



June 18, 2009

TO: All PPTA Members and Special Guests
FROM: Tim Miller, Chairman, PPTA Operations Committee
SUBJECT: PPTA 2009 Bus and Paratransit Roadeo – August 8-9, 2009

It is my pleasure to extend this invitation to you and your fellow workers to attend the PPTA 2009 Bus and Paratransit Roadeo to be held Saturday and Sunday, August 8 and 9, 2009 at the Four Points Sheraton Greensburg. This annual event continues the tradition of good competition and recognition for our many fine operators around the state. Westmoreland County Transit Authority and the PPTA Operations Committee will serve as your hosts for this year's event, which promises to be filled with fun and excitement.

Registration will be held on Saturday afternoon from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Four Points Sheraton Greensburg. Our evening activities will feature a family luau at the hotel, complete with swimming, good food, and good times. On Sunday, August 9 the roadeo will be held on-site at the Four Points Sheraton parking lot and includes a continental breakfast and award luncheon.

Each organization can send up to a maximum of three (3) contestants to each competition – 3 paratransit and 3 bus operators. Answers to frequently asked questions are attached. In order to be eligible, contestants:

- a) must have been a full-time or part-time operator for the previous calendar year;
- b) should not have had a preventable accident within the previous calendar year; and
- c) should have a good attendance record and otherwise be in good standing.

GENERAL INFORMATION

◆ A MINIMUM OF TEN (10) DRIVERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR EACH COMPETITION OR THE EVENT WILL NOT BE HELD ◆

Prizes Per Class: First Place - \$500 Cash; Second Place - \$250 Cash; Third Place - \$125 Cash

Vehicles: 35' Gillig Buses ; Ford Body on Chassis E450

Accommodations: Four Points Sheraton Greensburg, 100 Sheraton Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601
(All events held at Hotel) To ensure availability, it is important to make your reservations **ASAP-BEFORE 7/15!**
Call (724)836-6060 and mention PPTA to get the special rate of \$105.00.

\$100 Entry Fee: Includes Saturday Dinner; Sunday Roadeo, Continental Breakfast & Lunch for Entrant and One Family Member/Guest (*others pay \$55 per person to attend with participant*)

Deadline: Submit registration & operator biography by **July 15** with appropriate fees to PPTA

Agenda:

<u>Saturday, August 8:</u>	2:00-5:30 p.m.	Welcome/Registration for Drivers & Judges
	6:00 p.m.	Luau at Hotel
<u>Sunday, August 9:</u>	7:00 a.m.	Roadeo Registration/Continental Breakfast
	7:30 a.m.	Drivers Walk-thru and Judges Meeting
	Afternoon	Award Presentation & Luncheon

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact PPTA at (800) 847-0333. We look forward to seeing you at the PPTA Roadeo on August 8-9!

Frequently Asked Roadeo Questions & Answers

1. Q. Do I have to be on time for the competition?
A. Yes. Everyone is scheduled for a certain time and the schedule must be maintained. You must report to the starter no later than 15 minutes prior to your start time.
2. Q. Are you going to guide me through the course?
A. Yes. Before the competition begins, judges will walk you through the course and explain each obstacle. You may ask questions at this time to assure your understanding.
3. Q. How are contestants' numbers and time sequence selected?
A. By lottery drawing.
4. Q. Will I be driving the same type of bus/van that I drive in my system?
A. You will be driving the vehicle provided for either 35' bus or cutaway.
5. Q. Can someone ride with me?
A. No. Only judges are allowed to accompany the driver during competition.
6. Q. Is my manager allowed to walk behind my bus when I am competing?
A. No. No one outside of Roadeo Officials and judges are allowed on the course while competition is in progress.
7. Q. Do I have to take the safety quiz?
A. Paratransit participants take the safety quiz.
8. Q. Do I go through the defect bus?
A. Paratransit participants go through the defect bus.
9. Q. Do I get a personal appearance inspection?
A. Yes. All drivers are rated on personal appearance.
10. Q. Do I have to wear my badge or nameplate?
A. Only if it's part of your uniform.
11. Q. Can I wear sneakers?
A. Wear the same kind of shoes you wear when you are operating passenger service at your system.
12. Q. Can I take off my jacket when I compete?
A. Yes. Make yourself comfortable.
13. Q. Does time on the course count?
A. Yes. The course time is 7 minutes. If you use more time, points are deducted for every second over 7 minutes.
14. Q. Does smoothness of operation count?
A. Yes. You are rated on your overall handling of the vehicle throughout the course.

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15. Q. Does speed count?
A. Your speed through the diminishing clearance obstacle must be a least 20 mph.
16. Q. Who is going to adjust my mirrors?
A. The judge will set both outside mirrors to your specification before you start the course.
17. Q. Do I have to use the horn and turn signals?
A. Yes. If you do not use your horn and/or turn signals you will lose points from the on-board safety judge.
18. Q. Am I allowed to go outside the line of perimeter cones?
A. No. You must stay within the course lines. Each course marker or perimeter cone touched will cause penalty.
19. Q. If I touch the base of a cone, does it count against me?
A. Yes. Hitting or even touching any portion of the cone counts as a hit.
20. Q. If I hit the same cone twice do I lose double points?
A. No. Once you are charged with hitting a cone, you are not charged with it again.
21. Q. Do I lose points if I back up?
A. Yes. In all segments of the course except for the first backup in the left and right reverses, you will lose points each time you reverse.
22. Q. If I do an obstacle in the wrong order am I penalized?
A. Yes. Points are deducted for each obstacle done in the wrong order. Any obstacle completely missed or not attempted also has its full value deducted.
23. Q. How many prizes are awarded?
A. First, Second, & Third prizes are awarded in each category.
24. Q. Do you award dual prizes for a tie score?
A. Yes. We do not hold a tie breaker challenge.
25. Q. Will there be transportation from the hotel to the Rodeo site?
A. Yes. Buses will make several runs between the rodeo site and the hotel throughout the day.
26. Q. Will there be refreshments/lunch?
A. Yes. Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cold beverages will be available throughout the day.
27. Q. Can I bring my family?
A. Yes. All are invited to come and enjoy the festivities and competition.

