



In Transit

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URSTA Upcoming Events

2009

September 18 & 19

Fall Conference and Rodeo Park City, Utah at the Silver Baron Lodge.

2010

May 13 & 14

Spring Conference 2010 Logan, Utah



URSTA Fall Conference & Rodeo 2009

September 18 & 19 • Park City, Utah

Silver Baron Lodge



Join us in beautiful Park City, Utah for our annual Fall Conference and Rodeo. The conference and Rodeo will be at the Silver Baron Lodge at the Deer Valley Resort. URSTA has secured rooms at a special rate for our conference attendees. The lodges are nestled in the mountains and you will enjoy the five star rooms and close proximity to historic Main Street in Park City.

After many requests from our members, we are bringing Cerena Crosby back to teach the Defensive Driving Course. This course is endorsed by the Utah Safety Council and counts as credit towards points on your driving record. Park City Transit will also be teaching a class on moving/backing.

We will also be offering an Accident Procedure class for management. This class offers a pre-set plan to give to your drivers in case they are involved in an accident.

Register today and join us for a fun getaway, professional training, and an event filled Rodeo.

See you in Park City!

URSTA Fall Conference & Rodeo Agenda September 18 & 19, 2009

Day 1 Silver Baron Lodge, Park City
Friday, September 18



12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Conference Registration
12:30 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions (light snack)
1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Class #1: Defensive Driving (drivers) Class #2: Accident Procedures (management)
3:00-3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15-4:30 p.m.	Class #1: Defensive Driving cont. Class #2: Management peer to peer table
5:00 p.m.	Written Test for ROADEO Contestants
5:00 p.m. - ongoing	Vendor Show
6:00 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	URSTA Slideshow and Presentation

Day 2 ROADEO at the Silver Baron Lodge Parking Lot
Saturday, September 19

7:30-8:30 a.m.	Driver/Judge walk thru Driver Training.....Moving/Backing
8:30 a.m.	ROADEO Starts
12:00 p.m.	Lunch and Awards Presentation

Registration Form

URSTA Fall Conference & ROADEO 2009

September 18 & 19, 2009

Silver Baron Lodge • 2900 Deer Valley Drive East • Park City, Utah

For room reservations: Please complete the room reservation form.

Personal Information

Please fill out one form for each registrant.

Name _____ Driver or Admin Training? _____

Organization _____ Title _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Conference Fees

_____ \$130.00 URSTA Member _____ \$180.00 Non Member and Vendor

_____ I am enclosing a check for a guest for dinner on September 18, 2009 @ \$15.00 per plate.

The Conference fee covers the training and conference meals. The hotel room is the individual's responsibility. Rooms are available at \$99.00 per night. This special rate is available 9/17, 9/18. Please complete the enclosed room reservation form and return to URSTA. If you are applying for a scholarship for the hotel room, your credit card will not be charged for the room. Room availability is limited and all unused rooms will be released September 1, 2009.

Scholarships

URSTA has scholarship money available for urban and rural transportation providers to attend the Spring Conference in St. George, Utah. RTAP Scholarship money covers some of the costs associated with attending URSTA related conferences and/or training. RTAP Scholarships are also available for transit related personnel (drivers, dispatchers, managers, mechanics etc.) to attend URSTA, national, state and local transit training and educational programs.

If you would like to apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost of attending this conference, please check the appropriate boxes.

- I would like a Scholarship for just the Registration Fee (\$130.00)
- I would like a Scholarship for a one night stay at the Silver Baron Lodge (Rate is \$99.00 + tax)
- I would like a Scholarship for both the Registration Fee and for a one night stay at the hotel.

Please complete this form and send along with your payment to:

URSTA, P.O. Box 99 Riverton, Utah 84065

To join URSTA contact Jennifer Owen 801-446-9254

Regional ROADEO's

URSTA and RTAP sponsored three regional ROADEO's and driver trainings this spring. With the help of our host agencies, the events were a huge success. Drivers were trained on wheel chair securement, defensive driving, and vehicle awareness. Thank you to all of the people that participated and everyone that donated their time and effort at our ROADEO's. In the upcoming year we plan to offer more driver training opportunities by region for our members.

Logan Roadeo Winners

- 1st Place: Sam Tingey CVTD
- 2nd Place: Robbie Peterson, USU Aggie Shuttle
- 3rd Place: Ronald Devenish, USU Aggie Shuttle

Moab Roadeo Winners

- 1st Place: Raymond Smith UTE Tribe Transit
- 2nd Place: Stevie Atwood Active Re Entry
- 3rd Place: Jack Etcitty San Juan County AAA

Richfield Roadeo Winners

Need to fill in

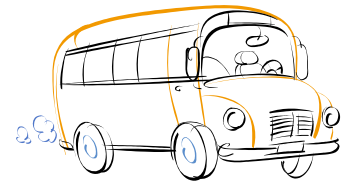


Nancy Bentley waves as the contestant drives by!



