

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

10:00-5:00	Golf Tournament
5:00-7:00	Golf Awards
	Dinner on your own

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

8:00-11:00	OPTA State Board Meeting
8:00-11:00	Conference Registration
12:00-12:30	Lunch/OPTA General Session
12:30-1:15	Ken Hedgecock – History of Pupil Transportation
1:15-4:00	Homeland Security
4:00-5:00	SW Chapter Meeting
4:00-6:00	Walt Commans-ASE Testing
6:00-9:00	Schetky Event: Return to the 70's

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2017

7:00	Registration/OPTA General Session			
7:05-9:00	Connections: Meet the Vendors Breakfast served			
9:10-10:30	Bell time management – <i>Tim Ammon</i>	Stop Arm Violations – <i>Derek Graham</i>	The Bus in the Classroom – <i>Pete Meslin</i>	Technicians *C2 multiplexing *Technology Advances *Detroit Engines
10:40-12:00	Trends in Transportation 2 (continued from 2016 Conference) – <i>Ryan Gray and Tom McMahon (Chris Ellison-Facilitator)</i>	Leading in Transportation: Driving the Bus Without Actually "Driving the Bus" – <i>Pete Meslin</i>	General Overview: Hot Topics and Cool Solutions – <i>Linda Bluth</i>	
12:00-12:50	Lunch/OPTA General Session			
1:00-3:00	Voting for Officers			
1:00-4:00	Trade Show			
6:00-9:00	Western Bus/Blue Bird Event			

THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 2017

7:00-8:00	Breakfast / Registration			
8:10-9:30	Bus Routing: Safety and Efficiency – <i>Derek Graham</i>	Missed bus stop – <i>Ted Finlayson-Schueler</i>	I have an OPTA Flash Drive, Now What? – <i>Craig Pruitt, ODE</i>	Technicians *Dual Clutch Technology *Transmission Troubleshooting *Emissions Technologies
9:40-11:00	Finding Something Solid – <i>Scott Bohl, ODE</i>	Understanding how to create an effective PowerPoint Presentation. <i>Must attend next session – Ted Finlayson-Schueler</i>	Headlines to Avoid: Handling Problems the First Time Around – <i>Linda Bluth</i>	
11:10-12:00	History Panel, Video Montage			
12:10-12:30	LUNCH			
12:30-1:30	Exchange of Officers, Awards Ceremony/Voting Results Announced			
1:40-4:30	A hands on training for assessing the adherent risks to your Transportation fleet, facility and staff – <i>William White and Mike Halbirt</i>	Powerpoint. <i>Must attend previous session – Ted Finlayson-Schueler</i>	Understand the PBIS model – <i>Terri Lewis</i>	Technicians *Diagnostics software *Pulling codes without use of software *Understanding your vehicle's warranty
4:00-6:00	ODE Technicians' Test			
4:30-5:30	NW Chapter Meeting			
6:00-9:00	Brattain/IC Event			

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2017

8:00-9:30	Post conference Registration			
8:00-9:45	Networking: Peer to Peer Conversations/Breakfast Served			
9:45-10:45	ODE Director's Corner: What's ODE and the Legislature Been Up To?			
10:45-11:45	Kim Ratz: Closing Speaker, When the Wheels Come Off the Bus			
12:00-1:00	OPTA State Board Meeting			
12:00-1:00	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN			
12:00-1:30	Post conference Registration			
1:30-5:30	Leadership	Wheelchair Securement	Fleet Maintenance – <i>John Dolce</i>	
	DINNER ON YOUR OWN			

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 2017

	BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN			
8:00-12:00	Leadership	Wheelchair Securement	Fleet Maintenance – <i>John Dolce</i>	

KEY: ADMINISTRATION OPERATIONS SPECIAL ED FLEET GENERAL SESSION

SESSION DESCRIPTIONS

June 2017 Summer Conference

Tim Ammon:

Bell time Management: More than high school students sleeping later

- The current conversations about bell times are highly focused on the issue of high school students and their sleep schedules. What these conversations typically ignore but that every transportation professional understands is bell times are probably the critical input to the transportation equation that determines all else. In this session we will focus on a range of considerations that allow transportation managers to create a strategic plan for bell time management. We will address bell schedules as a cost saving mechanism, a service improvement mechanism, an educational support tool, and a fleet management tool. We will also use real world case studies to highlight a number of the issues and remedies that have worked for your colleagues across the country.

Ted Finlayson-Schueler:

Presenting with PowerPoint

- Training trainers to up their PowerPoint skills and create effective PowerPoint presentations

Missed Bus Stops

- A closer look at scenarios where a bus stop doesn't happen the way it is planned
- Developing a plan to address driver missed stops and/or students that miss their bus stop

Derek Graham:

Bus Routing: Safety and Efficiency

- Explore important safety considerations when establishing bus stops
- Route hazards: identifying and documenting
- Walk through recreations of the Fox River Grove crash including their recommendations for identifying route hazards
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Stop Arm Violations: Applying the 3 E's of Traffic Safety

- Look at the industry-wide problem of vehicles illegally passing stopped school buses
- Apply principles of Education, Engineering and Enforcement activities that can help reduce the problem and raise awareness among the motoring public

Pete Meslin:

The Bus in the Classroom

- Redefines the roll of transporters to be actual educators, teaching students transportation safety and life skills. Bus drivers and office staff literally bring the bus to the classroom to teach these crucial lessons.

