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- 5:45AM – 7:30AM** Shuttle Runs to Rodeo Course (Hotel Lobby)
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2015 FIXED ROUTE PARTICIPANTS

Ernest “ Vitamin E Big E” Brackins

Mid Mon Valley/MV Transit

Ernest resides in Monessen, PA with his wife of 16 years; Kimberly Ford-Brackins. They have 3 children. Kymberlianne, Ernest Jr. & Lauryn. He has been an operator just over 3 years.

Ricardo Cancel

York Adams County Transportation (Rabbit Transit)

Ricardo resides in York, PA with his wife of 10 years; Sheila LaBoy. They have 4 children and 1 grandchild. Ricardo has been operating vehicles for over 28 years; the past 5 with Rabbit Transit. He operates the 30’ and the 40’ bus.

Over the years he has achieved the Safety Award and the 2010 Customer Choice Award. Richardo says, “I enjoy attending the roadeos and spending time with fellow drivers from other transit authorities. It’s always fun to attend”.

Matthew Clinger

Altoona Metro Transit

Matthew resides in Altoona, PA with his wife of 7 years; Clarissa. They have two children; Catherine (9) and Matthew Jr. (6).

He has been an operator for 3 years and operates the 35’ Gillig bus. He has participated in 2 PPTA’s State Roadeos and one National. In 2014 he placed 2nd at the PPTA State Roadeo. He is a firefighter with Newburg Fire Dept in Logan Township. Matthew Says “I am excited to be competing in my third state roadeo.”

Douglas “Doug” Fyock

Cambria County Transit Authority

Doug resides in Johnstown, PA with his wife of 6 years; Connie. He has been an operator for the 35’ Gillig bus for the past 8 years. This will be his 4th Roadeo. In his spare time he enjoys hunting, fishing, woodwork and old cars.

Timothy “Tim” Garman

River Valley Transit

Tim resides in Williamsport, PA with his wife of 15 years Nicole; they have 3 children; Matthew (13) Ashley (12) and Jacob (6).

He has been operating the Gillig, and the New Flyer for the past 6 years. This will be his 4th roadeo. He received the 3 Year Safe Driving Award from NSC.

Percy Hagenbuch

Centre Area Transportation Authority

Percy resides in State College, PA with his wife of 17 years; Melissa. They have a 13 year old daughter Emily. He has operated the New Flyer & Gillig for the past 16 years. This will be his 8th roadeo.

Percy says "I'm easy going and usually get along with almost anyone, and I like to compete in the rodeos because they are fun and exciting"

Justin Holt

River Valley Transit

Justin resides in Williamsport, PA with his wife of 8 years, Stacy; they have 3 children. Cameron (14) Caden (9) and Aubrey (3). He has operated the 40' Gillig for the past 6 years. This will be his 5th roadeo. He has achieved the 1- Year Safe Driver Award from NSC

William "Dale" Holland

Altoona Metro Transit

Dale resides in Altoona, PA with his wife of 33 years Jayne. They have one son; Jeff (33). He has operated the 35' Gillig bus for over 30 years. He has been to 50+ State Rodeos. He placed 1st place 3 times; 2nd place 2 times and 3rd place 4 times. He feels every day is a new experience.

Leonard "Lenny" Howlett

River Valley Transit

Lenny resides in Williamsport, PA with his wife of 16 years; Irmtraud Meinghardt-Jones. They have 2 children; Jessica (38) and Eric (35). Lenny has been an operator for the past 27 years. He operates Gillig and New Flyer buses.

He has participated in 23 PPTA's State Rodeos and 9 APTA Rodeos. He has finished in the top 3 seven times for PPTA's roadeo. He received the 22 year Safe Driver Award from NSC; and is the president ATU Local 1496

Zach Kuhns

Centre Area Transportation Authority

Zach resides in Reedsville, PA with his wife and two children. He has been an operator for one year. He operates the 40' New Flyer Excelsior. This will be his first roadeo.

Zach says he is nervous, anxious but honored to get this learning experience. He said CATA is a great place to work. Everyone is great and he really likes his job.

Ron “RON DEAN” Marchak

Beaver County Transit Authority

Ron Dean resides in Aliquippa, PA. He has been an operator for 7 years and he operates the MCI. This will be his 5th roadeo; he has achieved 3 Safe Driver Awards and 2 quarterly Operator Excellence awards.

Ron Says “I’m excited to be here today for my 5th roadeo event. I always have a great time competing with the best drivers and meeting everyone here. I just wanted to say thanks to BCTGA for helping me get here today and Belinda for all of her encouragement and support.”

