



August 2024



CONNECTION

With August here, comes school start-ups, increased volume elsewhere

Welcome to August! I am still loving the warm weather and being able to be outside. I love being outside, riding my bike and spending time with family and friends.

Even though we are busy, it is still important to take time for self-care. I did have to take a quick trip out of the country to the wet summers of Scotland, to celebrate my brother's wedding. And yes for those looking at the picture, that is me wearing a dress.

August may be one of the busiest times of the year for us, as we prepare for school start-ups and the increased volume in our paratransit and NEMT businesses.

As we gear up for the new school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work our team has been doing.

Our commitment to excellence remains unwavering, with our goal to be the best. I am proud to be part of a company that truly values its employees and customers.

The summer has always given us an opportunity to reflect and remind ourselves of our core purpose which is to provide "Mobility Without Limits," as we make a difference in people's lives.

We live by our values of: We Care, We Collaborate, We Do the Right Thing and We Have Fun.

As we gear up for the new school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible work our team has been doing. The start of the academic year is always a busy time for us, and this year is no exception. Our commitment to excellence remains unwavering, and I am

proud to lead a company that truly values its employees and customers.

We recognize that our success hinges on the expertise and dedication of our team members. That's why we invest heavily in training programs. From bus drivers to monitors, we try to make sure everyone has what they need.

Our partnerships with school districts are equally vital. We ensure safe and efficient transportation for students. That is why I am so excited that we launched Beacon Connect this summer to more than half our customers going live. This is just one of the many exciting technology tools that we are looking at to improve our people experience.

Stay safe and thanks for all you do. ☐

Judith



Beacon Mobility CEO Judith Crawford, standing, center, stands with family at her brother's wedding in Scotland. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JUDITH CRAWFORD

Our Purpose



MOBILITY WITHOUT LIMITS

TRANSPORTING PEOPLE TO LIVE, LEARN, AND ACHIEVE



SAFETY MESSAGE

For the month of August, Kevin Kilner, chief safety officer for Beacon, talked about kicking off the school year and the focus on safety, as children start going back to school. Four other members of the Beacon family chimed in about the start of the school year as well.

As Kilner noted, "I'm so glad to be getting our school started back up and just wanted to say that we are here to support you to make sure, number one, you're leaving the yard every day in a safe vehicle. I know you already know how to help by doing a solid pretrip, but more importantly, doing a rock solid posttrip so that we can make sure we get those issues reported to the technicians while they have time to fix it before you go back out."

Following Kilner's discussion about school start-up, Darrell Sullivan of WE Transport talked about the importance of telling parents with kindergartners "the importance of loading and unloading their precious cargo."

For Majic Martin of Transit Team, his focus was to discuss that drivers not "rush yourself, or you will forget about being safe. Transport your people safety, that's the most important thing."

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Recognition of A Job Well Done, with *Gratitude*

Khader of SequentTal hits top spot in July for BeaconU with 30 hours

As Beacon Mobility continues to grow across the United States as well as internationally, it has expanded learning opportunities to a greater pool of employees, via Beacon University, or BeaconU.

For employees seeking to grow their areas of knowledge, BeaconU offers an expansive list of courses.

Finishing with the most hours working with BeaconU in July was Yaman Khader, IT full stack developer for SequentTal, based in Amman, Jordan.

Overall, Khader completed 30 hours of BeaconU courses during the month, currently learning "various full stack development tools such as Angular and ASP.NET."

With all that he has learned on BeaconU thus far, among his goals are to become proficient in full stack development which would enable him to design, develop and help the team.

Among the most enjoyable thing learned so far, he added, "was the seamless integration of different frameworks and tools to create efficient and scalable web applications."



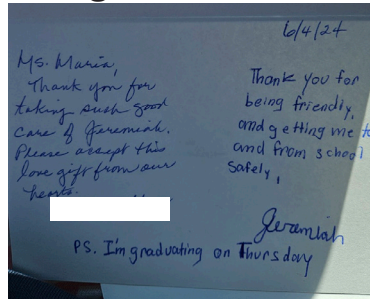
Khader



NRT SPED driver Robles recognized with card

At the conclusion of the school year, NRT SPED driver Maria Robles received a card from a parent and child thanking the driver for all they did over the previous school year.

