



# In Transit

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## URSTA Fall Conference and ROADEO

The Fall Conference and ROADEO will be September 15th and 16th in beautiful Logan Utah this year. Logan Transit District will host this year's ROADEO. Todd Beutler, Transit Manager for LTD, will set up the course and manage the event. Laidlaw will provide the training. Mark your calendars and register early!

URSTA needs judges to help out with the ROADEO. Training will be provided. Contact Todd or Jennifer for more information.

If you haven't renewed your URSTA membership, now's the time to do it! E-mail Jennifer Owen at [niffon@earthlink.net](mailto:niffon@earthlink.net)

## NEW BOARD OFFICERS

### President: Ryan Marshall

My name is Ryan Marshall and I am the Public Works Services Administrator for the City of St. George. I took on this role with St. George City about three years ago. I was assigned responsibility for the transportation divisions for the city, which includes the Streets division, the Fleet division and SunTran, our city's public transportation system. My wife and I are both very excited to be back in Southern Utah. We both grew up in this general area but we moved after I finished my Masters degree. We wanted to bring our two children back home to be closer to family and to be able to share with them some of the experiences that we had as kids growing up in Southern Utah. I have found throughout my career that professional organizations are a tremendous source of support and networking and this holds true in Public Transportation. Being a member of URSTA has allowed me to network with local transit organizations that have similar interests and challenges that I am facing. I am honored to be President of URSTA's Board and to be able to participate in furthering transit interests in our area.

### Vice President: Art Bowen

Regional Manager  
UTA

As a regional manager of UTA's Mount Ogden Business Unit, Art Bowen draws on his vast transit background to run a top-notch business operation. Art has worked at UTA for 29 years. He oversees bus operations, maintenance, administration, marketing, and customer service.

### Treasurer: Eric Nasset

Fleet and Transit Manager  
Park City Municipal Corporation

Eric Nasset has worked in the transit industry since he moved to Park City, eight years ago. Park City Transit is a fare free fixed-route transit system with a fleet of 31 vehicles operating in Park City and Summit County, Utah, with about 1.5 million passenger trips per year. Park City's Fleet Services Department maintains all of the city's 190 vehicles.



# URSTA 2005 Fall Conference and ROADEO September 15th and 16th Agenda

## Day 1 Thursday, September 15th

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Noon	Conference Attendee Registration
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Class on Defensive Driving
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Class on Passenger Relations (Disabled and Non disabled drivers)
3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Class on Defensive Driving
3:15 - 5:15 p.m.	Class on Passenger Relations (Disabled and Non disabled drivers)
5:15 - 6:15 p.m.	Break; Visit Vendor Booths
6:00 - 6:30 p.m.	Written test given to Roadeo contestants
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.	Roadeo training for judges and contestants
7:00 Evening Event	Attendees night out for Dinner

## Day 2 Friday, September 16th

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7:30 a.m.	Driver /Judge roadeo course walk through
8:00 a.m.	Roadeo start
11:30 a.m.	Roadeo finish
Noon	Lunch
12:30 p.m.	Awards presentation
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Elected officials, distinguished guests to drive roadeo course

# Registration Form for Fall Conference and ROADEO

For room reservations call Crystal Inn 1-800-280-0707

Address: 853 S. Highway 89-91 Logan Utah

Name of Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Conference Attendee (s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Conference Fees:

\_\_\_\_\_ Members: \$130.00      \_\_\_\_\_ Non-members and vendors: \$180.00

Please complete this form and send along with your payment to:  
URSTA, P.O. Box 99 Riverton, Utah 84065

If you need to renew your membership or wish to join URSTA, e-mail Jennifer Owen at [niffton@earthlink.net](mailto:niffton@earthlink.net) for a membership application or print off an application at [www.ursta.org](http://www.ursta.org).

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## Scholarships

Ursta has scholarship money available for rural transportation providers to attend the Fall Conference and ROADEO. Scholarships under RTAP (Rural Training Assistance Program) are available to rural transportation providers and organizations eligible for 5310 funding. These funds are available to attend any transportation conference and/or training. If you are interested in obtaining information on a scholarship please call Georgette (435) 896-6807 or Jennifer (801) 446-9254.

# Helen Shaw Award

The eighth annual Helen Shaw Friends of Transit Award for an individual in the transportation field was presented to Beth Cottam of Five County Association of Governments.

Beth was nominated because she is a dedicated advocate for transportation services especially in rural Utah. One example of her dedication was her ability to convince the St. George city council to keep Sun Tran going when the council lost sight of the need for a transportation system in St. George Utah. Other examples occur every year as she travels to Capitol Hill in Salt Lake City to educate policy and law makers in our state on providing funding for much needed transportation services for rural areas.

**Congratulations Beth Cottam for your dedicated service to transportation providers in the state of Utah!**

(Nominated by Pam Roberts)

# Kae Draper Award

The tenth annual Kae Draper Outstanding Transit System Award for an outstanding transit system was presented to CATS(Cedar Area Transportation Service).