Christina Miller

Centre Area Transportation Authority

Resides in State College, PA with her husband of 14 years, Al; they have 3 children - Zach (24) Cara (21) & Cassie (16). They have one grandson Ryan (4). She has been an operator for 20 years; She operates the 40’ Trans Style Excelsior.

This will be her first roadeo. Christina is beautician with shop in her home. She and her husband own and sing in a classic rock band called “Chrissy and the Heart Attacks”. She loves the beach, her pets and kiddos. She loves driving the bus and it’s always fun socializing with the patrons.

Randall “Randy” Norris

York Adams Transportation Authority (Rabbit Transportation)

Randy resides in York, PA with his wife Esther; he has 3 children and 1 grandchild. He has been an operator for 34 years and operates the Gillig bus. He has attended several roadeos including the Maryland State Roadeo. He has earned the Safe Driver Award several time and driver of the year many times.

Randy says, “I am proud and honored to have the chance to compete in the roadeos, which gives me more interesting experiences and allows me to meet co-drivers from different transit systems. Winning or losing in this competition is not a big deal, but how we participate with utmost dedication toward driving is.”

John “JP” Porter

Cambria County Transit Authority

JP resides in Johnstown, PA. He has been an operator for 10 years and operates the Gillig. This is his 6th Roadeo. JP has 2 children John II (29) and Daniel (25).

Andrew “Raffy” Raffensperger

York Adams Transportation Authority (Rabbit Transportation)

Raffy resides in Dover, PA with his wife of 10 years; Judy. He has been an operator of the Gillig 40’ bus for 12 years. This is his 6th Roadeo.

Raffy says “I love the fellowship, food and atmosphere... especially here at 7 Springs Mountain Resort... GOD BLESS US ALL”

Lori Randall

Mid Mon Valley/ MV Transit

Lori resides in Scottsdale, PA. She has been an operator for 20 years and operates the Gillig bus. This is her 3rd roadeo.

Danny Rice

Mid Mon Valley/ MV Transit

Danny resides in Uniontown, PA with his wife Clarisa. They have 3 children; Alex (23), Danielle (22) and Danny Jr. (17). He has been an operator of the Gillig 40 ft bus for 13 years. He has participated in 2 Roadeos.

Danny enjoys showing his skills as a transit operator. He likes meeting new people and helping others. In his free time he likes fishing and the outdoors.

Zenon "John" Rinylo

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

John resides in Turnersville, NJ with his wife of 37 years; Lynn. They have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. He has been an operator for 37 years and operates the 40 ' New Flyer.

He has participated in over 70 Roadeos. He has 22 1st place SEPTA Roadeos; 15 PPTA State Roadeos; APTA – 1st place two times; 3rd place 4 times and 3 times overall Grand Champion Team. John enjoys the competition, meeting other drivers, sharing experiences and helping put the new Roadeo participants at ease.

José Silva

Altoona Metro Transit

José resides in Altoona, PA with his wife of 23 years; Kim. They have two children; Caleb (23) & Christian (20). Jose has been an operator for 16 years and operates the 35' Gillig bus.

He has participated in several Roadeos. Placed 1st place in the 2008 PPTA State Roadeo. José enjoys spending time with his family.

Victor Tarver

Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority

Victor resides in Philadelphia, PA with his wife of 22 years; Crystal. Victor has one daughter; Victoria. He has been an operator for 32 years and operates the 40' New Flyer bus.

Victor has participated in over 20 Roadeos. 1st place overall and 2nd place overall at SEPTA; and 2nd place in the PPTA 2012 State Roadeo. Victor loves competing and meeting all his fellow competitors. He considers himself a professional and enjoys dealing with the public and providing such an important service to his city and the Philadelphia region.

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2015 PARATRANSIT DRIVERS

Lorie Caler

Beaver County Transit Authority

Lorie resides in Aliquippa, PA and has been an operator for 2 1/2 Years. This is her first Rodeo. She has 1 son named Buster he is 29 years old. Lori is very compassionate towards people and loves her job. She is excited to participate in her first rodeo.

James Downam

Norristown Agency Division of Eason Coach and Suburban Transit Network, Inc.

James resides in Norristown, PA. He has been an operator for 3 years; this is his 4th state rodeo. Out of the 4 times he competed, he was the state champion twice. He has also had the opportunity to participate in the National Rodeo 2 times. James has been married to Karen for over 20 years. They have one son Christopher. He is a retired Marine. Helping others less fortunate than him brings him the greatest joy.

Damon "DAYE" Harris

First Transit/Access

Damon resides in Braddock, PA and has 1 son named Dashwawn who is 16 years old. He has been an operator for 9 years; this is his 3rd rodeo. He placed 2nd in PPTA's 2014 State Rodeo.