As noted by the parent wrote, "Thank you for taking such good care of Jeremiah. Please accept this love gift from our hearts. The graduating also wrote a note, thanking Robles by writing, "Thank you for being friendly, and getting me to and from school safely."



A note written by a parent and child thanking an NRT driver for their work over the previous school year. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARITZA BAEZ

WE Transport driver, attendant commended

Recently, a dispatcher at the Pin Aire yard for WE Transport, located on South 3rd Street in Bayshore, New York, received a call from a parent of a student being transported from that location.

As noted by dispatcher Gina Gensman, "The parent stated that the driver, Marilyn Balkham (a

van driver with over 10 years experience) and attendant Patrick Ercole (with over 25 years experience), are amazing." In addition the parent also wanted to note that the pair "are so sweet and nurturing." The parent also noted how they find it great to see "her daughter who runs to the bus every day, and is so excited to see them."



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A Day in The Life:

Scott Wilson Fleet Manager

Too often, we wonder about a job and what it involves. A lot of the time, assumptions are made on what a person does on each day in their job. In this segment of **Connection**, we ask an employee to tell us about their role, to learn from someone in those shoes.

This month's feature is on Scott Wilson for Cedar Bus, who works at the company's Buffalo, New York location. Scott began working with the company in June.

#1: If you had to describe how a typical day at the office is for a fleet manager, how would you describe it?

Scott Wilson: First, to be ready for anything. Also, do a yard check and look for any vehicle defects. In addition, pay extra attention to the vehicles in the immediate service area. And lastly, communicate with the mechanics and prioritize work for the day.

#2: What unscheduled task or tasks arise regularly for a fleet manager, that can completely overturn a day and explain why.

Wilson: When it comes to breakdowns, they are a critical task and have a immediate impact on staffing and equipment availability. Identifying whether it is a simple road call from a on-duty technician, or coordinating a vehicle swap and or tow are crucial skills to master in this role.

#3: What is the most valuable skill to have to become successful as a fleet manager and explain why.



Cedar Bus fleet manager sits at a computer in the Buffalo, New York office to review which parts are to be ordered. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SCOTT WILSON

Wilson: It is to have the ability to multitask, and to recognize and prioritize tasks. Total transparency with operations and mechanics are a must, which helps to build trust and foster a happier work place. Being able to recognize the skill sets of coworkers helps with the assignment of tasks, resulting in better quality of work. In addition, having the ability to listen and communicate effectively to mechanics, and vendors is a notable skill.

#4: What personality trait is ideal for a fleet manager to have, to help them in learning the position?

Wilson: I like to keep things light and upbeat with the people I work with. It creates a more relaxed and productive work place, allowing for mechanics to develop their skill sets to their highest ability. It also instills a very strong work ethic, as people work harder if they feel genuinely valued. Attitudes can change simply from offering up a simple "good morning."

#5: Spell out three things that a fleet manager does on a daily basis, and why those tasks are crucial to their role.

Wilson: First, look to follow up on a task that is being worked on in-house and the tasks being performed off-site. By doing so, assures a timely return of equipment. Communicate with operations to schedule the replacement of gear or to schedule repaired equipment.

Spend time to check inventory levels for parts. It assures that repairs will be completed in a timely manner. Helping to achieve such timely repairs, work on finding how to have less down time for mechanics.



Cedar Bus mechanic Robert Barber, right, looks over a small repair issue with fleet manager Scott Wilson at the Cedar Bus location in Buffalo, New York recently. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SCOTT WILSON

Lastly, have conversations regularly with area vendors, which helps to find the best deal on parts. By doing so, it builds a stronger relationship with vendors, for when we need extra assistance with parts and services. □



Cedar Bus fleet manager Scott Wilson takes note of some clamps that are to be reordered, to ensure prompt repairs at the Buffalo, New York facility. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SCOTT WILSON



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Two drivers across Beacon tabbed with Outstanding Driver Service awards

Getting national recognition is impressive enough. Even better, being deemed as “Outstanding” is a high mark to be proud of as a driver.

With an award program that began in 2002, the National School Transportation Administration annually touts a select group of drivers. These drivers are considered to “consistently provide unsurpassed service and dedication to students and the communities they serve.”

For 2024, five drivers were honored with this award, the Outstanding Driver Service Award. Two of those named in Nashville on July 23 are within the Beacon Mobility family, one from Dell Transportation and the other, Tri County Transportation.

