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**Region II Directors Meeting**



Region II held its bi-monthly Director's Meeting on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Tabb Public Library in Yorktown, VA. The meeting was hosted by James Lash. Agenda items discussed were as follows:

- Bus Driver Contracts/Pay, etc
- Budget Issues
- Contact Info Update
- VAPT Newsletter
- Region II Representative Nomination – James Lash was nominated by the region to serve an additional term of office on the VAPT Board of Directors.
- Region II School Bus Road -E-O – May 15<sup>th</sup>
- VAPT Technician Competition – April 7<sup>th</sup>
- 15<sup>th</sup> National Congress on School Transportation - Lonnie Reavis, Transportation Director of Suffolk Public Schools will be serving as a delegate.
- Specifications Committee Meeting – April 22
- VAPT Conference – June 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>
- SESPTC – July 11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup>
- NAPT Conference – October 30<sup>th</sup> – November 4<sup>th</sup>
- A catered lunch was served and the meeting adjourned.



## **Region II – Regional School Bus Road-E-O**

The Regional School Bus Road-E-O was held Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> and hosted by Hampton City Schools at Phoebus High School. Participants from 7 school divisions in the region competed. The following individuals placed in competition:

### **Conventional**

1st	Ralph Crockett	York County
2nd	Sharon Richardson	Williamsburg/James City County
3rd	Corey Edwards	Newport News
3rd	Candi Pearson	Virginia Beach

### **Transit**

1st	Tyler Reynolds	Virginia Beach
2nd	Jeff Long	Newport News
3rd	Barbara Smith	Newport News



## Virginia Department of Education School Bus Driver Instructor Train the Trainer and Recertification Classes

Virginia Department of Education  
Pupil Transportation Services  
(804) 225-2037  
P.O. Box 2120  
Richmond, VA 23218-2120



Dear Transportation Directors:

We are pleased to announce the 2010 year sessions of the School Bus Driver “Train the Trainer” and “Recertification” classes for school bus driver trainers. This program is sponsored by the Virginia Department of Education’s Pupil Transportation Services.

### **When and where are the classes?**

See the schedule below for details.

Please note: These classes will begin promptly at 8 a.m. and conclude by approximately 4:30 p.m. In consideration of other participants and to ensure that you do not miss important information, please plan to arrive before 8 a.m.

\*\*See schedule for exceptions.

### **Do I need to bring anything to the class?**

We suggest that you bring a 3 inch 3-ring binder to hold the Training Guide you will receive.

### **How do I register for the classes?**

Each class is limited to 25 persons. Classes fill up quickly so please register in a timely manner. May 31, 2010 is the registration deadline.

Please contact VDOE’s Pupil Transportation Services Office @ 804-225-2037 or email Adrian Frierson to register participants.

***There is no fee for those persons attending classes for the purpose of Recertification.*** There is a \$25 registration fee for each individual who will be attending the “Train the Trainer” class. A check made payable to “Treasurer of

Virginia” should be sent to Pupil Transportation Services, Department of Education, P.O. Box 2120, Richmond, VA 23218.

Please Email [Adrian.Frierson@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Adrian.Frierson@doe.virginia.gov) the names of those persons registering for classes. Questions or comments contact Adrian Frierson, Transportation Specialist, 804-786-0174 / 804-225-2037 or fax 804-786-9417

## **Schedule**

### **Wytheville**

#### **Servicing: Regions 6 and 7**

- Train the Trainer – June 28, 29, 30 (M, T, W)
  - Recertification – June 28, 29 (M, T)
- George Wythe High School  
1 Maroon Way, Wytheville, VA 24382  
(276) 228-3157

#### **\*Lynchburg - Schedule Adjustment**

##### **Servicing: Regions 5, 6 and 8**

- Train the Trainer – July 12, 13, 14 (M, T, W)
  - \*\*\* **Recertification – July 12, 13 (M, T) \*\*\***
- Information Technology Center  
3550 Young Place, Lynchburg, VA 24501  
(434)522-3708

### **Spotsylvania**

#### **Servicing: Regions 3, 4 and 5**

- Train the Trainer – July 19, 20, 21 (M,T,W)
  - Recertification – July 19, 20 (M,T)
- Spotsylvania Pupil Schools Transportation Offices  
6921 N. Roxbury Mill Road Spotsylvania, VA 22551  
(540) 582-5125 option 4

**NOTE: Classes at this session will start at 7:30 am**

### **Norfolk**

#### **Servicing: Region 2**

- Train the Trainer – July 26, 27,28 (M,T,W)
  - Recertification – July 29,30 (Th, F)
- Norfolk Pupil Schools Transportation Dept.  
5555 Raby Road Norfolk, VA 23502  
(757) 892-3320