Honors/Awards: First Transit Behind the Wheel Trainee. He has received multiple drivecam Good Driver Awards. Daye likes to watch sports, cars and spending time with his family. He feels it is an honor to be chosen to participate in the rodeo. He feels he has the best boss anyone can ask for...

Kyle Hess

Easton Coach

Kyle resides in Nazareth, PA and has been an operator for 4 years; he normally operates a Chevy 4500 starcraft van.... This is his 3rd rodeo.

He was lucky enough to place 2nd the very first time he competed. The State Rodeo is something that has come to look forward to every summer. He says that it makes his hard work throughout the year worth it. His most interesting experiences usually happen during the bad weather. He loves what he does; he just loves the transportation industry in general.

George Johnson

Buxmont Transportation/ Suburban Transit Network, Inc.

George resides in Warminster, PA with his wife of 47 years; Helen. They have 4 children and 10 grandchildren.

George has been an operator for 12 years and operates the Wheelchair Van. This is his 4th Rodeo. He has placed 2nd & 3rd in previous years. He has had the honor of participating in the National Rodeo one time. He enjoys reading, music and meeting other. He also enjoys traveling.

Krista Prentice

Buxmont transportation/Suburban Transit Network, Inc

Krista resides in Willow Grove, PA. She has 3 children; Robert (47), AnnMarie (42) and Richard (34) and 3 grandchildren. She has been an operator for 3 years and operates the Paratransit Vehicle. She placed 3rd in PPTA's 2014 State Rodeo and in 2015 competed in the National Rodeo and WON Most Spirited Award. Krista drove a school bus for 20 years. She loves transporting her clients to their workshops and helping others.

Heather Smith

Beaver County Transit Authority

Heather resides in New Brighton, PA with her husband of 20 years; Gerald. She has 2 children; Andrew 18 and Gary 14. She has been an operator for 2 years and operates the Paratransit Vehicle.

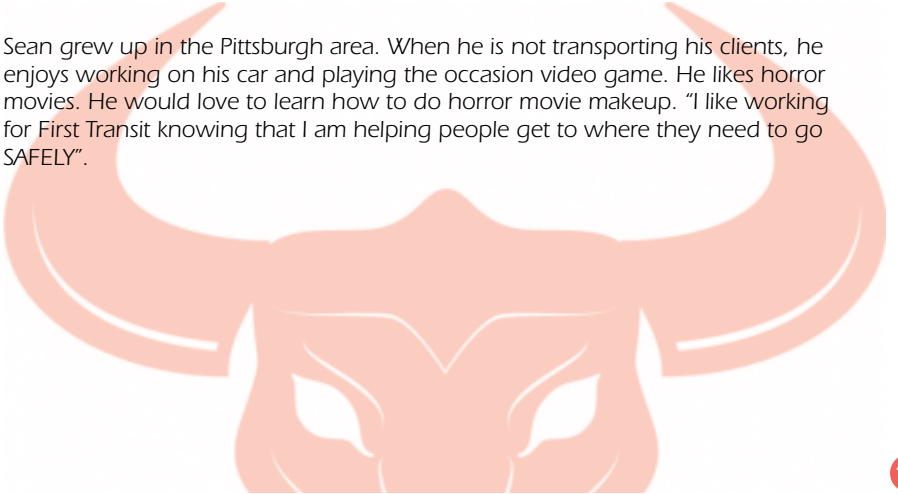
She is very excited to participate in her Rodeo. She loves working with the public. She considers herself a people person.

Sean Sowers

First Transit/Access

Sean resides in Finleyville, PA. He has been an operator since 2012 and operates the Lift Paratransit Van.

Sean grew up in the Pittsburgh area. When he is not transporting his clients, he enjoys working on his car and playing the occasion video game. He likes horror movies. He would love to learn how to do horror movie makeup. "I like working for First Transit knowing that I am helping people get to where they need to go SAFELY".





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- sponsored by    





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- 7:30AM – 8:00AM** Registration & Continental Breakfast
(Seasons Lobby)
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- 8:00AM – 11:30AM** Committee Meetings
- 8:00AM – 9:00AM** Maintenance (Seasons 3&4)
Ride Share (Seasons 1&2)
Technology Advancement (Wintergreen)
- 9:15AM – 10:15AM** Marketing & Communications (Wintergreen)
Community Transportation (Seasons 3&4)
Operations (Seasons 1&2)
- 10:30AM – 11:30AM** Governmental Affairs (Wintergreen)
- 11:45AM – 12:45PM** Membership Luncheon Meeting (Alpine)
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