

THE VOICE AND VISION OF VAPT
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A Message from our President



It is wonderful to have so many talented, dedicated individuals in Virginia in the field of pupil transportation? **Congratulations John W. Hazelette** on your recent achievement!

If you have not heard, John was recently elected as the Region 2 Director for the National Association for Pupil Transportation (NAPT). He will represent the southeast states; Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia and the Canadian province of Ontario.

If you are not a member of NAPT, please consider joining. NAPT provides services and important information on pupil transportation. You may want to visit the web site at <http://www.napt.org/>.

John thanks to you for accepting this position. We sincerely look forward to working with you during your term of office with NAPT.

VAPT WEB SITE: www.VAPT.org

SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS ARE BIG WINNERS IN THE NATIONAL SCHOOL BUS SAFETY COMPETITION



The 35th Annual School Bus Driver International Safety Competition was held on July 16 and 17, 2005 in Washington, DC. Virginia was represented by drivers participating in both the conventional and transit style school bus competitions.

In the conventional class, out of a total of 51 contestants, **Russell Altizer** from **Montgomery County** placed **SECOND IN THE NATION**, and **Jeremy Clark** from **Accomack County** placed **THIRD!**

In the transit class, out of a total of 45 contestants, **Josh Simpkins** from **Montgomery County** placed **FIRST IN THE NATION**, and **Tyler Reynolds** from **Virginia Beach** placed **TWENTY-SIXTH**.

Drivers who place in the top 10 were given a trophy. In addition, Josh Simpkins who placed 1st in the transit class was given a special plaque to bring back to his supervisor, **Rebecca Mummau**. Rebecca is the VAPT director for Region 6 and has held local road-e-o's since their inception in Virginia in the 1980's. She says she would strongly encourage more localities in Virginia to sponsor their own local school bus road-e-o or "safety competition" as she prefers to call it. She feels that it is a great way for drivers to improve their driving skills while having fun at the same time.

These drivers truly made Virginia proud and we congratulate them on their accomplishments.

BRIEF HISTORY OF VAPT



1984

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The Eighth Annual VAPT Fall Pupil Transportation Conference was held at the Regency Inn in Richmond on October 21-23, 1984. Topics presented included:

- **Managing One's Time**
- **Railroad Grade Crossings**
- **Drugs and Their Effects on Individuals**
- **What OSHA Looks for in a Pupil Transportation Shop**
- **Preventative Maintenance of Diesel Engines**
- **Computer Programs Available for School Transportation**

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION CRISIS PLANS?



Have any school divisions developed a Pupil Transportation Crisis Plan that may be shared in our newsletter for

- a worse case scenario that involve the possibility of a fuel shortage?
- a terrorist attack on a loaded school bus?

HEALTH CORNER

The *Tennessee Association for Pupil Transportation* website, www.tapt.org has an excellent article for those of us trying to improve their eating habits.

SHARING

Good information can be found on the *South Carolina Association for Pupil Transportation* website, www.scapt.org. Click on “Just Darn Good Information.”

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

The following is the philosophy of Charles Schultz, the creator of the “Peanuts” comic strip. You do not have to answer the questions, just read and you’ll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America.
4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.

5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.

The point is none of us remember the headliners of yesterday. These are no second-rate achievers. They are the best in their fields. However, the applause dies. Awards tarnish. Achievements are forgotten, Accolades and certificates are buried with the owners.

Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.
2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.

Easier?

The lesson: The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money, or the most awards. They are the ones that care.

Pass this on to those people who have made a difference in your life. Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia."

Charles Schultz

**Velera Gammons, past president, receiving VAPT's
Plaque of Appreciation from June Eanes, our current president.
Thanks for a Job Well Done, Velera!**





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Special:

Conference Guest
Activities..... Linda Shaffer
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Historian..... Dwight Elam
Newsletter..... Bill Carr
Position Papers..... Buddy Nelson
Poster Contest..... Margaret Rayner
School Bus Road-e-o..... Sharon Utley

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