

# THE VOICE AND VISION OF VAPT

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## 2005-2006

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Hall of Fame	John Hazelette	Norfolk
Historian	Dwight Elam	Mecklenburg County
Newsletter	Bill Carr	Virginia Beach (retired)
Position Papers	Buddy Nelson	Chesapeake
Poster Contest	Margaret Rayner	Hopewell
School Bus Road-e-o	Sharon Utley	Chesterfield County
Web Site	Tim Parker	Fairfax County

## *A Message from our President.....*



*I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. We have so much to be thankful for in pupil transportation - directors, supervisors, drivers, trainers, and others who are dedicated to making pupil transportation in Virginia a safe way for students to get to and from school. But it takes all of us working together to accomplish this. I am thankful for the professionalism shown by all who work in transportation.*

*The Christmas season is here. I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please give thanks for family and friends who help to make this season so enjoyable. Also, give thanks to God for the Son he sent for all of us. God bless all of you and may the 2006 year be one of peace, hope, joy, and success.*



**VAPT WEB SITE: [www:VAPT.org](http://www.VAPT.org)**

## VAPT's HALL OF FAME



### **2002 (First VAPT Hall of Fame)**

<b>R.A. "Buster" Bynum</b>	<b>VDOE</b>	<b>(2<sup>nd</sup> from left)</b>
<b>Hamp Haislip</b>	<b>Kingmore Supply</b>	<b>(2<sup>nd</sup> from right)</b>
<b>Sonny Merryman</b>	<b>Sonny Merryman, Inc</b>	<b>(center)</b>

### **2003**

<b>Chauncey Logan</b>	<b>Roanoke City</b>	<b>(no photo)</b>
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### **2004**

<b>Nathan H. Young, Jr.</b>	<b>Henrico County</b>	<b>(deceased)</b>
<b>Robert A. Devers, Jr.</b>	<b>Loudoun County</b>	<b>(no photo)</b>

### **2005**

<b>Fred S. Valentine</b>	<b>Hanover County</b>	<b>(far right)</b>
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**School Bus Security: The Transportation Security Administration with the Department of Homeland Security has copies of a brochure available called the Employee Guide to School Bus Security. This addresses such things as identifying threats and incidents, recommended procedures, identifying and reporting suspicious people or items, and responding to security incidents or threats. To get copies contact or email: [HighwaySecurity@DHS.gov](mailto:HighwaySecurity@DHS.gov).**

**JOHN HAZELETTE, a popular name in VAPT--**



Check out the November 2005 edition of School Bus Fleet and the Nov 23rd edition of School Transportation Director. We certainly have a celebrity member since John was elected the NAPT Region 2 Director.

**Congratulations John!**

**Meet MICHAEL BROWN**



VDOE Associate Director of Pupil Transportation  
Mike was born December 5<sup>th</sup> in St. Petersburg, Florida. He is

married with three sons, one serving in Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and is on his second tour to the region. His second son is a recent graduate of Jacksonville State University, Alabama with a degree in Psychology and the third son a recent high school graduate and still trying to find his way.

Mike served 20 years in Army Transportation, five of which were spent at the Army Transportation School in Fort Eustis where he trained mid level transportation managers. Three years were spent in Army Recruiting operations; two years were with the headquarters staff in Ansbach Germany coordinating transportation for division personnel and dignitaries visiting the region of Bavaria. The remaining time was spent in all facets of transportation to include the operation and management of transit bus support to the US Army Headquarters Europe.

He owned and operated a small trucking company for five years after leaving the service and came to understand how vital commercial transportation is to the economy.

Mike worked for the DMV's motor carrier department for four years and served as site manager two of those four years. The facility was responsible for the inspection, weights and regulation compliance of some

three thousand commercial vehicles a day.

He received a B.S. degree from Saint Leo University with a major in Computer Information Systems and a minor in Management. While in the army Mike graduated from primary, basic and advance Transportation Managers programs, the Organizational Maintenance management program and Anti-terrorist Driving course.

His most memorable experiences were those spent in Europe, especially those spent training with the German police.

In conclusion, Mike enjoys all sports but does not have time for hobbies since he always seems to be putting out fires.

Welcome Mike – we are glad to have you on our team!

**Two of our members recently had surgery.**



Their names and addresses are provided below in case you would like to send them a card.

**JUNE EANES**, VAPT President  
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**REUBEN BRYANT**,  
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***REMINDER***  
**VDOE ANNUAL REPORTS SHOULD ALREADY BE IN. THEY WERE DUE NOV. 1<sup>ST</sup>. HAVE YOU SUBMITTED YOUR REPORT?**

### **SCHOOL BUS RESTRICTED SPEED LIMITS**



On December 8, 1995, the National Speed Limits ceased to exist. States were free to establish whatever speed limits they wished on their highways. While some states chose to leave the speed limits at existing levels, typically 55 or 65 miles per hour, others raised the speed limits to the pre-1970 energy crisis levels of 70 miles per hour. These higher speed limits for automobiles and trucks have made it more difficult for school buses to operate at their lower required speeds.

The **maximum speed limit** for school buses shall be **45** miles per hour or the minimum speed allowable whichever is greater on any roadway other than the interstate highway and **55** miles per hour on interstate

highways loaded or unloaded. However, for any such vehicle which takes on or discharges passengers, the maximum speed limit shall be **35** miles per hour between the first stop and the last stop not including the school. The school and the designated school bus parking area shall not be considered the first or last stop. In addition, for residential and business zones the maximum speed for a school bus is twenty-five miles per hour. The speed limit is forty-five miles per hour on secondary roads which include all public roads and streets providing local services not designated as part of the interstate or primary road system.