The five drivers are now part of a select group of less than 30 drivers who have been named for the award.

The winners within the Beacon family were Wing Hang Chiu of Dell Transportation, and Laura Sedlock of Tri County Transportation.

Aside from the Outstanding Driver Service Awards, Beacon had two other award winners on the night (see next page).

Upon learning that Chiu had won the award, Huntington Coach senior safety manager Wilhelm Gibbs said, “I was really excited. I had written the letter nominating him, so the email response came to me.”

What stood out for Chiu being named is his only being a driver in Hempstead, New York for slightly over three years.

For Gibbs, that aspect could hardly be seen as a negative. “He’s always looked to do more and has always wanted to step up. He has

basically tackled every opportunity to do more. His background is pretty extensive, and from day one, he wanted to be a trainer. He has gone the training route, and clearly, he’s doing amazing things.”

Honored at being named

When first learning he’d be awarded an Outstanding Driver Service Award in Nashville, Chiu’s initial reaction was, “Are you guys joking?”

Over the ensuing few weeks, he worked on having family travel with him to see him earn the award. At that point, he said, “When I started to plan the trip, that’s when it began to feel real.”

By having family there, he explained how it was special for him. “I came from a different industry (before working for Dell), and they supported me with that change. They truly supported me through the (career change).”

To Gibbs, Chiu was an ideal choice for the award. “He goes out of his way to assist drivers and staff. He’s known to have extensive computer knowledge, and many in higher management go to him for his technical ability.”

Regarding Chiu’s driving skills, Gibbs explained, “We use Lytx pretty much exclusively. He never comes up on events, as he drives safely and cares about his passengers. As a driver/trainer and coach, he’s able to stay in touch with the drivers and bus attendants.”

The focus on safety to Chiu dates back to his beginnings with Dell. “When I became a bus driver, Dell asked whether I wanted to become a trainer. I asked, ‘What can I do to make everyone a better and safer driver?’ As I have been driving for 30 years, I don’t get frustrated (behind the wheel). I show (trainees and drivers) the right thing to do. I lead refresher courses, and basic courses for new drivers, showing how we can use technology to become better drivers.”

Recognized in front of your coworkers

In addition to Chiu, Sedlock, at Tri County Transportation’s Northern Cambria, Pennsylvania location, also was named for the award.

Unlike Chiu, Sedlock was unable to travel to Nashville to get the award in person. Waiting a few weeks, she was surprised during the company’s back-to-school startup meeting on August 15, receiving the award in front of her fellow drivers. The company’s facility manager, Amanda Horvath had nominated Sedlock for the award.

For dispatcher Holly Bash, who Sedlock directly reports to, seeing their longtime driver win the award wasn’t a surprise.

Having been with the company for 47 years, Bash said, “Her service to the school bus community stands for itself. She is always very much involved, is a dedicated bus driver and loves what she does.”



Dell Transportation bus driver Wing Hang Chiu, center, stands with Beacon Mobility CEO Judith Crawford and chief development officer David A. Duke, right. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY WING HANG CHIU

With Sedlock’s extensive experience, Bash noted, “A lot of the drivers look up to her. If there are any questions, the drivers will go to her. She is a good source of professionalism and positivity for any of our drivers.”

While Bash indicated she wasn’t surprised at Sedlock being named, the driver’s initial reaction was much different. “The people in the office and myself couldn’t believe it, since it was nationwide. They were as surprised as much as me.” Getting such recognition, Sedlock noted, is special. “It’s very nice, as there are more ways we’re being recognized, now that we are part of a bigger company.”

Recognizing that one of the factors to earning the award revolved around safety, Sedlock detailed, “I’ve been doing this for 47 years, and I am a cautious driver. Sometimes, when I am on a trip, I’m asked to speed it up. Nonetheless, I make sure to pay attention to all that is going on, while being very careful while driving. □



Tri County Transportation driver Laura Sedlock, center, holds her Outstanding Driver Service Award, which she was named to receive at the NSTA Awards and Installation Dinner in Nashville on July 23. During the company’s school year startup meeting in Northern Cambria, Pennsylvania, she received her plaque in front of her fellow drivers, with dispatcher Holly Bash, left, and facility manager Amanda Horvath standing with the award winner. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY HOLLY BASH



Dell Transportation bus driver Wing Hang Chiu, left, holds a 2024 Outstanding Driver Service Award, one of five drivers to be recognized this year at the NSTA Awards and Installation Dinner. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY WING HANG CHIU



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WE Transport has pair honored with Merit Award, Hall of Fame

On July 23, Beacon Mobility found itself well represented at the National School Transportation Association's annual Awards and Installation Dinner. Four Beacon employees were recognized for various awards.

