



Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium

# The Communicator

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## Special Points of Interests

- Starting with this issue, the "Communicator" newsletter will be published four-times per year, by the end of every quarter. Please feel free to direct any suggestions for articles or content to the Newsletter Editor: mpkushner@scrttc.com
- The stimulus bill recently passed by Congress has the potential to help transit agencies in Southern California. The legislation officially known as "The American Recovery and Re-Investment Act" contains a number of provisions that will pass down to transit agencies who are part of the SCRTTC. Representatives of the SCRTTC have recently visited with FTA personnel to make a case for training funds to support new training programs.

## Key Developments

- The Cummins Computerized Engine Management course for the 8.3L C+ Cummins Engine is currently being developed. The course will be available by the 3rd Qtr. 2009. Check the web site for scheduled classes. Contact Nina Babiarz at 619-667-6636 for more.

**Training Today for a Better Tomorrow**

## "Clean Air Bus" - The Future is Now

In September 2005 Montebello Bus Lines took on the task of preparing for the future by being one of several transit properties in Southern California to put a Hybrid Gasoline-Electric "Clean Air Bus" into service.



Since that time, Montebello has served as the lead agency for the Cooperative Procurement Pilot Project (CAPP). This joint procurement program permits smaller agencies such as Norwalk to participate in a cost effective Hybrid Bus procurement. The success of this pilot project has permitted Montebello to purchase 15 additional Hybrid Buses delivered last fall of 2008, and Norwalk placed an order for "Clean Air" Hybrids for delivery in the fall of 2009. These new buses will contain a Gasoline-Electric Drive System provided by ISE, a

California company. To give you a sense of how far technology has come in the last 35 years, contrast the "Old" with the "New." In 2006, Montebello took on the task of renovating an old 1974 GMC-"New Look" bus to celebrate their 75 years of service to the Montebello community. The bus sat in a vacant lot for 17 years and was overgrown with weeds and you can imagine what else. The only question was



who would have the courage to press the start button to start this "old"

relic, once batteries were installed. One of the maintenance technicians volunteered for this task and to everyone's surprise the Detroit Diesel 6-V71 engine with an Allison automatic VH transmission came to life. The picture above is the renovated bus; when compared to the New Flyer Hybrid, one can see how far we have advanced into the future.

### Our Report Card FYTD 2008

#### Program Highlights to Date

Hours of Training: **13,516**  
# of Students Trained: **1078**

#### Fiscal Year 2008/2009

July 1st to June 30th

Hours of Training  
**Goal: 1500 Actual: 3660**  
# of Students Trained  
**Goal: 90 Actual: 280**  
Courses Developed  
**Goal: 2.0 Actual: 3.0**

#### Student Evaluations

**Goal: 3.00**  
**Actual: 3.80**  
(Four Point Scale)

### Board Of Directors

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## Big Blue Bus Training Database

Maintaining a database of trained employees is not just a good practice but it is also a good way to assist employees to acquire skills needed for upgrading. The Maintenance Training Database maintained by Big Blue Bus enables the Maintenance Supervisors to keep track of all classes taken by an employee, and it helps plan participation in future classes.

Big Blue Bus encourages employees to participate in the SCRTTC by posting the training courses available on a bulletin board in the maintenance area. Employees are encouraged to review the courses available; the syllabus for the course; and the prerequisites required. Once an individual is selected for training, a memo is sent to the employee notifying them of their class registration and schedule.



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Courses by Month 2009	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
<b>TRACK 1 - BASIC</b>						
DVOM/ITS Technologies #SC-DV-2700-I						
Electric I for Transit #SC-EL-1600-I	January 15 & 16th - LATTTC					Jun 8th & 9th - Cypress Coll
ISE Hybrid Safety #SC-HY-4000-I						
<b>TRACK 2 - GENERAL</b>						
Brakes I for Transit #SC-BR-1300-I			March 26th & 27th - LATTTC			
Brakes II for Transit #SC-BR-1300-II		Feb 18th & 19th - LATTTC				Jun 29th & 30th - LATTTC
Electrical II for Transit #SC-EL-1600-II			March 12th & 13th - Chaffey			
Electrical III for Transit #SC-EL-1600-III				April 14th & 15th - Cerritos		
Electrical IV for Transit #SC-EL-1600-IV				TBD	TBD	
Electrical V for Transit #SC-EL-1600-V					TBD	
Engines ISL -G #SC-EN-1700-I						
Hybrid Electric Vehicle #SC-HY-4001-I						
<b>TRACK 3 - ADVANCED</b>						
HVAC I #SC-HV-3000-I	Jan 22nd & 23rd - Santa Ana					
HVAC II #SC-HV-3000-II		Feb 27th & 28th - Santa Ana				
608 Certification HVAC						
<b>TRACK 4 - VEHICLE/SPECIAL</b>						
ITS Awareness						
Periodic Smoke Inspection - This course is to be REGISTERED direct by the student. Reimbursed by the SCRITTC.	See www.scrttc.com Website Link	See www.scrttc.com Website Link	See www.scrttc.com Website Link	See www.scrttc.com Website Link	See www.scrttc.com Website Link	See www.scrttc.com Website Link
CNG Inspection						
OSHA						

**LEGEND**

Course Scheduled FY2009
