

CTAV

Community Transportation Association of Virginia

Fourth QUARTER NEWSLETTER-2009

PURPOSE and MISSION STATEMENT

Purpose: Transportation solutions for everyone;

Mission: To serve as an advocate for consumers and providers of community-based transportation.

FROM THE CTAV PRESIDENT

Hope everyone is having a great holiday season! Although the CTAV Board of Directors is not meeting in December, there are lots of new initiatives in the works to keep community transit moving forward. We just signed on to continue working with McMinimy and Associates for the next General Assembly session; Linda McMinimy and her staff are our eyes and ears in Richmond and we hope to pre-

serve existing funding, support regulatory initiatives, and make the case to our legislators that transit is a vital part of a healthy Commonwealth. Come join us in Richmond on February 2nd as we host the annual reception for our legislators to remind them how important community transportation is. The reception will take place at the Old City Hall from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Details at www.ctav.org.

We are pleased to report

that our arrangement with Selective Insurance to offer affordable insurance for our members has not only provided great insurance options, but CTAV also received \$3,000 to help keep the organization on financial firm footing.

Plans are under way for the Roadeo and Expo; we'd love to see you there!

Donna

Special points of interest:

- Letter From the President
- Happy Holiday
- *What's Happening* at various transit agencies & Save the Dates
- *Con't What's Happening*
- CTAV Calendar
- A Different Poem
- Advertisements

The CTAV Board wants to wish each of you a Happy Holiday!

May the New Year bring peace and happiness to you and your family.



NEWS FROM TRANSIT SYSTEMS & VENDORS & "SAVE THE DATES"

City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation

The City of Harrisonburg Department of Public Transportation presented the completed feasibility study to City Council on November 10. The study was prepared by Parson's Brinkerhoff with Mark Probst being the principle in charge. The facility is planned as a shared use facility continuing to operate the transportation department and maintenance for the city fleet.

The new facility will utilize the existing facility and a recent abandoned open reservoir next to the current facility. A separate administrative building is proposed with renovations and additional shop area added to the existing facility for maintenance. The study showed the department needed 55,000 square feet of office and shop space within the next 20 years. Currently the department has 28,000 square feet for 160 employees. The proposed facilities will separate functions of the Department and City with cost and space being 40% transit, 40% school bus, and 20% for other vehicles. The project is proposed in 4 phases to allow continued operations and to spread funding. Phase I will remove the existing reservoir walls and provide parking to allow Phase II to begin.

Projected cost of the project is \$24,000,000. City Council committed no funds at this time but endorsed the project and indicated it will be considered in next year's budget. The project is in the City of Harrisonburg's Capital improvement program and the STIP.

It is a goal of the Department to complete the project in 5

Blackstone Area Bus System (BABS)

Take a ride back in time with the newest addition to the Blackstone Area Bus System fleet. The BABS trolley travels through Blackstone's Historic District to Blackstone Square at the south end of Town, loops back up through the VUMAC area and then back to downtown.

The Trolley operates Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the day and on Friday and Saturday in the evening. The fare is only 50 cents. The trolley began operation on Friday, November 27th.



FREdericksburg Regional Transit

FRED's "Lucky 13th" Anniversary

WHEN:

Wednesday, December 16th

TIME:

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

WHERE:

FRED Central

RSVP to Marilyn Graves via email

mgraves@fredericksburgva.gov or call 540-372-1222 ext. 205



"SAVE THE DATES"

CTAV EXPO

DATE: August 17, 18th and 19th
Location: Fredericksburg Conference and EXPO Center

ROADEO

DATE: April 10th
Location: Chesterfield County Fairgrounds

More information will be forthcoming within the very near future.



NEWS FROM TRANSIT SYSTEMS & VENDORS

The Community Transportation Association and DRPT sponsored a CCTS Training in Chester, VA on October 5-7th. As a result of the training, Virginia now has 25 new Certified Community Transportation Supervisors. Congratulations!

Listed below are the recipients names in alphabetical order.