PPTA 2009 BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO REGISTRATION FORM

Transit System: _____

Contact Person & Phone/E-Mail: _____

Bus Roadeo - 35'		Paratransit Roadeo	
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	
Guests		Guests	
1.		1.	
2.		2.	
3.		3.	

<p>Dining RSVP – Please indicate total number attending: 8/8 Dinner _____ 8/9 Roadeo Breakfast & Lunch _____</p>
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Total # Roadeo Contestants _____ x \$100 = \$ _____

Meals for additional attendees other than driver and guest listed above:

8/8 Dinner & 8/9 Breakfast & Lunch _____ x \$55 p/p = \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

- Or -

<p>Please select a method of easy payment: _____ VISA _____ MASTERCARD ___ DISCOVER ___ AMEX Card # _____ Expires: ____/____ Cardholder Signature _____</p>

ENCLOSE PAYMENT, REGISTRATION AND CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION

MAIL OR FAX TO:

PPTA

600 NORTH THIRD STREET, FOURTH FLOOR

HARRISBURG, PA 17101

(717) 234-7420/(717) 234-7176 (Fax)

REGISTRATION DUE BY JULY 15, 2009

**PPTA 2009 BUS ROADEO
CONTESTANT PERSONAL BIOGRAPHY**

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN A BIOGRAPHICAL FORM FOR EACH REGISTERED
ROADEO PARTICIPANT**

Indicate Competition Class: 35' _____ or Paratransit _____

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Home Address: _____

What type of vehicle do you normally operate? _____

How long have you been an operator? _____

Transit System: _____

Total number of vehicles in your system: _____

Total number of operators in your system: _____

If married, list the name of your spouse: _____

Number of years you've been married: _____

Names of children, if any:

Name: _____ Age: _____

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Name: _____ Age: _____

Number of Roadeos participated in _____

Awards/Honors _____

Please provide a brief statement about yourself, your interests, how you feel about competing, your most interesting experience driving, and your job in general—include anything you want us to know!:



DRIVING DIRECTIONS

Four Points Sheraton Greensburg
100 Sheraton Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601
724-836-6060



From Pittsburgh Airport - Take Rte 60-S to I-279N to I-376E to Monroeville. Take I-76E to Irwin Exit. Follow US-30E for 12 miles. Pass Westmoreland Mall on right. Turn left at first light; hotel at top of hill.

From East - Take PA Turnpike/I-76W to New Stanton Exit (#75). Take Rte 119N toward Greensburg. Follow to US-30E. Continue 3 miles; go past Westmoreland Mall. Turn left at the light immediately after the mall.

From North - Take I-79S to I-76/PA Turnpike. Follow east to Irwin exit (#67). Take US-30E for 12 miles. Pass Westmoreland Mall and turn left at the light immediately following the mall.

From West - Take I-76/PA Turnpike Irwin Exit #67 (Irwin). Take US-30E for 12 miles. Pass Westmoreland Mall on right and turn left at the light immediately after the mall.

Pittsburgh Steelers Training Camp

AUGUST 7 Night Practice at Latrobe High School – 7:00 p.m. (Small fee charged)

Directions to Latrobe Memorial Stadium:

From Four Points Sheraton: Turn left onto US-30 E/E Pittsburgh Street. Travel past the St. Vincent College entrance. Take Route 981. At the Arnold Palmer Regional Airport, make a left at the traffic light onto Route 981 North. Proceed through 2 traffic lights as you will cross a bridge over Loyalhanna Creek. At the third traffic light, make a right onto Jefferson Street. Go straight through one stop sign and at the second stop sign, make a right onto Chestnut Street. Latrobe Memorial Stadium will be on your right on Chestnut Street.

AUGUST 8-11 Practice at 2:55 p.m. at St. Vincent College – Campus opens at 1:30 p.m.

Directions to St. Vincent College:

From Four Points Sheraton: Turn left onto US-30 E/E Pittsburgh Street; follow 6 miles. At stop light at Saint Vincent Drive, turn left onto Fraser Purchase Road (unmarked) and go 1/2 mile to campus entrance sign, turn left onto campus. Stop at the Entrance Booth for parking information and further direction.

Steelers Experience: *The Steelers Experience runs from 1:30 to 6:00 when there is a 2:55 p.m. practice. Camp start times are subject to change. The traveling Coca-Cola Great Hall also will be featured near the practice field. Inside experience the history of the Steelers and broadcast a play-by-play call. Try to win team merchandise on the prize wheel.*

Steelers Merchandise: *The Steelers merchandise tent is open whenever the Steelers have practice at St. Vincent College. The tent is located near the entrance to campus, across from the parking lots.*

Player Autographs: *The best time to obtain autographs from the players is after practice. It's at the player's discretion to sign or not sign on a particular day. There are areas designated for fans to stand to obtain the autographs.*