Among the most notable awards handed out were for two longtime leaders of WE Transport, Bart Marksohn and Carmen Tomeo.

As recognized by the NSTA, seven individuals were honored with a 2024 Merit Award. Among the seven was Tomeo, WE Transport's chief executive officer, who has worked for the company for 27-plus years.

In addition to Tomeo's honor, executive vice president Bart Marksohn was added to the NSTA Hall of Fame, one of two individuals added this year.

Both were onsite in Nashville, receiving their respective plaques in person.

Upon learning that they were going to be recognized at NSTA's annual convention, both Marksohn and Tomeo were thrilled.

"I was totally surprised. (Senior vice president) Jim Ring sent me a text when I was in France on vacation. He asked, 'What are you doing July 23?'" explained Marksohn. Without knowing what he was signing up for, Marksohn agreed. Ring then texted him back with, according to Marksohn, "Dude, you were selected out of hundreds of possibilities (for the NSTA Hall of Fame) and will be honored in Nashville."

Ring, who nominated Marksohn for the award, at first "may have been more elated than I was," admitted Marksohn. "His infectious feeling, though, got to me, and I got caught up to speed and was elated shortly thereafter."

A select few

For the NSTA's Hall of Fame, which began choosing honorees in 1992, Marksohn is part of an extremely select group. He is now among just 53 other members with such an honor.

With the Merit Award, recipients have been named dating back to 1969. While the select group is somewhat larger, there are still a select few honored each year. Tomeo was one of seven named this year.

In being recognized for a Merit Award, among the areas a recipient is touted is for a "demonstrated excellence in service, safety and outstanding customer service."

In Tomeo's view, he has helped to guide WE Transport in ways that have been appreciated over the years. "We've always been a community-based company," he said. "During a storm, UCP (the United Cerebral Palsy Association of Long Island), needed fuel. It was to keep their generators going and to keep the heat on in their homes. We donated fuel to the UCP, to help them through that challenging time."

For what made him a consideration as a worthy Hall of Fame honoree, Marksohn said, "I took a family business that began with a couple hundred routes. They were only originally special needs routes, but we diversified to large buses. I had a vision to create an organization that could sustain through bad economies and loss of contracts. We grew to 2,100 vehicles and 2,800 employees."

Thinking about becoming part of the NSTA Hall, Marksohn chuckled, then added, "it really was friggin' good for my ego." Over the years, Marksohn had noted he'd previously been honored similarly by New York organizations, but how this was much different. "It's an honor to be recognized by the peers in the industry and across the country. This was 50 times better."

For Tomeo, he thought back to those he's worked with over the years, and how they've helped in his success. "The way I worked, is that we worked together as a team," he said. "You can't do things by yourself, and you need to have a group of people who

really care. They have to care about their jobs and the kids."

What's been learned and looking ahead

Over his tenure, Marksohn said that the greatest lesson he's learned working at WE Transport is to "listen to people. Especially listen to your employees. Everybody has a story to tell, and you have to hear them out." For Tomeo, it simply came down to "Respect. Respect within the industry for the safety program, and for my team."

In the future, Tomeo sees making greater strides to where "we can grow as a company. Not only the number of vehicles and routes, but where we can grow as a safe, well-known company focused on safety and quality of service." For Marksohn, he hopes he's instilled in the company's leadership, that "service your customers first. And everything else falls into place. Keep the customer happy and your employees will be happy." □



WE Transport CEO Carmen Tomeo shows off his National School Transportation Association's Golden Merit Award shortly after being announced for the award at the annual Awards and Installation Dinner on July 23 in Nashville. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CARMEN TOMEO



Bart Marksohn, above left, and Carmen Tomeo, both of WE Transport, show off the plaques they were awarded at the NSTA Awards and Installation Dinner in Nashville on July 23. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY CARMEN TOMEO



