



June 24, 2010

TO: All PPTA Members and Special Guests  
FROM: Tim Miller, Chairman, PPTA Operations Committee  
SUBJECT: PPTA 2010 Bus and Paratransit Roadeo – August 14-15, 2010

It is my pleasure to extend this invitation to you and your fellow workers to attend the PPTA 2010 Bus and Paratransit Roadeo to be held Saturday and Sunday, August 14 and 15, 2010 in York. This annual event continues the tradition of good competition and recognition for our many fine operators around the state. rabbittransit and the PPTA Operations Committee will serve as your hosts for this year's event, which promises to be filled with fun and excitement.

Each organization can send up to a maximum of three (3) contestants to each competition – 3 paratransit and 3 bus operators. An agenda for the two day event and 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 Phantom Buses / Ford Body on Chassis E450

**Accommodations:** Make your reservations **ASAP-BEFORE 7/23** by calling (877)782-9752, Ext. 1 Heritage Hills Resort & Conference Center, 2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402 Mention PPTA to get the special rate of \$129.00—Deadline is 7/23/10!

**\$100 Entry Fee:** Includes Saturday Dinner & Fun Night Out at Bogey Macaws Entertainment Center; Sunday Roadeo, Continental Breakfast & Lunch for Entrant and One Family Member or Guest (*other attendees pay \$65 per person to attend all activities with participant*)

**Deadline:** Submit registration & operator biography by **July 23** with appropriate fees to PPTA

***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 14 & 15!***



## **PPTA 2010 BUS AND PARATRANSIT ROADEO WEEKEND**

***Accommodations: Heritage Hills Resort and Conference Center***  
***Dinner & Fun Night Out: Bogey's Entertainment Center***  
***Roadeo: York Fairgrounds***

### **A G E N D A**

**Saturday, August 14, 2010**

#### ***TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO FUN NIGHT AT BOGEY'S***

- 2:00-5:30 p.m.     **Welcome at Heritage Hills Resort**  
*Registration for Drivers & Judges*
- 6:00 p.m.         **Fun night at Bogey's Family Entertainment Center**  
*Enjoy great food and great fun in a relaxed atmosphere!*  
*Featuring interactive games and simulators & all-time favorites*  
*Play the games and test your skills!*

**Sunday, August 15, 2010**

#### ***TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED TO ROADEO AT YORK FAIRGROUNDS***

- 7:00 a.m.         **Roadeo Registration at York Fairgrounds**  
*Continental Breakfast Provided*
- 7:30 a.m.         **Drivers Walk-Thru and Judges Meeting**
- 8:00 a.m.         **Roadeo Begins**
- Afternoon         **Award Presentations & Luncheon**

## **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 by the host property:  
35' Gillig Phantom Buses or Ford Body on Chassis E450
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 the competition is in progress.
7. Q. Do I have to take the safety quiz?  
A. Paratransit participants must take the safety quiz.
8. Q. Do I go through the defect bus?  
A. Yes. All participants must 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 is part of your uniform.
11. Q. Can I wear sneakers?  
A. Wear the same kind of shoes you wear when you operate 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.

## ***Frequently Asked Roadeo Questions***

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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 a penalty.
19. Q. If I touch the base of a cone, does it count against me?  
A. Yes. Hitting or touching any portion of the cone counts as a hit and cause a penalty.
20. Q. If I hit the same cone twice do I lose double points?  
A. No. Once charged with hitting a cone, you are not charged a penalty if you hit the same cone 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 cash 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 Roadeo site?  
A. Yes. Buses will make several runs between the roadeo 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 2010 BUS & PARATRANSIT ROADEO REGISTRATION FORM**

Transit System: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person & Phone/E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Roadeo - 35' Gillig Phantom	Paratransit Roadeo - Ford Body on Chassis E450
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.
<b>Guests</b>	<b>Guests</b>
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

<p><b>Dining RSVP – Please indicate total number attending:</b>                  8/14 Dinner _____ 8/15 Roadeo Breakfast &amp; Lunch _____</p>
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Total # Roadeo Contestants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$100 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

8/14 Dinner & 8/15 Breakfast & Lunch \_\_\_\_\_ x \$65 p/p = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PAYMENT ENCLOSED: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

- Or -

<p><b>Please select a method of easy payment:</b>                  _____ VISA    _____ MASTERCARD    _____ DISCOVER    _____ AMEX</p> <p>Card # _____ Expires: _____/_____/_____</p> <p>Cardholder Signature _____</p>
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**ENCLOSE PAYMENT, REGISTRATION AND CONTESTANT BIOGRAPHY INFORMATION**

**MAIL OR FAX TO:**  
**PPTA**  
**600 NORTH THIRD STREET, FOURTH FLOOR**  
**HARRISBURG, PA 17101**  
**(800) 847-0333 / (717) 234-7176 (Fax)**

**REGISTRATION DUE BY JULY 23, 2010**

**PPTA 2010 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Roadeos participated in \_\_\_\_\_

Awards/Honors \_\_\_\_\_

Please give a brief statement about yourself, including how you feel about competing in Roadeos, the most interesting experience driving, and your job in general:

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## **DIRECTIONS**

***Heritage Hills Golf Resort & Conference Center  
2700 Mount Rose Avenue  
York, PA 17402  
1-877-782-9752***

***From Points North (Harrisburg):***

Take I-83 south to Exit 18, Mount Rose Avenue. At the exit, turn left onto Mount Rose Avenue (Route 124 East). Proceed for 1 mile to the resort located on the right.

***From Points South (Baltimore):***

Take I-83 north to Exit 18, Mount Rose Avenue. Off the exit bear to the right and proceed for 1 mile to the resort located on the right.

***From Points West (Gettysburg):***

Take Route 30 East to I-83 South. Follow I-83 South to Exit 18, Mount Rose Avenue. At the exit traffic light, turn left onto Mount Rose Avenue (Route 124 East). Proceed for 1 mile to the resort located on the right.

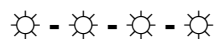
**Or**

Take Route 30 East and continue to the Memory Lane exit. Off the exit bear right and continue through 5 traffic lights to Prospect Road (Route 124 East). Turn left and proceed east for 1 mile to the resort the right.

***From Points East (Lancaster):***

Take Route 30 West to Columbia/York. Follow Route 30 West to the Mount Zion Road exit. Take the Mount Zion Road exit to the traffic light. At the traffic light turn left and continue south approximately 2 miles (7 traffic lights) to Prospect Road (Route 124 West). Turn right, proceed for 1/4 mile to the resort located on the left.

***For Specific directions use [www.mapquest.com](http://www.mapquest.com) or [www.googlemaps.com](http://www.googlemaps.com)***



***Roдео Site – York Fairgrounds  
334 Carlisle Road, York, PA 17404***

***(Transportation will be provided)***