

CNYAPT Meeting November 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 10:05am with 14 members present. There was no Pledge of Allegiance. Thank you to Leonard Bus Sales for hosting today's meeting.

Our Guest speaker today is Mike Nuber of the NYS DOT who will explain how to conduct an effective pre-trip:

DOT compiled data for three years of statistics:

Over 300,000 school bus statistics***

NYS DOT criteria covers approximately 210 points

There are three defective Categories: A, B & C – Depending on Severity

- ✍ Category A will not issue certification until the unit is repaired
- ✍ Category B will issue certification, but have to repair before transporting students
- ✍ Category C has 15 days to repair

Highest Percent of defects:

- ✍ Horn – B-885
- ✍ Directional – A-728
- ✍ Wipers – A-536 – B-2,999
- ✍ Washer Fluid pump - B-2,678

Four-Step Pre-Trip Suggestion:

Step 1: Walk up

1. Notice oddities, then walk around
2. 4/32" on front tires
3. Drivers area + with valid certification of Insurance and Registration
4. Mirrors must meet Federal Standards – Should be no blind spots in front of bus-

Step 2: Inside Bus

1. Hand rail
2. Seat Belt
3. Parking brake on
4. Start Engine
5. Turn on all lights, wipers, etc.
6. Notice play in steering wheel, canceling of signals
7. Amount of time being spent on pre trip is on the average too small 1 minute – 8
Majority – 2-1/2 minutes
8. Outside, check lights, exits need to open easily (If an exit door opens hard, the bus will not pass) be sure of seals on doors and buzzer

Step 3: Re-Enter Bus

1. Adjust mirrors
2. Adjust seat
3. Check gauges
4. Check Ambers in mirrors
5. Pull bus out to have enough room to do a proper pre-trip
6. Mirrors that won't hold adjustment will not pass
7. Flip seats – 12" aisle room between door post and seat in front of it
8. Flip seats must be flipped up with seat not occupied. (Look at alternative floor plans)
9. Break Check – 2,3, 60-45

10. Check Back-Up light(s) – with engine off, and key in accessory position, place gear shifter into reverse – (Never do this with engine running). If you have to have engine running for reverse lights to come on, use an assistant or a brake stick.

If ABS light doesn't lite during check mode, bus will not pass. If it comes on and stays on, it will not pass also.

In other words, everything has to work, and buses have to have "Pilot" light

-Air Brakes-

Engine off –

Apply parking brake

Step on foot brake- hold for one minute

Listen for air leaks

Must not lose more than 2psi in 1 minute

Low pressure signals – engine can be on or off, but if all possible, pump down. Signals will come on before hit 60psi (in about 45 seconds)

Once warning signals there has to be at least another 10 psi drop before valve pops out on parking brake. (Should be between 20 and 40psi.)

Lastly, build back up to 80 – 100 psi in 45 seconds with mild pressure to Parking brake minimum throttle.

50- foot brake check at 5MPH

National Safety Code

1. If bus has lift, it must be part of pre-trip.
2. Seat belts cutter must be in seated driver's reach.
3. Directions for hand pump must be there, also.
4. Restraints must "fit" child using the restraint

Post Trip

Need to have a way so drivers can check on repairs

Secretary's Report

A motion was made by Barb Dewey, seconded by Shawn Scovill to accept the minutes from the October 11, 2007 meeting. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

A motion was made by Shawn Scovill, seconded by Paul Johnson to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. NYAPT is still looking for a VP. Three people have expressed an interest.

New Business

1. Walt Butler will look to see if any of his articles are from original members.
2. Tim Durham will try to locate Ed Derbyshire's email address for Ruth Koch
3. Head Mechanics Meeting is on the 14th @ Steak & Sunday
4. Paul Johnson made a motion to nominate Susan Stearns from Marcellus for membership, Seconded by Chuck Paquette. Motion carried. Welcome + Congratulations!
5. Chuck Paquette made a motion to nominate Tim Durham from A + E for membership. Seconded by Barb Dewey. Motion Carried. Welcome + Congratulations!

Committee Reports: No Committee Reports were given today.

At this time we took some time out to have a cake to celebrate Sheila Williams retirement at the end of this month. Congratulations and all the best Sheila!

Roundtable:

Nancy Wescott	Trying to survive! They are looking at GPS systems – B'ville lost proposition – no turf in stadium
Tim Durham	Thanks Everyone! – He is now at A&E
Rich Denison	National conference – lots of discussions about people in Harnesses - Pros and cons
Cindi Raulli	Things are going well in Liverpool – Bob's Mom had stem cell transplant – spending entire there
Shawn Scoville	Things are fine in Cincinnatus! Rich Rogers hurt his knee and could not be here.
Chuck Paquette	Wheels look great these go round and round. Busy but good.
Barb Dewey	She is at J-D now and things are relatively quiet. They are interviewing subs now.
Paul Johnson	Things are okay at Solvay. They had their 1 st emergency closing because of a major water main break.
Susan Stearns	Adjusting to dispatching at Marcellus. It's nice to be here!
Julie Bradish	Mexico Bus Safety Coordinator. She is going to schools and PTO meetings. She has PowerPoint presentation to show them staring the Mexico Mascot + she is getting little safety kits for the students. They want to get remote bus next.
Ted Finlayson Schueler	He has all new registration forms + course guidelines for our courses. 3 School transportation News- Ted will write column, anything noteworthy or comes to mind, give Ted a buzz or Email with ideas.
Mike Nuber	MRSA is the latest topic. DOT is allowing sanitizer in a certain amount in secure containers.
Chuck Paquette	MRSA Meeting –3M has product that kills everything + it is good for a couple of days. Syracuse going to wash buses down for this month.

Peg Gilbert	All is going well at ESM – we have moved back into our building. It is not all finished yet – they are still working around us – but it is nice to be out of the trailers.
Diane Watkins	Things are fine at ESM.

No 50-50 today.

Thanks again to Leonard Bus for sponsoring our meeting here today!

Our next meeting will be Thursday, December 13 at The Craftsman Inn – Sponsored by Bus Parts Warehouse. See directions below.

We hope to see everyone there!

A motion was made by Chuck Paquette, seconded by Shawn Scoville to adjourn today's meeting @ 11:45. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Peg Gilbert

Directions to the Craftsman Inn & Conference Center

Directions from the New York Thruway

1. Get off of the Thruway at exit 34-A (Route 481)
2. Get on Route 481 South
3. Get off of Route 481 South at exit 3-E (Fayetteville)
4. You will be on Route 5 East
5. Follow Route 5 East about 2 miles, making sure to bear left at the Mobil gas station. The Craftsman will be on your right, directly across the street from KeyBank.

Directions from the Syracuse Airport

1. Take Route 81 North to Route 481 South
2. Get off of Route 481 South at exit 3-E (Fayetteville)
3. You will be on Route 5 East
4. Follow Route 5 East about 2 miles, making sure to bear left at the Mobil gas station. The Craftsman will be on your right, directly across the street from KeyBank.

Directions from the North

1. Take Route 81 South to Route 481 South
2. Get off of Route 481 South at exit 3-E (Fayetteville)
3. You will be on Route 5 East
4. Follow Route 5 East about 2 miles, making sure to bear left at the Mobil gas station. The Craftsman will be on your right, directly across the street from KeyBank.

Directions from the South

1. Take Route 81 North to Route 481 North
2. Get off of Route 481 North at exit 3-E (Fayetteville)
3. You will be on Route 5 East
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