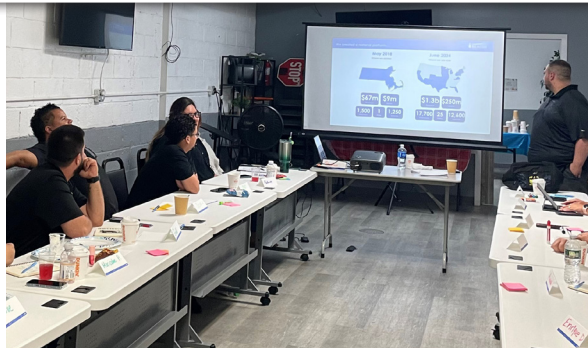
Among those on hand to celebrate Bart Marksohn, second left and Carmen Tomeo, center, being honored at the NSTA Awards and Installation Dinner, were Beacon Mobility CEO Judith Crawford, far left; chief of staff Cara Duke, second right, and chief development officer David A. Duke. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY AYAH ABDELNABY



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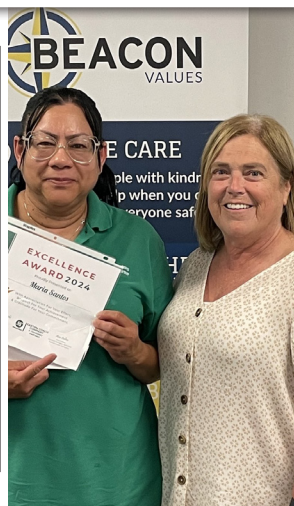
Scenes from the *Field*

Leading at Beacon



At various sites across New York state, Leading at Beacon sessions were held. Among them was a session for Royal Coach, as WE Transport HR manager Ayah Abdelnaby, top left listens to Royal Coach director of operations Ralph Colabello. At the Leesel Transportation location in the Bronx, manager of talent development Stephan Lindgren, top center, right, outlines a session to Leesel employees. At the Rolling V session for Leading at Beacon, among those discussing topics was executive VP Nick Vallone, top right, left. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY AYAH ABDELNABY At the NRT-Van Pool location in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, Leading at Beacon sessions were led by Lindgren, with senior VP Tim Sheehan, above left, gesturing during a question, came to each session to speak with our leaders who traveled from all around the region for this exciting one-day workshop. Among those on hand were, above center, left to right, Van Pool safety supervisor Tammy Buccchino, deployment specialist AJ Houle, safety supervisor Luis Hernandez, NRT senior operations manager Lynda Gomez and Van Pool senior operations manager David Sidford. Above right, Sheehan high-fives safety supervisor Sandra Saba, as regional driving training manager Kristy Lindell looks on along with Lindgren. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY KELLY STEVENSON-IDHAM

Awarding for Excellence



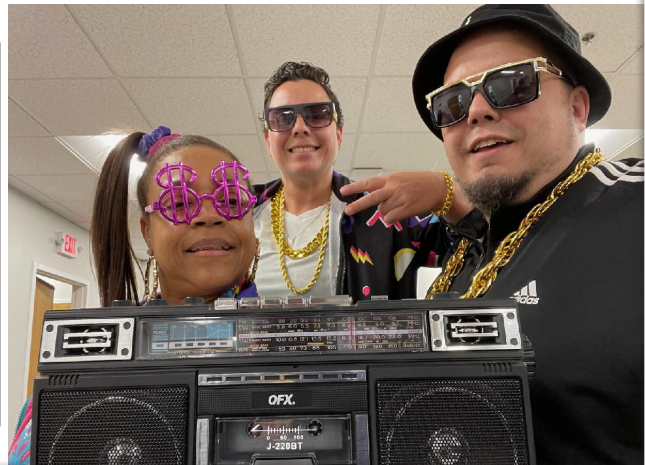
Easton Coach paratransit driver Tracey Pressley, above left, right, with general manager Anne Collins, right; paratransit driver Maria Santos, above second left, left, with Collins, right; driver Jeffrey Calhoun, above third left, right, with operations manager Gary Goldstein, show off their awards. In a group photo, left to right, dispatcher Valerie Edelman, Santos, dispatcher Louise Williams, aide Nancy Tartour, and dispatcher Agnes Laskey, show off their certificates. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY GARY GOLDSTEIN



