

For more information please contact Ned Sheehy at FTSB 606-233-0066.

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U.S. Court of Appeals: Sudden Stops Do Not Infer Negligence

Negligence was charged against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) when a rider on one of their buses fell and suffered a knee injury because the driver had to make a sudden stop (Johnson v. WMATA).

The U.S. Court of Appeals upheld a federal district court ruling that an injury suffered in a sudden stop during normal bus operations does not infer negligence. The court's ruling was based on the fact that "Drivers often must stop buses quickly to avoid collisions, and such stops are necessary for the safety of the passengers..." With this in mind, the issue was safety of the passengers and not negligence on the part of the driver.

IRS ALLOWS EMPLOYER TRANSIT PASS INCREASE

As reported in the January 16 edition of the Federal Register, the IRS has increased the non-taxable limit (retroactive to July 1, 1991) on employer-provided transportation passes from \$15 to \$21 per month.

The employer can also reimburse employees in cash for their purchase of passes, tokens or vouchers, provided that a monitoring arrangement is established to ensure that the employee is truly using public transportation for their employment commute.

KPTA Meeting

The next KPTA meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 30, 1992 at the Bluegrass Community Action office, 3445 Versailles Road in Frankfort. The meeting will begin at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served.

Ollie Barber will give us a legislative update and discuss funding issues.

If you are interested in attending or need directions, please call Sue Jeffers at (502) 695-4290 before March 25th.

CTAA Transit Managers Training

At the February KPTA meeting, it was decided that an RTAP proposal should be submitted to fund a Transit Managers' Training seminar for Kentucky transit personnel.

IF approved, the session, one of the many training programs offered by CTAA, will be held in July or early August and is expected to be beneficial to even the most seasoned transit professional.

The proposal will be reviewed at the March 31st RTAP committee meeting, so if you are interested in attending or know of someone who would be interested in this training please contact your RTAP representative to show support.

If you have any questions please call FTSB at 606-233-0066.

TANK CELEBRATES ARRIVAL OF NEW BUSES

During the last weeks of January and the first weeks of February, 13 new buses made the long trek from California to Kentucky. Their destination: the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky (TANK).

TANK has been in dire need of a significant number of replacement vehicles, and these 13 are very important to the transit system. In addition, with each having "kneeling" and wheelchair lift functions, they will make bus riding easier for many in the 3-county area served by the Transit Authority.

Tank held a celebration ceremony in recognition of this special arrival. Attending the event were county commissioners, Bureau of Rehabilitation and Senior Citizens Agency representatives, over 50 senior/disabled citizens, newspaper and television reporters, and TANK Board members and employees.

Following introductory remarks by the Board Chairman, a demonstration of the new vehicles' capabilities was provided; a ribbon-cutting ceremony involving government officials, citizens, and the TANK Board was held; and finally all in attendance were invited to take a ride in the new buses.

APRIL 1ST IS CDL DAY!!!!!!



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