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| Stuart Adkins | Virginia Regional Transit | Melvin Leonard | Greater Richmond Transit Co. |
| Crystal Beck | Radar Transit | Daniel Marshall | Bon Secours Senior Health |
| Rodney Boling | Mountain Empire Older Citizens | Donald Munsey | Bon Secours Senior Health |
| Dianna Casimino | Fredericksburg Regional Transit | Ronald Newman | Fredericksburg Regional Transit |
| Johnny Cleaton | LCAAA | David Ogle | Chesterfield Employment Services |
| John Desper | Radar - UHSTS, Inc. | Laseric Patterson | Senior Services Southeastern VA |
| Mitchell Elliott | Mountain Empire Older Citizens | Derek Rupe | Community Transit/NRV Comm. Services |
| Wanda Folks | Charlottesville Transit Service | Evelyn Trice | Charlottesville Transit Service |
| Brian Groff | Chesterfield Employment Services | Frank Vance | Chesterfield County |
| Jamal Henderson | Greater Richmond Transit Co. | Rudolph White | Bon Secours |
| David Hesson | Senior Services Southeastern VA | Glenn Wilson | Senior Services Southeastern VA |
| Rose Hill | Community Transit/NRV Comm. Services | James Winger | Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation |
| Grant Holsinger | Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation | | |



CTAV CALENDAR OF MEETINGS, LOCATIONS AND EVENTS 2009—2010

<p>OCTOBER 22nd</p> <p>10:00a.m.—1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting</p> <p>Rockbridge Area Transportation System</p> <p>Lexington</p>	<p>NOVEMBER 19th</p> <p>10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting</p> <p>VA Regional Transit</p> <p>Culpeper</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>HAPPY HOLIDAYS</p> <p>No Meeting</p>	<p>JANUARY 7th</p> <p>10:00a.m.—1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting</p> <p>City of Harrisonburg Public Transit</p> <p>Harrisonburg</p>
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<p>FEBRUARY 1st</p> <p>5:00p.m.—7:00 p.m. VTA/Sponsors Legislative Recpt.</p> <p>25th 10:00am-1:00pm</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting Michie Tavern</p> <p>Charlottesville</p>	<p>MARCH 25th</p> <p>10:00a.m.—1:00 p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting</p> <p>Graham Transit</p> <p>Bluefield</p>	<p>APRIL 9th</p> <p>6:00p.m.—8:30p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting Courtyard Marriott Chester</p> <p>10th CTAV Roadeo Chesterfield</p>	<p>MAY</p> <p>NO MEETING</p>
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<p>JUNE 24th</p> <p>10:00a.m.—1:00p.m.</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting</p> <p>Location: TBD</p>	<p>JULY 22nd</p> <p>10:00 am —1:00pm</p> <p>CTAV Board Meeting Mt. Rogers IDC Adkins</p>	<p>AUGUST <u>17th, 18th & 19th</u></p> <p>CTAV EXPO</p> <p>Fredericksburg</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER 23 & 24th</p> <p>CTAV RETREAT</p> <p>Smith Mountain Lake</p>
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The embers glowed softly, and in their dim light,
I gazed round the room and I cherished the sight.
My wife was asleep, her head on my chest,
My daughter beside me, angelic in rest.
Outside the snow fell, a blanket of white,
Transforming the yard to a winter delight.

The sparkling lights in the tree I believe,
Completed the magic that was Christmas Eve.
My eyelids were heavy, my breathing was deep,
Secure and surrounded by love I would sleep.
In perfect contentment, or so it would seem,
So I slumbered, perhaps I started to dream.

The sound wasn't loud, and it wasn't too near,
But I opened my eyes when it tickled my ear..
Perhaps just a cough, I didn't quite know, Then the
sure sound of footsteps outside in the snow.
My soul gave a tremble, I struggled to hear,
And I crept to the door just to see who was near.

Standing out in the cold and the dark of the night,
A lone figure stood, his face weary and tight.
A soldier, I puzzled, some twenty years old,
Perhaps a Marine, huddled here in the cold.
Alone in the dark, he looked up and smiled,
Standing watch over me, and my wife and my child.

"What are you doing?" I asked without fear,
"Come in this moment, it's freezing out here!
Put down your pack, brush the snow from your sleeve,
You should be at home on a cold Christmas Eve!"
For barely a moment I saw his eyes shift,
Away from the cold and the snow blown in drifts..