### **Fairfax**

#### **Servicing: Region 4**

- Train the Trainer – August 2,3,4 (M,T,W)
  - Recertification – August 5,6 (Th ,F)
- Fairfax Pupil Schools Transportation Training Dept.  
Marshall High School  
7731 Leesburg Pikes Fall Church, VA 22043  
(703) 714-5665

## Hanover

### Servicing: Regions 1, 5 and 8

•Train the Trainer – August 9,10,11 (M,T,W)

•Recertification – August 12,13 (Th, F)

Hanover Pupil Schools Transportation Dept.  
11375 N. Lakeridge Parkway Ashland, VA 23005

(804) 365-6520



## 2010 ANNUAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CONFERENCE



Date: June 21-24, 2010

Location: Chesterfield

Chesterfield, Virginia at the Holiday Inn Koger Conference Center

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.**





A Virginia senior citizen drove his brand new Corvette convertible out of the dealership. Taking off down the road, he pushed it to 80 mph, enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left. 'Amazing,' he thought as he flew down I-95, pushing the pedal even more. Looking in his rear view mirror, he saw the State Police behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. He floored it to 100 mph, then 110, then 120. Suddenly he thought, 'What am I doing? I'm too old for this,' and pulled over to await the trooper's arrival.

Pulling in behind him, the trooper walked up to the Corvette, looked at his watch and said, 'Sir, my shift ends in 30 minutes. Today is Friday. If you can give me a reason for speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go.'

The old gentleman paused then said, 'Three years ago, my wife ran off with a Virginia State Policeman and I thought you were bringing her back.'

'Have a good day, Sir,' replied the trooper.

## **PEANUTS FOR FRIENDS**

John is out with his friends and they stop by his grandmother's house for a visit. There's a bowl of peanuts on the coffee table, so John and his friends start snacking on them.

When they're ready to leave, his friends say, "Nice to meet you, ma'am, and thank you for the peanuts." Grandma says, "You're welcome. Ever since I lost my dentures, all I can do is suck the chocolate off of them."

## **PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY....**

- IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE MONKEYS AND APES?
- WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?
- IF A TURTLE DOESN'T HAVE A SHELL, IS HE HOMELESS OR NAKED?
- ONE NICE THING ABOUT EGOTISTS: THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE.



## **5 Things You May Not Know Your Cell Phone Could Do.....**

For all the folks with cell phones this should be printed and kept in your car, purse, and wallet. Good information to have with you.)

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies. Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

### **FIRST Emergency -**

The Emergency Number worldwide for Mobile is 112. If you find Yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an Emergency, dial 112 and the mobile will search any existing network to Establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly, this number 112 can be dialed even if the keypad is locked. Try it out.

### **SECOND Have you locked your keys in the car?**

Does your car have remote keyless entry? This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: If you lock your keys In the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their cell phone from your cell phone. Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock and save someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other ' remote ' for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk).

### **THIRD Hidden Battery Power**

Imagine your cell battery is very low and to activate, press the keys \*3370#.

Your cell phone will restart with this reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery. This reserve will get charged when you charge your cell phone next time.

### **FOURTH How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?**

To check your Mobile phone's serial number, key in the following Digits on your phone: \*#06#. A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe.

If your phone gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones. And Finally.....

### **FIFTH Free Directory Service for Cells**

Cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 to \$1.75 or more for 411 information calls when they don't have to. Most of us do not carry a telephone directory in our vehicle, which makes this situation even more of a problem. When you need to use the 411 information option, simply dial: (800) FREE411, or (800) 373-3411 without incurring any charge at all. Program this into your cell phone now.



## BE AWARE OF

WHAT CAN HAPPEN...

The above picture is an example of what can happen if **YOU** are careless; or do not consider what can happen by not planning ahead, not acting cautiously and not paying attention! Granted, **your potential problems of danger** normally would not include bears, but motorists can be a serious concern to watch out for as well as children who may not obey rules and follow procedures. **YOU CAN NOT DEPEND ON NEITHER OF THEM TO BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS – ONLY ON YOURSELF.** Therefore, **YOU** must **AT ALL TIMES** be alert, be aware of what is going on around **you** (inside and outside of the school bus), not assume anything, and be cautious.

- **Maximum speed limits for school buses on the following roads:**

\***45 mph** Non-Interstate Roadways, \***60 mph** Interstate Highways

Note: A police officer can issue a speeding ticket for exceeding the \*restricted speed limit for school buses, regardless of the type of roadway.

