

THE VOICE AND VISION FOR VAPT



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Message from our President



Have you registered for the June pupil transportation conference to be held in Roanoke? You may want to check out the conference program located on the VAPT web site, www.VAPT.org. There are a lot of interesting topics and events planned for your knowledge and pleasure. A draft of the program is included in this newsletter edition on pages 5, 6, and 7.

Registration can be electronically done by using the application found on the VAPT web site or you can wait until you arrive. But, to avoid waiting in line, I suggest you use the application form found on our web site.

VAPT T-shirts will be on sale and as usual they are nice looking, made out of good quality material and come in all sizes and colors.

I look forward to see you at the conference.



School Bus Road-e-o

Spotsylvania County

Spotsylvania will be conducting their county's school bus road-e-o on Saturday, May 20. Surrounding school divisions have been invited to participate.

A FUN DAY in Virginia Beach

On Saturday, May 6, the school bus drivers, assistants and the transportation staff got together for a good time at the park. Everyone sat in lawn chairs or at picnic tables and walked around the park with each other sharing this special time together on a beautiful day. Good food was enjoyed at lunch consisting of barbecue, slaw, hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, sweet tea and a variety of soft drinks. There was lots of good fellowship to go along with the meal. There was a "dunking booth" specifically for the supervisors. Drivers were given the opportunity to throw a ball and if they hit a certain lever - down went the supervisor in ice cold water. Lots of laughs! As a matter of fact everybody seemed to have had a good time.

A Message from Patrick County

Anne Pilson, Director of Transportation in Patrick County, proudly sent a brief biography about one of their drivers, RD Scott, who has driven a school bus in Virginia for 50 years. While growing up in Patrick County where he was born and reared, RD hung around his parents' sawmill, so at a very young age he learned how to drive a logging truck.

At age 17, while attending high school he was told Carroll County needed a school bus driver to serve Hillsville High School. The principal encouraged RD to apply and he got the job. He drove a 1948 Chevrolet, 36 passenger school bus. RD is quoted as saying, "That was the worst and meanest bunch of students I had ever seen in my life. After numerous drivers quit, the route was done away with."

RD, when not driving a school bus spends his spare time working at radio station WSYD as a DJ and he plays in a band, "Country Magic."

He said while looking back over the years, he can say without reservation he has enjoyed driving a school bus and believes most of the children turned out pretty good. RD has "worn out" six new buses and remembers when his salary was \$78 a month. RD attributes his wrinkles (very few) from laughing a lot at the things that happened through the years he has been driving a school bus. He especially enjoys the evenings after dropping off his last student and knowing his dog, Delilah, will be waiting for him when he gets home and parks the bus. His wife always has a mighty good supper waiting for him when he walks in the door.

RD gives God full credit for making his job safe and enjoyable and thanks Him for helping get the children to school and back home safely for all these years.



Richard D. Scott
50 Year Driver in Patrick County

Bullying on a School Bus



The state of Connecticut is taking action against bullying in school buses. A bill was recently passed by the state House of Representatives to amend the current statute to include bullying in a school bus and the word "harass" will be added to the list of intentions.

This legislation, if signed by the governor, will be effective July 1, 2006.

HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR THE CONFERENCE?

It's not too late! You can register in the hotel lobby or to save you time you can fill out a registration form found at the VAPT web site - www.VAPT.org.

Reminders:

- Bring your printed receipt with you to the conference.
- If paying on site, the late registration fee of \$75 will be in effect.
- Rodeo participants do not have to register unless they attend any other conference activities. Lunch is included for rodeo participants.
- Spouses and children who attend conference activities must register.
- Technicians, who attend the one day Technicians' workshop, must register at \$20.

NOTE: Before leaving for the conference, staff should check to make sure they are registered.