The Cedar Area Transportation Service has come a long ways in just two short years. It serves the Cedar City community well by offering routed transit with times buses, as well as a dial-a-ride paratransit service. They also provide great support to area tourists by setting up a special route for visitors who attend the Utah Shakespearean Festival.

The development and implementation of the Cedar Area Transportation Service went amazingly smooth due to community support, a strong advisory council, interagency cooperation, and great coordination between City staff and City leaders.

CATS was nominated for this award due to their outstanding service provided. Area residents appreciate the friendly manner in which they are greeted and treated. A recent news paper article is quoted as saying, It's like a rolling coffee shop without the coffee or "cheers" without the beer - a place where everybody knows your name, with lots of friendly conversation, a comfortable seat and freedom from stressing about busy traffic as riders wind down the boulevard."

**Rick Holman and Clint Neilsen have led this new transit system.**

- One (for the money), they worked well with the Five County AOG and local leadership to generate needed local match support to go with grants written.
- Two (for the show), they were able to work with the advisory counsel and community to show the need for a local transit system.
- Three (to get ready), they provided great leadership in getting the system ready to launch.
- and ...Four (to GO!) They have successfully launched a great little system that serves the community well. They are preparing for growth and in just two years have gone a long way.

**Congratulations CATS on your program development and outstanding service.**

(Nominated by Beth Cottam)

# Rodeo Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Agency \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Participant

\_\_\_\_\_ Judge

## Classification

\_\_\_\_\_ 15 Passenger Van

\_\_\_\_\_ Cut Away

\_\_\_\_\_ Big Bus



**ROADEO Registration is due by AUGUST 26!**

**Fax this form to Todd (435) 716-9682 or mail to URSTA P.O. Box 99 Riverton Utah 84065**

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## To all of the members of URSTA:

I'd like to personally thank you for the opportunity to attend the National Rodeo competition sponsored by CTAA in St. Louis, MO, this past week! I was proud to place 18th in the van division. It was an honor to be surrounded and to learn from so many experienced professionals in the Public Transportation field. Thank you for allowing me this great opportunity that I will always think fondly of. Good luck to you in all your future endeavors in Public Transportation, and again thank you so much for the opportunity to represent your great organization and the State of Utah.

Sincerely,

Corey Barton  
*Utah State University Parking & Transportation Dept.*

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## PASS - Passenger Service and Safety Certification

The (PASS) Driver Certification Program ensures that community transportation drivers have current expertise in passenger assistant techniques and sensitivity skills appropriate for serving persons with disabilities. The PASS program is a two-day Driver Program.

Some of the advantages of PASS certification is the ability to reduce organizational liability; comprehensive, up-to-date training on the assistance drivers should be providing to passengers with special needs; intensive emergency situation training; certification oversight provided by national leaders in the community transportation field; and updates for all participants on relevant regulatory changes.

Please call Leone Harwood 801-964-4508 or Tracy Young 801-965-4360 for further information.

# Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Approves Dramatic Increases for Rural Transportation and Services for Seniors and People With Disabilities

On July 19, the Senate Subcommittee on Transportation, Treasury, the Judiciary and Housing and Urban Development passed its FY 2006 appropriations bill which included an 80 percent increase in rural transit investment (Section 5311) and a nearly 90 percent increase in transportation for seniors and people with disabilities (Section 5310). The bill will likely reach the Senate floor in September.

"We applaud the important work of the Senate in continuing to ensure that all Americans — but especially those in rural communities and small towns and our nation's seniors and people with disabilities — have improved access to transportation alternatives," said Community Transportation Association Executive Director Dale J. Marsico, CCTM. "This is great news for our members and proves that their outstanding record of service in moving Americans has not gone unnoticed in the United States Senate."

The Senate subcommittee's bill, which is consistent with the Senate's TEA-21 reauthorization bill, calls for an increase of nearly \$600 million in overall public and community transportation investment in FY 2006 and follows a similar House proposal that would increase transit funding next year by more than \$700 million.

As reported from the CTAA Web site 2005

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## CTAA ROADEO RESULTS

URSTA sponsored two contestants at the National Community Transit Roadeo in St. Louis MO. Both contestants did very well in their divisions.

2005 Van Division

Corey Barton, Utah State University

Placed 18th

2005 Body on Chassis

Michael Sanders, Utah Valley Paratransit

Placed 55th



We want to thank RTAP Funding for paying for the newsletter

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URSTA is a statewide association, which began in 1988.  
Our goal is to build a strong network of fixed route  
and specialized transportation services.

### OUR PURPOSE IS:

- To promote safe, efficient, effective and economical transportation for clients in human services agencies and organizations;
- To promote risk management programs including driver training, vehicle inspection, vehicle maintenance and selection;
- To arrange regional workshops on topics of interest;
- To provide information exchange by way of our newsletter;
- To assist in the coordination of available transit services;
- To increase public awareness of special transportation services and problems;
- To host an annual "roadeo" bringing drivers statewide together to test their skills on a challenging obstacle course and send the winner to CTAA's national roadeo.

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