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**The Newsletter of the Wyoming Public Transit Association**

## **Attention all WYTRANS Trainers...**

Make plans now to attend the train-the-trainer program to be held April 25-29, 2011 in Casper, Wyoming. The class size is limited to 20 participants. These seats will be given on a first come first served basis. Contact Jaime at WYTRANS today to reserve your seat. Jaime can be reached at (307)679-3220.

The Transportation Safety Institute (TSI), Transit Safety and Security Division will conduct the Instructors Course in Paratransit Operator Training in Casper, Wyoming on April 25-28, 2011. The 1 Day Bus Operator Trainer course will be held on April 29, 2011. These courses are sponsored by the Federal Transit Administration's Office of Transit Safety and Security.

These instructor-led courses provide the U. S. Department of Transportation standardized training program that can be conducted by any transit service provider to train qualified, professional paratransit operators. Instructors are trained in presentation and creative learning techniques, facilitation methods, and adult learning principles for teaching operators skills in vehicle operations, emergency management, and customer relations. Upon completion of this course, instructors are certified by the U. S. DOT to train paratransit operators.

### **Who Should Attend**

- ✓ This training is required for all current trainers that would like to remain WYTRANS trainers. Or, if you are looking to become a WYTRANS trainer, you should plan on attending this program.

### **How You Will Benefit**

- ✓ Apply the fundamentals of adult learning principles
- ✓ Practice facilitation skills
- ✓ Practice making public presentations
- ✓ Teach the paratransit operator training program

### **What You Will Learn**

- ✓ Apply adult learning principles
- ✓ Apply team teaching
- ✓ Practice instructional strategies to accommodate various training environments
- ✓ Identify delivery styles and methods, training aids, multimedia equipment
- ✓ Use facilitation skills, the art of questioning, managing class participation
- ✓ Practice teaching strategies, the training environment, and class configuration

*Advance registration required for all participants. Contact Jaime at 307-679-3220 to reserve your seat today.*

## Current WYTRANS Trainers

As of 12-31-2010

<b>Ed Baker</b>	CATC, Casper
<b>Gloria Bulow</b>	Child Development Services, Riverton
<b>Jim Forrest</b>	STAR, Rock Springs
<b>Jerry Franklin</b>	Senior Friendship Center, Torrington
<b>Tom Guheen</b>	START—Jackson
<b>Isabelle Hoenes</b>	Child Development Services, Riverton
<b>Emily Howery</b>	Community Entry, Riverton
<b>Aubrey Hutchings</b>	Coach America, Gillette
<b>Renae Jording</b>	Cheyenne Transit
<b>Roberta King</b>	WRTA, Riverton
<b>Danny Meadows</b>	RENEW-Sheridan
<b>Doris McIntire</b>	Uinta Senior Center, Evanston
<b>Don McOmie</b>	Child Development Services, Lander
<b>Roland Morad</b>	UW Parking & Transit, Laramie
<b>Crisanto Morales</b>	The Learning Center, Jackson
<b>Misty Plott-Barbula</b>	Sheridan Senior Citizen's Council
<b>Mary Rodgers</b>	RENEW-Gillette
<b>Harold Shelley</b>	Riverton Senior Center
<b>Rod Slocum</b>	Big Horn Enterprises, Thermopolis
<b>Tracey Tupa</b>	RENEW—Newcastle
<b>Cindy Wardell</b>	Lincoln Self Reliance, Kemmerer
<b>Gregg Witzgall</b>	START—Jackson

**Note to all current WYTRANS Trainers: You must sign up to be trained in new TSI training program. See page one for details.**

## The Purpose of WYTRANS and the Benefits of WYTRANS Membership

The mission of the Wyoming Public Transit Association (WYTRANS) is *to advocate for transit, coordinate transit, and educate the public about transit.* WYTRANS accomplishes these purposes through representing the Wyoming Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grantees in coordination with the Wyoming Department of Transit (WYDOT), FTA and with the Wyoming legislature. In the past, WYTRANS has successfully lobbied the legislature to increase the amount of funding available for public transit in Wyoming.

Some basic goals of WYTRANS are:

- \* Seek out more funding for transit.
- \* Provide safe, cost effective rides to meet local transit needs.
- \* Train drivers and managers.
- \* Facilitate support and coordination between agencies.