Tentative Conference Program (subject to change)

MONDAY, June 19, 2006

8 AM	Exhibitor's setup
	Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah Room
Noon	Bryan W. Morris, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament
	Ashley Plantation Golf Course
1 PM	Shotgun Start

Noon to 5 PM **Conference Registration**
VAPT Shirt Sale
Ballroom Foyer

Noon to 4 PM **NAPT Professional Development Courses (Choose one)**
Separate fee of \$15 for NAPT Members and \$25 for
Non-NAPT Members

- **Dealing with Difficult People**
Salon F
- **Developing a Safety Program**
Salon G

5 PM to 8:30 PM **Exhibits**
Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah Room

6:30 PM to 8 PM **President's Reception**
Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah Room
Sponsored by VAPT

8:30 PM to 9 PM **VAPT Executive Board Meeting**
(Officers, Directors, and Committee Heads)

TUESDAY, June 20, 2006

7 AM to 11 AM **Conference Registration**
VAPT Shirt Sales
Ballroom Foyer

7 AM to 9 AM **Exhibits**
Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah Room

7:30 AM to 8:30 AM **Continental Breakfast**
Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah Room
Sponsored by SURE-LOK, TRANSPEC, VAPT

8 AM to 8:30 AM **Welcome New VAPT Members**
Introduction of individuals in new positions
Conference Theatre

8 AM **Spouses, guests and children**
"Meet and Greet"
Terrace View "A"

9 AM to 9:30 AM **VAPT First Business Meeting**

9:30 AM to 11:30 AM **First General Session**
Salon D, E, F, and G
"Buses in the Media/Seatbelts to Salaries"

Noon **School Bus Road-e-o**
Lunch
Sponsored by SONNY MERRYMAN, INC AND THOMAS
BUILT BUSES

3 PM to 4:30 PM **Conference Registration**
Ballroom Foyer

6:00 PM **Family Night Barbecue Supper**

Sponsored by SONNY MERRYMAN, INC, and THOMAS
BUILT BUSES
Buses depart from the hotel

WEDNESDAY, June 21, 2006

6:30 AM Technicians' Workshops (badge required)
Northside High School
Buses depart from hotel
Breakfast, lunch and ice cream social served on site

7 AM to 8:30 AM Conference Registration ENDS
VAPT Shirt Sales
Ballroom Foyer

7 AM to 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast
Sponsored by TRANSAIR AND VAPT
Salon A, B, C, and Shenandoah

7:30 AM to 8:15 AM Second VAPT Business Meeting
Salon D, E, F, and G

8:15 AM to 9:45 AM Second General Session - Supervisors
Salon D, E, F, and G
"Media Relations and Positive Images"

9 AM Meet and Greet - spouses, guests, and children

9:45 AM to 10 AM Break

10 AM to 11:30 AM "School Bus Watch" Program
(A certification session for attendees)
Salon D, E, F, and G

11:30 AM to 1 PM Lunch on your own
Ice Cream Social
Sponsored by ALLISON TRANSMISSION

1 PM to 2:20 PM Break Out Sessions (1 hr- 20 minute sessions)
Choose two sessions
No. 1 - Safe Routes to School
Salon A
No. 2 - Your Data on Cruise Control
Salon B
No. 3 - Crash/Incident Reporting
Salon C
No. 4 - Crisis Management
Salons 1 and 2

1 PM to 2:20 PM No. 5 - New Director Training (one session only)
Salons 3 and 4

1PM to 4 PM No. 6 - Edulog Users Group Workshop (one session only)
Conference Theatre

2:30 PM to 4 PM Repeat Sessions (choose two sessions)

5 PM to 6 PM Reception
Sponsored by KINGMOR and IC CORPORATION

6 PM Director's Suite
Banquet
Grand Ballroom
Dance (30 minutes following end of banquet)
Sponsored by KINGMOR and IC CORPORATION

THURSDAY, June 22, 2006

7 AM to 8 AM Breakfast
Grand Ballroom
Sponsored by KINGMOR and IC CORPORATION

8 AM to 8:30 AM Remarks

8:30 AM to Noon Third General Session
"Lessons Learned"
Department of Education Updates
Door Prizes

Adjourn

Anyone interested in becoming our newsletter editor
should contact June Eanes, ASAP.

The End