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Having a Blast to End the School Year



At the Chicago location for Alltown Bus on Dobson Avenue, they had their end of year celebration on June 22. Many of the employees dressed up to celebrate, they included a large group of Alltown Bus and Chicago Public Schools employees, top left. Among those on hand, top center, left to right, were CDL drivers Calvin Bowers and Julia Henry, along with Spencer McIntosh of the Chicago Public Schools. Dressed up for the day, top right, left to right, were CDL driver Benella Outlaw, operations manager Tamara Wilson and CDL driver Mankeya Osborne. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY TAMARA WILSON Salter Transportation employees enjoyed a year end party in mid-June to conclude the school year at the company's Newbury, Massachusetts location. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARYANN KOCUR Van Pool employees celebrated an end of year party at the Southbrough, Massachusetts office in June, with the party theme being the '80s. Among those having a blast were, left to right, transportation coordinators Janet Fuentes, Lilian Lopez and Brendon LeBlanc. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MIKE FRAMBACH

Finding New Recruits

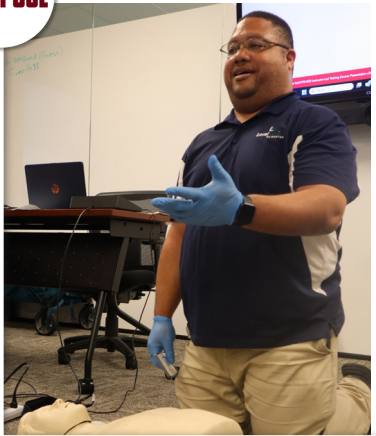
During a recent recruiting event for Travel Kuz, left, at its Gill, Massachusetts location, left to right, talent acquisition team lead Ken Sonner and talent acquisition recruiter Christopher Tuohy work the table to meet potential applicants. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JONATHAN HARRIS On a recent visit to Minnesota, second left, regional director of talent acquisition Dwain Ehlinger, far right, met with, left to right, manager of talent acquisition Susie Deisch, Transit Team recruiters LaTonya Wheeler, Lorraine Gruber, Lawrence Cooper, Jr., to learn about the specifics behind paratransit recruiting. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY SUSIE DEISCH



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Training on CPR



A recent First Aid/CPR training was held at the DS Bus South location in Acadia, Louisiana. CDL driver Courtland Stokes, top left, right, learns about CPR on an infant CPR mannequin as trainer Shavona Butler watches. Kneeling alongside a CPR mannequin, Crowley, Louisiana school bus driver Brittany Guidry, top center, follows the steps associated with CPR. Among those working with an infant CPR mannequin included Crowley, Louisiana school bus driver Dorothy St. Julian, top right, red shirt. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY RUSSELL LANCLOS A training session was taken and passed by a group employees, featuring employees from Local Motion, NRT and Van Pool, for CPR/First Aid/AED (automatic external defibrillator) certification, held at the Chelmsford, Massachusetts office on July 25. The employees who completed the course included Local Motion DOT compliance, training and safety Anthony Lloyd, above left; NRT SPED driver Erica Machick, above center and Van Pool field training coordinator/instructor Amy Murdock, above right. John Lundrigan, not pictured, also completed the course. PHOTOS BY ANDRES CAAMANO

Helping for the Special Olympics

In June, the Massachusetts communities of Newbury, Haverhill, Methuen and the Newbury location in Salter provided transport for over 1,600 athletes and coaches from Boston University during the Special Olympics. Drivers included Salter Transportation CDL driver Erin Walsh, first left, right, transporting the Greater Springfield team to the event. Operations manager Lee Lamkin, center, bottom left, gets ready to transport Team Milford to the competition. NRT – Newbury CDL driver Sheryl Gerlach, right, sitting, gets set to drive a coach and athlete to Harvard to compete. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY LEE LAMKIN



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Bus Showtime



The Midwest Bus Sales team, including above left, left to right, Illinois service manager Lonnie Bruce, Kansas/Missouri service manager Jeff Keeley, Kansas/Missouri outside parts sales Aaron Meckfessel, senior parts manager Alex Travis, Kansas/Missouri general manager Derek Vahey, Kansas/Missouri bus sales Chris Brady, Illinois parts manager Terri Snoddy, Kansas/Missouri parts manager Chris Storck, sales manager Phil Mathews Manager, are pictured with Thomas Built Buses Kansas/Missouri district manager Nick Musto, who were on-site for the MAPT (Missouri Association for Pupil Transportation) Annual Conference and Tradeshow in Columbia, Missouri from July 9-12. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY DEREK VAHEY