- **The distance School Bus AMBER Traffic Warning Lights** are to be activated when approaching a pupil stop is based on the posted speed limit as follows:
- **AT LEAST 100 feet** if the posted speed limit is less than 35 mph
- **AT LEAST 200 feet** if the posted speed limit is 35 mph or greater.
- **RED School Bus Traffic Warning Lights** and **Stop Arm** must be activated immediately upon stopping.
- **Do not cancel** the red traffic warning lights and stop arm **until YOU have determined it is safe to proceed**. Before proceeding make sure all children have cleared the highway or street and there is no one in front or near the sides of the bus. Check all mirrors to assist **YOU** in deciding when to proceed. While picking up students look for late comers running to meet the bus!
- **Know without a doubt you can safely continue on your route.**

## TECHNICIAN'S SCHEDULE VAPT 2010 CONFERENCE



### TUESDAY, JUNE 22, 2010

8:30 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.  
Shuttle Buses depart  
Holiday Inn, Koger Center  
@ 8:00 AM

TECHNICIAN Session I  
James River High School  
3700 James River Rd, Midlothian, VA 23113  
Auditorium

Presentations scheduled in Auditorium

8:30 – 8:45 AM

Announcements/Virginia's Best Technician  
Competition (Bob Clinebell)

8:45 – 9:45 AM

ASE Certification Program (Woody Dashiell,  
Executive Director Technical Programs, ASE)

9:45 – 10:00 AM

Break

10:00 – 11:00 AM

State Inspection Program (Sgt Ted Jones, Virginia  
State Police)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Electrical Troubleshooting Tips (Frank Byrd, Leece  
Neville) (To be continued After Lunch)

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

**Lunch provided by Commonwealth Bus Sales  
and Virginia Truck Center.**

1:00 – 2:00 PM

Electrical Troubleshooting Tips (Frank Byrd, Leece  
Neville) (Continued)

2:00 – 4:00 PM

Filter Technology (Harold Brown, Cummins  
Filtration)

4:15 PM

Shuttle buses available for return to Holiday Inn,  
Koger Center

WEDNESDAY JUNE 23, 2010

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 A.M.  
Shuttle Buses depart Holiday Inn  
Koger Center @ 6:30 AM  
8:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

**Breakfast sponsored by Kingmor Supply, Inc  
James River High School Cafeteria**

TECHNICIAN's Session II  
James River High School

**Breakout Sessions:**

Allison Transmissions  
IC Bus  
Thomas Bus  
Cummins Engines  
Caterpillar Engines  
Ricon Lift  
Braun Lift  
Trans Air A/C Systems  
Carrier A/C Systems  
Wheel End and King Pins /Brake Inspector Certification by STEMCO

11:00 A.M. – 2:30 P.M.

**Lunch Sponsored by Sonny Merryman, Inc  
Door Prize Drawings**

12:30 P.M –3:30 P.M.

TECHNICIAN Session III  
James River High School

**Breakout Sessions – Repeat of morning sessions**

3:45 PM

Shuttle buses available for return to Holiday Inn,  
Koger Center

**RECIPE CORNER** (Send in one you would like to share.)

**Apple Fritters**

1 cup milk, 3 cups cake flour, 1 orange (rind and juice), 4 tablespoons margarine, ¼ cup sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 egg (beaten), 2 tsp baking powder, 1 cup apples (chopped, but not too fine) Beat egg. In a mixing bowl, combine milk, egg, sugar and melted margarine. Add orange juice, rind, chopped apples (skins may be left on), and vanilla. Sift together the flour, salt, baking powder. Stir into milk mixture with a spoon until blended. Do not over mix! Preheat oil in a skillet to 350 degrees. Drop off end of tablespoon into hot oil. Fry to a golden brown. Turn so they brown evenly. Allow to cool.

## Board of Directors



### **Region 1 -**

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### **Region 7 -**

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### **Region 8 -**

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## Standing Committees



**Audit** - James Lash

**Conference** - Michael Ashby, Dwight Elam, David Pace

**Constitution/Bylaws** - Tim Parker

**Legislative** - Harold Grimes

**Membership** - Bertha Thomas

**Nominating** - Linwood Horne

**Resolution** - Michael Ashby

**Scholarship** - Linwood Horne

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**Conference Guest Activities** - Linda Shaffer

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**Poster** - Anne Pilson

**Web Site** - Tim Parker

**Procedural Manual** - Barry Sudduth

**Road-e-o** - Sharon Utley

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