Moab winners....Stevie, Raymond & Jack

URSTA 2009 ROADEO
Deer Valley Lodges Parking Lot
Park City, Utah
Saturday, September 19, 2009



ROADEO REGISTRATION

Name _____

Agency _____

Classification

_____ 15 Passenger Van

_____ Cut Away/ Para Transit

_____ Big Bus

_____ Judge or Volunteer

ROADEO Registrations are due by September 7, 2009! Mail this form along with your conference registration form to: URSTA...P.O. Box 99 Riverton, UT 84065

CTAA ROADEO 2009

Congratulations to the contestants that URSTA and RTAP sent to the CTAA ROADEO. John Samson from Park City finished top ten in the nation. This is his second year attending the CTAA ROADEO. All of the drivers did very well and we are proud to have such great drivers represent Utah and URSTA.

Cut-Away

6th John Samson from Park City

51st Sam Tingey from CVTD

15 Passenger Van

18th Mandie Kaneko from Options for Independence



The Five Seeing Eye Habits

1. AIM HIGH IN STEERING

Look far ahead and find a safe path for your vehicle.

2. GET THE BIG PICTURE

Be aware of what's going on around you. Be observant of other vehicles and potential hazards that exist on and off the road.

3. KEEP YOUR EYES MOVING

Always keep your eyes moving and avoid staring at one object. Be sure you check your mirrors as you scan your surroundings

4. LEAVE YOURSELF AN OUT

Always have an escape route. Be prepared and expect the unexpected.

5. MAKE SURE THEY SEE YOU

Communicate in traffic. Let other drivers know you are there by using your horn, lights, and signals or just by making eye-contact.

Welcome New Members!

Palisade Pals, Inc
Bill Peterson
302 South Main
Manti, UT 84642
435-835-0531

West Millard Co Seniors
Jan Smith
240 West 100 South
Delta, UT 84624
435-864-2682

Work Activity Center
Debbie Rooks
1275 W. 2320 South
West Valley, UT 84119
801-977-9779 x135

Central Utah Center for
Independent Living
Sandra Curcio
491 North Freedom Blvd
Provo, UT 84601
801-373-5044



It's time to renew your URSTA Membership!

URSTA Spring Conference 2009 Sponsor

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Lewis Transportation Sales
Roy Harris
1260 South 500 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84101



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Helen Shaw Award 2009

Tracy Young



Tracy Young was presented with the Twelfth annual Helen Shaw award at the URSTA Spring Conference. Tracy has been involved with transportation in Utah for many years.

Tracy started as a bus driver and her hands on experience gave her first hand knowledge of issues that senior centers and their customers deal with on a day to day

basis. Tracy has held many positions with the State and has worked with transit agencies and senior centers all over Utah. Tracy is organized, caring and works hard to help transit agencies. Tracy always goes the extra mile and is willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done.

Tracy has given great support to URSTA and is always available to offer resources and training opportunities to our members. When Tracy took over the RTAP program with UDOT she did a complete overhaul of the system and she implemented policies and changes that directly benefit Utah transit agencies. As manager of the 5310 funding, she became an advocate for her transit providers and worked hard to help agencies secure buses. She also worked hard to simplify the process and keep her agencies in compliance. In the short time that she has been over the 5311 funds, the program has seen dramatic improvements.

Tracy has earned great respect from the transit agencies and the people she works with. Tracy is a great friend and is well liked in our industry. We are fortunate to get to work with her. Congratulations Tracy!

Kae Draper Award 2009

SunTran

SunTran was presented with the Fourteenth annual Kae Draper award at the URSTA Spring Conference.

In 1997, the local governments and residents of St. George area recognized a need for a transportation system. In 2000, after the completion of the Dixie Feasibility Study, the Five County Association of Governments, with the assistance from the surrounding cities started the "Dixie Area Rapid Transit System" (DARTS). DARTS was funded through Nonurbanized Area Funds and contributions from the surrounding area and private partners.

DARTS served the communities' basic transit needs until May of 2002, when St. George City and the surrounding areas were identified as an urbanized area by the U.S. Census Bureau. Funding for the DARTS system then became an issue so the ownership and operation of the transit system was taken over on January 2, 2003 by the city of St. George. The name was changed to SunTran and the service area was changed to fit within the city budget constraints.

In 2003, SunTran started with 5 16-seat buses and ran 3 fixed routes with 60 minute headways and had a total of 83 stops along those routes, in addition to its paratransit curb-to-curb service.

In February of 2008, SunTran added another route to its fixed route service, 12 additional stops and decreased the headway on the fixed route served from 60 to 40 minutes. They also added 2 additional 30-foot buses and 2 27-foot replacement buses were purchased.

SunTran's ridership has gone from 65,000 in 2003 to over 310,000 in 2008.

In 2009, SunTran will see the construction of a new administration building and hopes to add additional paratransit vehicles to the fleet and the possible expansion of the fixed route service.

Transit service in St. George is being utilized by the residents of the area, and has become a reliable transportation alternative.

Ryan Marshall is the manager of SunTran. Ryan has vision and works hard to improve his transit system. Ryan is also involved with URSTA and is always willing to offer help to other transit agencies in the state. SunTran employees strive to deliver courteous, professional "Service that Shines". Congratulations SunTran on your outstanding transit system!