To the window that danced with a warm fire's light
Then he sighed and he said "Its really all right,
I'm out here by choice. I'm here every night."
"It's my duty to stand at the front of the line,
That separates you from the darkest of times.

No one had to ask or beg or implore me,
I'm proud to stand here like my fathers before me.
My Gramps died at ' Pearl on a day in December,"
Then he sighed, "That's a Christmas 'Gram always re-
members."

My dad stood his watch in the jungles of ' Nam ',
And now it is my turn and so, here I am.

I've not seen my own son in more than a while,
But my wife sends me pictures, he's sure got her smile..

Then he bent and he carefully pulled from his bag,
The red, white, and blue... an American flag.
I can live through the cold and the being alone,
Away from my family, my house and my home.

I can stand at my post through the rain and the sleet,
I can sleep in a foxhole with little to eat.
I can carry the weight of killing another,
Or lay down my life with my sister and brother..
Who stand at the front against any and all,
To ensure for all time that this flag will not fall. "

" So go back inside," he said, "harbor no fright,
Your family is waiting and I'll be all right. "
"But isn't there something I can do, at the least,
"Give you money," I asked, "or prepare you a feast?
It seems all too little for all that you've done,
For being away from your wife and your son. "

Then his eye welled a tear that held no regret,
"Just tell us you love us, and never forget.
To fight for our rights back at home while we're gone,
To stand your own watch, no matter how long.
For when we come home, either standing or dead,
To know you remember we fought and we bled.
Is payment enough, and with that we will trust,
That we mattered to you as you mattered to us. "

*PLEASE, would you do me the kind favor of sending this
to as many people as you can? Christmas will be coming
soon and some credit is due to our U.S service men and
women for our being able to celebrate these festivities..
Let's try in this small way to pay a tiny bit of what we owe.
Make people stop and think of our heroes, living and dead,
who sacrificed themselves for us.*

Don Thornhill

THERE'S A NEW DAY DAWNING!



New Ride Along! **CTAV Workers Compensation Insurance Program**

Our Workers Compensation Insurance Program can now ride along with your existing CTAV Insurance package. If you presently have your commercial package, auto and umbrella coverage through the CTAV Insurance Program, the new Workers Compensation program is available to you. If you currently participate in the Virginia Workers Compensation Assigned Risk program you can move your workers compensation coverage over to the CTAV Program at any time without penalty. We believe most members will see substantial cost savings with this new program. Don't have your insurance through CTAV? Give us a call today, to get a quote.

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Coverages offered through the CTAV program include, (but are not limited to):

• **Commercial Property:**

- Business income—actual sustained loss
- Systems breakdown coverage
- \$50,000 computers and media
- \$25,000 employee dishonesty
- \$25,000 food spoilage
- \$10,000 money and securities and many other coverages automatically included

• **General Liability**

- Volunteer and temp workers included
- \$15,000 medical payments

• **Professional Liability**

- Occurrence form
- \$1,000,000 – \$3,000,000 limits
- Employees, volunteers and students in training included in coverage

• **Automobile**

- Liability symbol 1 – any automobile
- Lease gap coverage
- \$35,000 Hired car physical damage
- \$500 Physical damage for employees' or volunteers' vehicles

• **Crime**

• **Workers' Compensation**

• **Fiduciary Liability**

• **Other Optional**

Coverage:

- Sexual misconduct coverage
- Key employee replacement
- Directors and officers liability
- Umbrella catastrophe liability coverage up to \$15,000,000 limit
- Fidelity bonds



CTAV Delivers Superior Insurance Coverage to You!

As a member of the Community Transportation Association of Virginia, you're eligible to participate in the CTAV Property and Casualty Insurance Program.

This comprehensive insurance program offers superior coverages tailored specifically to organizations such as yours. Many of these coverages are not found in traditional insurance policies. Additionally, your organization can benefit from the premium savings offered through the "group rate".

The program is underwritten by **Selective Insurance**—a stable company with A+ (superior) rating from both A.M. Best and Standard and Poor's.

In addition to superior coverage, the program includes:

- Loss control/risk management/safety training
- 24-hour claims service
- *Safety First* Program and *National Safety News* Newsletter
- Customer Care Website

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