Waiting to Drive



Easton Bus Service drivers at the Leavenworth, Kansas location take a moment to relax recently before heading out on their next route, including drivers Cory Langford, Sam Bryant, David Wallsmith, and Mitchell Tatum. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SUZANNE FILES

Cleanup Time



Midwest Paratransit Services paratransit driver Julie Bloomquist sweeping her bus before her shift in the morning at the Maple Grove, Minnesota location. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JASON KNOLL

Passing the CDL



CDL driver Brian Catherson shows off a sign that he passed his exam recently, obtaining his CDL a couple of weeks ago at the Las Cruces, New Mexico location for STS New Mexico. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY FRANCES CUMPLIDO

Basking in the Sun



A line up of Frammar Bus vehicles enjoy some time under some palm trees. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LISA MARRS

Prepping a New Van

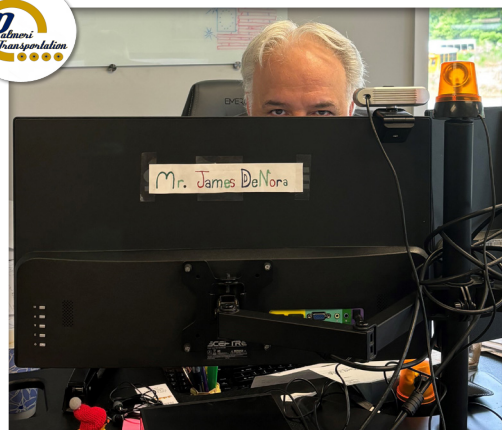


Health Ride Plus mechanic Mike Edwards prepares a new van for new Armstrong County MATP contract.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MARK PRASKO

Here's Looking at You



Motorcoach and school bus sales manager James DeNora peers over the top edge of his computer monitor as he's captured working diligently from his desk at the Easton, Pennsylvania offices of Palmeri Transportation. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY JILL HAHN

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Working the Summer



For some of the drivers at the Detroit location for Alltown Bus Service, they were kept busy during the summer months handling routes for summer school. They included, left to right, CDL drivers Tanisha Williams, Lamont Reynolds (behind the wheel), Etta Graves, and David Hall; bus aide Sharee Edwards, and CDL driver Malika Ananda. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY MICHAEL WATTS

Smiles at the Parade



DS Bus Lines participated in the Old Shawnee Days parade in early June, with the company being the first ones in line for the parade. At the parade, candy and flyers were handed out. Among those on hand were, above right, left to right, Shawnee Mission contract manager Martha Coleman, dispatcher Orlando Diaz, CDL driver Paola Diaz and school bus driver Anna Wrocklage, kneeling. Coming along for some fun were a few of children of employees, including Coleman's granddaughter, above left, holding a sign seeking new drivers. PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY MARTHA COLEMAN

First Day of School



On her first day of school, Aubrey, driven out of Van Pool's Fitchburg, Massachusetts location, is shown with SPED driver Jazmin Curtis, left, helping monitor Jessica Aponte. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY SARAH LORICCO

Training Between the Raindrops



As part of a "Train the Trainer" session at the NRT and Van Pool location in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, which had a short time before had been disrupted by a downpour, JYL driver coach Arico Bellizzi stands next to the van, looking toward regional training manager Stephen Scott, with back to the camera, who discusses pointers to the team members during the training session. PHOTO BY ANDRES CAAMANO

Retiring in Style



Vice President/General Manager Kevin Kalberer of Huntington Coach, recently announced that he would be retiring after 44 years with the company. To celebrate his long service and dedication to the industry, as a special meal was organized, where employees could share stories and looking back on some of the adventures in building the company from its roots. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY BRYONY CHAMBERLAIN



A Refreshing Touch



As part of a recent training room refresh at the 8801 S. Greenwood Avenue location in Chicago, SCR trainer Kenneth Mays, a 16-year veteran of the company, works to hang TAPCO training posters in the space. PHOTO SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY RAMIREZ

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