The maximum speed limit in school zones, unless otherwise posted, shall be twenty-five miles per hour between fixed blinking signs placed in or along a roadway and bearing the word "School" or "School Crossing."

**10** miles per hour is the norm while traveling on school property, unless posted lower.

### **Bullying on the school bus is not teasing.**

What is your school division doing about it? Please share with the rest of us in the newsletter.

### **Same Face....New Place**

Don Carswell has joined the Commonwealth Bus Sales Team as an Account Manager. Commonwealth Bus Sales is a subsidiary of Virginia

Truck Center which sells and supports Bluebird buses in Virginia. Don can be reached at 804-514-8396 or [dcarswell@virginiatruckcenter.com](mailto:dcarswell@virginiatruckcenter.com).

### **Correction –**

The 1<sup>st</sup> place winner of the 2005 Virginia School Bus Road-e-o (conventional bus) was Jeremy Click, not Jeremy Clark as reported in a previous newsletter.

### **Penalty Increase in North Carolina for Unlawful Passing a School Bus while Loading or Unloading Passengers.**



September 2005, the penalty for passing a stopped North Carolina school bus increased from a Class 2 misdemeanor to a Class I misdemeanor. In addition, violating this law and willfully striking a person causing serious bodily injury is now a Class I felony.



## **OBSERVING THE CONDUCT OF CHILDREN:**

## **VAPT BRIEF HISTORY**



### **1985**

President: Chauncey Logan  
Roanoke City

President-Elect: Thomas Sine, Jr.  
Frederick County

Secretary: Frank Dixon  
Fairfax County

Treasurer: Rebecca Taylor  
(Mummau)  
Culpeper County

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Tim Parker  
Albemarle County  
James Robins  
Washington County  
Richard Ballowe  
Lynchburg City  
Joe Hawkins  
Hampton City

1. All students like to be treated with respect and courtesy.
2. They want adults to recognize their good traits and abilities.
3. Most of them dread to be singled out for disciplining.
4. A few students will make problems of themselves in order to gain attention and recognition.
5. Students who are willing to comply with regulations may become problems if the person in control of the group is too lax and indifferent toward gross violations of a few; or if the person in control appears unreasonable in his demands, or if he vacillates from extreme permissiveness one moment to extreme control the next.



**Note the revised information  
for the VAPT web and  
newsletter.**

**www.VAPT.org  
SCHOOL BUS**

**Crash/incident reporting  
VAC 20-70-140**



A report, on forms or in a format furnished by the Department of Education, of any crashes or incidents involving school buses, pupils, and personnel who ride school or activity buses (including injury or death while crossing the road, waiting at bus stops, etc.) shall be sent to the Pupil Transportation Service, Department of Education by the division superintendent or designee at least once a month. The report shall give the apparent cause of the crash or incident, and the extent of injuries to pupils or others. The division superintendent or designee shall notify the Pupil Transportation Service of any school bus crash or incident involving serious injuries, requiring professional medical treatment, or death within the next working day from the date of the crash or incident.

A crash occurs when property damage is \$1,000 or more or when persons are injured. An incident occurs when property damage is \$999 or less and there are no injured individuals.

## **VAPT 2006 CONFERENCE David Pace**

**and the Conference Planning Committee** request your input for conference topics. In particular, they need to know which of the NAPT Professional Development courses you would be most interested in having on the conference program. We will only get two, so your opinions matter. Each of the NAPT courses available for us to choose from is listed on page 9 by course number/number of hours and course title.

Please contact David at the Virginia Beach City Public School's Transportation Office to let him know your topic preferences.

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Additional information is available at [www.VAPT.org](http://www.VAPT.org).





**NAPT Professional  
Development Series**

<u>Course No/Hrs</u>	<u>Title</u>
101/8hrs	Student Transportation Orientation
201/4hrs	Business Writing
302/4hrs	Budget Development
402/4hrs	Managing Human Resources
405/4hrs	Student Needs and Management
501/4hrs	Overseeing a Fleet Maintenance Program I
503/4hrs	School Bus Specifications
601/4hrs	School Bus Routing and Scheduling
<u>Course No/Hrs</u>	<u>Title</u>
606/8hrs	Risk Management and Emergency Planning
608/4hrs	Developing a Safety Program
701/4hrs	Introduction to Leadership and Management
702/4hrs	Personal Skills for Management
705/4hrs	Dealing with Difficult People

801/4hrs	Special Education Transportation
802/4hrs	Special Education Transportation – Operation
901/4hrs	Security Assessment

**WHAT IS GOOD**

“What is the real good?”  
I asked in musing mood.  
“Order,” said the law court;  
“Knowledge,” said the school;  
“Truth,” said the wise man;  
“Pleasure,” said the fool;  
“Love,” said the maiden;  
“Beauty,” said the page;  
“Freedom,” said the dreamer;  
“Home,” said the sage;  
“Fame,” said the soldier;  
“Equity,” said the seer.  
Spoke my heart full sadly  
“The answer is not here.”  
Then within my bosom  
Softly this I heard:  
“Each heart holds the secret.  
Kindness is the word.  
- John Boyle O’Reilly