WYTRANS provides manager and driver training for grantees, using Federal Rural Transit Assistance Program (RTAP) funds provided by WYDOT. WYTRANS offers various training workshops and certifications at very nominal costs. ***The training program is for all transit providers,*** and with a WYTRANS membership, transit providers pay lower registration fees for training such as PASS and Safe Driver, and are reimbursed for seventy percent of training expenses. In response to FTA's mandatory drug and alcohol testing for safety sensitive transit employees, WYTRANS provides training materials and support by having information on testing services and FTA requirements.

Annual dues are based on each agency's transportation budget and range from \$100-150. Additional information about WYTRANS is available on the website at [www.wytrans.org](http://www.wytrans.org).

*Wishing You a Happy Holiday Season*

## BOARD ELECTION RESULTS

Elections for the WYTRANS Board were held in December. Board Members are listed below.

<b>Glenda Mefford</b> Weston County Senior Services	<b>Region I</b>
<b>Denise Andersen</b> North Big Horn Senior Center	<b>Region II</b>
<b>Michael Wackerly</b> Town of Jackson, START	<b>Region III</b>
<b>Judy Owens</b> Sweetwater County Transit Authority, STAR	<b>Region IV</b>
<b>Jeri Bottenfield</b> Goshen County Senior Friendship Center	<b>Region V</b>
<b>Renaë Jording</b> Cheyenne Transit	<b>Section 9</b>
<b>Marge Cole</b> Casper Area Transportation Coalition, CATC	<b>At-large</b>
<b>Marge Myers</b> Crook County Senior Citizens Inc.	<b>At-large</b>
<b>Sean Solan</b> Wind River Transportation Authority, WRTA	<b>At-large</b>
<b>Betty Sones</b> Wellness Coordinator, State of WY Aging Division	<b>Ex-Officio</b>
<b>Emily Howery</b> Community Entry Services	<b>Trainer Liaison</b>
<b>Rich Douglass</b> Wyo. Dept. of Transportation – Transit Program	<b>Liaison</b>
<b>Taylor Rossetti</b> Wyo. Dept. of Transportation – Transit Program	<b>Liaison</b>
<b>Joni Harlan</b> Wyo. Dept. of Transportation – Fiscal Consultant	<b>Liaison</b>

*Board Officers will be elected at the next board meeting, January 18, 2011.*

## News from October 2010 WYTRANS Board Meeting

A WYTRANS Board Meeting was held October 13, 2010 in Riverton, Wyoming. The following are some of the highlights from that meeting.

### WYTRANS Conference Details

The 2011 WYTRANS Annual Conference will be held June 15-17 in Rock Springs, Wyoming. This year's conference will again feature a mandatory WYDOT funding session on Friday, June 17, 2011. Look for additional details about the conference in an upcoming issue of *The Wyoming Transit Express*.

### Change in Reimbursement Policy for WYTRANS Members at Annual Conference

Registration fees to attend the WYTRANS Conference and related travel expenses are reimbursable expenses for all WYTRANS members.

In order to be reimbursed, WYTRANS members should:

- \* First, submit the expense for attending the WYTRANS Conference on their regular billings to WYDOT, as a training expense. WYDOT will reimburse 80% of these expenses.
- \* After submitting the expense to WYDOT, WYTRANS members can then submit the remaining 20% to WYTRANS for reimbursement. This second reimbursement—being made by WYTRANS—would be made at the WYTRANS rate of 70%.

Example: Agency ABC's total expenses for attending the conference come to \$400. This expense would first be submitted to WYDOT. Agency ABC would then be reimbursed \$320 by WYDOT. The unreimbursed balance of \$80 (\$400-\$320) would then be submitted to WYTRANS. Agency ABC would then be reimbursed 70% — or \$64 in this example — by WYTRANS. The final cost of attending the conference would be \$24.

*The official board minutes will not be approved until the next meeting scheduled for January 18, 2011.*

### 2011 Legislative Reception

The Wyoming Public Transit Association will be holding its annual reception to thank all Wyoming Legislators for their hard work and service.

The reception, which is hosted jointly by WYTRANS, AARP Wyoming and the Wyoming Association of Senior Project Directors, will be held **March 2, 2011**. All WYTRANS members are encouraged to attend to personally thank their local representatives.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 18, 2011**— WYTRANS Board Meeting

**March 2, 2011**—Legislative Reception

**March 3, 2011** — WYTRANS Board Meeting

**June 15-17, 2011**—WYTRANS Annual Conference

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