Robert McGuire and Homeland Security Team

Homeland Security

- Student Transportation Security

William White and Mike Halbirt

Enterprise Risk Management

Learn to identify, evaluate, and mitigate risks to reduce organizational vulnerability and maximize opportunities. Learn risk-based decision-making skills and familiarize with enterprise risk management (ERM) tools to apply to your department and organization. Incorporate ERM into your planning process. Learn concepts of risk assessment and risk attitude.

Take-aways include tools to use for ERM including ratings reference sheets, assessment tools, and risk treatment tools.

Teri Lewis:

Understanding the PBIS Model: An overview of the PBIS model for student interventions.

Linda Bluth:

Oregon Hot Topics

- Importance of transportation to access Special Education and related services
- The significance of transportation in provide a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for students eligible for Transportation services
- Daily challenges when providing services for students with disabilities

Headlines to Avoid: Handling Problems the First Time Around

- Handling problems that take place on the school buss
- Appropriate communication strategies to avoid becoming an unforeseen media headline

Walt Commans:

ASE Certification

- ASE test preparation workshop for School Bus Technicians to help them prepare for the ASE School Bus Certification Tests. Each presentation focuses on a specific ASE School Bus Test Series, and offers an in-depth look at question styles with an eye towards technicians better understanding how to approach and analyze each type of question for better results.

Tom McMahon and Ryan Gray

Chris Ellison facilitating:

Panel discussion on media trends in the transportation industry. This is a continuation from the panel discussion during last year's conference.

Kim Ratz

Description -- *"When the Wheels Come Off the Bus."* (Fri closing keynote)

So you're cruising along on your life journey, and all of a sudden: "The wheels come off!" What do you do - how do you handle situations like that at work, and in life? It doesn't matter who you are or what you do -- there's always a change, challenge or conflict to slow or knock you down. Your work to get students safely to and from home

school and their activities is important; we need you to succeed! So you need to be resilient and able to reframe situations so that beyond seeing the problem you can also see options and make good choices. Through songs, stories, and strategies, Kim motivates you to reflect on how you can be more congruent (i.e., doing what you think is the best/right thing, and doing your best) and more resilient for the next time "the wheels come off the bus!"

ODE Presentations:

Scott Bohl:

Finding Something Solid

- There is an epidemic of stationary object crashes. For several years now, many of our "at fault" crashes are with non-moving objects. Why has this become such an issue? How is it affecting our industry? How is it affecting driver retention, budgets, wages and funds for classrooms?

Craig Pruitt:

I Have an OPTA Flash Drive, Now What?

- We will explore the building of class content for driver training. Come and be a part of a group as we work on the Challenge of getting your message to your drivers. Did we find the dancing bear?

What's ODE and the Legislature Been Up To? Info and Updates

- This session will provide legislative updates related to pupil transportation and bus safety/rules. In addition, ODE will share the outcome of two regional visits and our plans for continued support in the field. Come and learn the latest!

Topics will include:

- Fingerprinting: Where we've been and where we're going
- Pupil transportation updates, including federal rules
- Difference in the various background check requirements
- Funding of transportation

Craig Pruitt and TJ Crockett:

- ODE Certified Technician's Test

Technician Workshops:

Western Bus

- Diagnostics software like Cummins InSite and Auto Ingenuity, as well as pulling codes on Blue Bird products without use of software (via instrument cluster)
- Understanding your vehicle's warranty and options for warranty repairs

Brattain

- Jeff Scroggs from Eaton will be discussing dual clutch technology and transmission diagnostics & troubleshooting.

- Jeff Thornburg from Cummins will share new and future emissions technologies, new diagnostic software capabilities, along with diagnostic and troubleshooting some common issues on diesel engines. He'll also hit on Cummins website capabilities and functionality.
- Tire wear, cost per mile, new tire wear tracking technology, tread choices, etc....

Schetky

- Thomas C2 multiplexing – Introduction to multiplexing and troubleshooting.
- Thomas Bus online – How to sign up and navigate the Thomas online website.
- What's new – Thomas technology advances and the introduction of the DDE5 and DDE8 Detroit engine.

POST CONFERENCE DESCRIPTORS

John Dolce:

Successful Fleet Maintenance

- Taking a typical fleet in a struggling format and delineate alternatives and choices in a cost effective sequence so the attendee will experience a professional approach to a sequences proactive approach to gain control and move forward in a successful manner with sustained improvements.

Michelle Saavedra:

Child Passenger Safety Restraint Systems Training

- Address the unique challenges of installing Child Safety Restraint Systems
- Attendees completing the course will receive be certified

Michael Shields and Chris Ellison:

Leadership 101

- Traits for an Effective Leader
- Customer Service Mentality
- Creating/Fostering a Professional and Caring Culture
- Communication and Relationships

Budget 101

- Building and Maintaining Your Budget
- SSF and Transportation Reimbursements
- Marketing and Promoting Your Program Needs
- Expense Tracking and Spending Patterns

Growing/Mentoring 101

- Support Systems for Keeping the Right People in the Right Positions
- Planning/Building Your Succession Plan
- Developing Leaders from Within
- Identifying and Encouraging an Atmosphere of Learning