



Southern California Regional Transit Training Consortium

The Communicator

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Special Points of Interests

- LA METRO recently won top honors as the “Grand Champion” at the 2009 International Bus Roadeo competition held in conjunction with the APTA Bus and Paratransit Conference in Seattle Washington on May 1. The winning team included operator Juan Navarro, and the maintenance team of Frank Forde, Rommel Vargas, and Andrew Warren. Congratulations to the METRO Team.
- At that same conference, thirty-six teams competed in the Maintenance Competition which tests mechanic’s abilities to troubleshoot mechanical problems and fix them quickly. The maintenance team from OMNITRANS earned a second place finish, and the METRO team earned third place honors for the second year in a row.

Key Developments

- Several courses are in works to upgrade or to be developed. Courses in development include Cummins Engine ISC Gas 8.3 C+ and the Hybrid Electric Course. Upgrades are also being discussed for Electrical 1, 2 & 3. For more information Contact Nina Babiary at 619-667-6636

Training Today for a Better Tomorrow

Advanced Technologies Require Training

New technologies continue to be introduced to transit at a rapid pace, and transit maintenance technicians have been stuck with the unenviable task of playing catch up. The oft-mentioned gap in tech-



training continues to widen with the purchase of hybrid busses adding yet another dimension to the training issue. With California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulations banning the use of diesel-fueled vehicles entirely in 2010, area transit agencies have been forced to turn to alternative-fuels such as compressed and liquified natural gases (CNG & LNG) to propel their fleets. With a growing concern for being “greener”, many agencies such as Long Beach Transit have chosen gasoline-electric hybrid busses to meet the CARB regulations. The

interest in hybrid technology is growing at many other California transit agencies including LA METRO, Santa Monica, Torrance, Montebello, Norwalk, and Gardena. Dave Stumpo, Program Manager of the SCR TTC Training Consortium, and Ralph Merced Chairman of the SCR TTC Board are both directing their energies towards a training program that closes the training gap for technicians. Greg Newhouse,



San Diego Miramar College has provided funding through the ATTEi

“HUB” funds to direct the Hybrid courseware development in collaboration with subject matter experts from Cypress College, and Long Beach Transit with technical assistance provided by ISE Corporation. “This team, along with the SCR TTC have played a key role in coordinating this technology training effort” says Roland Cruz Maintenance Director at LBT.

Our Report Card FYTD 2009

Program Highlights to Date

Hours of Training: **14,474**
 # of Students Trained: **1,170**

Fiscal Year 2009

Hours of Training
 Goal: 2000 Actual: 4828
 # of Students Trained
 Goal: 125 Actual: 372
 Courses Developed
 Goal: 2.0 Actual: 3.0

Student Evaluations
 Goal: 3.00
 Actual: 3.78
 (Four Point Scale)

Board Of Directors

- Jesus Guerra, Chairman
- Patrick Astredo, Vice Chair
- Rolando Cruz, VP/CFO
- Alan Fox, Secretary
- Tom Barrio
- Gail Schwandner
- Greg Newhouse
- Steve Tomory
- Jannet Malig
- Frank Scholl

Annual Board Meeting Makes History

The SCR TTC Board held it’s Annual General Board Meeting at Golden West College on May 20th. The agenda included a number of significant issues, program updates and board elections. Topping the agenda was a discussion about future funding for the consortium. Several plans are moving forward and hopefully resulting in future funding beyond FY 2010. The out-



come of the board elections resulted in a few first-time events in the history of

the SCR TTC. We have a new Chair from a college member; Jess Guerra from LA Trade Tech College and two female representatives; Long Beach City College Dean, Gail Schwandner and ATTEi Director from Cerritos College, Jannet Malig. Other new additions include Steve Tomory from Rio Hondo, and Frank Scholl from OCTA.

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Courses by Month 2009	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun
TRACK 1 - BASIC						
DVOM/ITS Technologies #SC-DV-2700-I						
Electric I for Transit #SC-EL-1600-I	January 15 & 16th - LATTTC					Jun 8th & 9th - Culver Transit
ISE Hybrid Safety #SC-HY-4000-I						
TRACK 2 - GENERAL						
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						
Electrical V for Transit #SC-EL-1600-V						
Engines ISL -G #SC-EN-1700-I					May 22nd - OCTA - GG Beta	
Hybrid Electric Vehicle #SC-HY-4001-I					May 29th - Montebello Beta	
TRACK 3 - ADVANCED						
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						
TRACK 4 - VEHICLE/SPECIAL						
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
