



Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium

The Communicator

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Special Points of Interests

- The initial HVAC Course developed by Thermo King specifically for SCRTTC will be presented at OCTA on April 24 & 25. See the schedule of classes.
- This month we will begin publishing the course calendar on page two of this newsletter. Registration for these classes is available by visiting the SCRTTC web site at www.scrttc.com. Questions about any of the courses or class schedule can be directed to Nina Babiarz at Babiarz@scrttc.com or by calling (619)667-6636.
- The SCRTTC has developed a working agreement with the National Transit Institute (NTI) and will sponsor and work together to deliver NTI courses in Southern California. The first course offered under this agreement is an "ITS Staffing Course" being offered in April. Check the SCRTTC web site for scheduled dates and enrollment information.

Key Developments

- Stumpo to be speaking at the APTA Bus Conference in Austin, TX on May 6th. The SCRTTC Learning Model will be part of an integrated round table forum on new ideas for Workforce Development.
- Current courses in development include: Brakes II for Transit, HVAC II, Engines 8.3 & 8.9, and CNG Transit Vehicle Safety training. Stay informed by visiting the website and clicking on the training link.

Training Today for a Better Tomorrow

Jim Ditch Retires from Long Beach Transit

Jim Ditch, the prime mover behind the formation of the SCRTTC has retired from Long Beach Transit effective January 2008. Jim was the megalomaniac with a mission when he convinced a group of transit agencies and Community Colleges to band together to form a critical mass of both Human Resources and Financial Resources that brought about the



organization currently structured as the SCRTTC. His energy and vision lead to the initial funding provided by the US DOT as part of the US DOT Professional Capacity Building Program. The continued evolution of the program resulted in an Earmark to the SCRTTC and provided funding to carry the program through 2010. The program that Jim

started has met with outstanding success from both the transit agencies, and the employees, and also has been identified by the US DOT as an outstanding model of inter agency cooperation.

To date the program has trained over 640 transit technicians, and more importantly has provided the smaller agencies who are part of the consortium, training that prior to the formation of the consortium was not available to them because of limited resources.

Under Jim's leadership this program has developed from a modest agreement between Long Beach City College and Long Beach Transit into the current consortium of member transit agencies and colleges.



Our Report Card FYTD 2008

- Hours of Training— **4532**
- Goal ————— **1110**
- Number of Students —**400**
- Goal ————— **60**
- Courses Developed— **5**
- Goal ————— **4**
- Student Evaluations—**3.80**
- Goal ————— **3.00**
 (Four Point Scale)

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Ralph Merced Delivers Talk at Petersen Automotive Museum

Ralph Merced, Chairman of the Board of the SCRTTC, recently gave a talk at the Petersen Automotive Museum for the symposium titled "Career Symposium for the Automotive/Transportation Industry. During his talk Ralph discussed the new "Learning Model" developed by the SCRTTC, and explained the bene-

fits to both the transit agencies, the employees involved in the training courses and the contribution the SCRTTC has made to workforce development and upward mobility for employees. Ralph also emphasized the employment and career opportunities available in the transit industry. Dr. Randy Peebles of Cerritos was the Chairman of the



symposium which was part of an exciting, in-depth compact series of presentations about

jobs, careers, and successes in the transportation industry.

Courses by Month 2008		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
TRACK 1 - BASIC							
DVOM/ITS Technologies #SC-DV-2700-I		Sunline (Jan 03/04) Taught by Chaffey Cypress College (Jan 8th 9th) Taught by Cypress		At Foothill Transit (March 06/07) taught by Cypress	At LB City College (April 10th/11th) taught by LBCC		Golden West College (June 5th/6th) Taught by Golden West College
Electric I for Transit #SC-EL-1600-I			LBTS (070/8) Rio Hondo			OMNITRANS (May 15th/16th) Taught by Rio Hondo	
ISE Hybrid Safety #SC-HY-4000-I		OCTA Santa Ana Facility (10th) ISE		Torrance Transit (March 6th) and Gardena Transit (March 20th) Taught by ISE		Norwalk Transit (May 15th) Taught by ISE	
TRACK 2 - GENERAL							
Brakes I for Transit #SC-BR-1300-I		LATTC (17th/18th) LATTC		Santa Monica Transit (March 20/21) Taught by LATTC			LATT College (June 19th/20th) Taught by LATTC
Brakes II for Transit #SC-BR-1300-II					In development	In development	In development
Electrical II for Transit #SC-EL-1600-II		LA MTA Beta II (30/31) Rio Hondo		LA MTA TTT (7th) Rio Hondo	OCTA (April 3rd/4th) Taught by Rio Hondo		
Electrical III for Transit #SC-EL-1600-III			OCTA Beta I (14th/15th) Rio Hondo		LBTS Beta II (April 17th/18th) Taught by Rio Hondo		LBTS TTT (June 20th) Taught by Rio Hondo
Electrical IV for Transit #SC-EL-1600-IV							
Electrical V for Transit #SC-EL-1600-V							
Engines ISL -G #SC-EN-1700-I							
TRACK 3 - ADVANCED							
HVAC I #SC-HV-3000-I						Rio Hondo TTT May 2nd Santa Ana College	Rio Hondo June 5th/6th Santa Ana College
HVAC I Intro Course by TK					Thermoking April 24th/25th OCTA	Santa Ana May 16th Santa Ana College	
608 Certification HVAC							
TRACK 4 - VEHICLE/SPECIAL							
ITS Awareness							
Periodic Smoke Inspection - This course is to be REGISTERED direct by the student. Reimbursed by the SCRTTC.		See www.scrfttc.com Website Link	See www.scrfttc.com Website Link	See www.scrfttc.com Website Link	See www.scrfttc.com Website Link	See www.scrfttc.com Website Link	See www.scrfttc.com Website Link
CNG Inspection						Long Beach CC (May 8th/9th) LBCC	LAMTA (June 11th/12th) Rio Hondo
OSHA							

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- First name is WHERE the course is taught
- Second part is the DATE the course is taught
- Third part is the LOCATION/HOST the course is taught
- Awaiting Action when this color appears