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September 11-13, 2013

Hosted by VPTA at:

Sheraton Hotel & Conference Center
Burlington, VT

www.sheratonburlington.com
**Wednesday, September 11**

7:30 am to 8:45 am  
Registration / Breakfast

8:45 am  
Welcoming Remarks from Bill Watterson of Chittenden County Transportation Authority

9:00 am to 10:30 am  
- Toolbox for Transit Fatigue—Mike Noel (part 1 of 2)  
- Operations Veterans Transportation—Chris Zeilinger  
- Cutting Edge Technology – Ross Nizlek

10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
- Toolbox for Transit Fatigue—Mike Noel (part 2 of 2)  
- Advancing Collaboration Among Multiple Transit Agencies—Bethany Whitaker  

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm  
Luncheon & Featured Speaker  
- Scott Bogren –Director of Communications, CTAA

1:30 pm to 3:00 pm  
Keynote Speaker: Cody Unser, Principle, First Step Foundation

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm  
- Demystification of Map 21- Noah Berger  
- Inter-City Bus Service – Fred Fravel

**Dinner on your own**

Enjoy one of the many fine restaurants that Burlington has to offer. Check out this link to get a flavor for the Queen City [http://www.vermont.org](http://www.vermont.org).

**Thursday, September 12**

7:30 am to 8:45 am  
Registration / Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am  
- Evaluating Route Design – David Sharfarz  
- New Title VI Requirements—Rich Garrity  
- Customer Driven Service – Mike Noel  
- Fleet & Maintenance Forum (Part 1 of 2)

10:30 am to 12:00 pm  
- Travel Training – Jack Thompson, Michael Davis, Anna Roosa  
- Cost Allocation – Ron Smith  
- Fleet & Maintenance Forum (Part 2 of 2)
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Luncheon & Featured Speaker
• Noah S. Berger – Director of Planning & Development, FTA

1:30 pm to 5:00 pm
Vendor Fair & Expo
• Spend time inside & out learning about quality products & services!

6:00 pm – 10:00 pm
BIG NIGHT OUT – Echo Lake Aquarium & Science Center
6:00 to 7:00 Cocktails and a spectacular Tapas Menu provided by Sugar Snap Catering
7:00 to 10:00 Casino Night by Alpine Amusement with Vegas dice, Roulette, Black Jack, Texas Hold’em and the Wheel of Fortune.

Friday, September 13

7:30 am to 8:45 am
Breakfast

9:00 am to 10:30 am
• Transit Management Association - Round Table Discussion
• Mickey A. McIver – Project Manager – MART MOVET

10:30 am to 11:30 am
State Transit Association Meetings

11:30 am to 1:00 pm
2014 Conference Committee Meeting - Committee members only
REGISTER TODAY FOR THE
2013 TRI-STATE TRANSIT CONFERENCE....
Transportation professionals from Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont will gather for education, socialization, and exhibitions at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington, VT September 11-13, 2013

This annual Northern New England Event is your most cost effective, exciting opportunity to exchange best practices, share challenges, discover answers and return home relaxed and motivated!

Industry professionals will lead workshops on: Map-21, Veterans’ Transit Programs, Travel Training, Customer Service, Inter-city Bus Service, Enhanced Collaboration Between Transit Systems, Cutting Edge Technology, Maintenance, Route Design and the like.

Our vendors will showcase what is new for 2014 and beyond! During the keynote, you will be stirred by Cody Unser as she shares her courageous story of learning to live with paralysis at the age of 12. You will hear a fresh perspective from Scott Bogren of the CTAA and Noah Berger from FTA.

You will eat, drink and be merry as you become immersed in the challenges of the various gaming tables, which will transform the usually placid Echo Center into a lively casino with tasty culinary offerings during our Big Night Out!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Conference Registration Fees: Early / Late *

Transit Association Members: $50.00 / $75.00
Non-Members: $75.00 / $100.00
Spouses/Guests: $75.00
(Fee Includes: designated meals, breaks & Big Night Out)

* Deadline for early conference registration is August 18, 2013.
There is no discount for attending only partial conference.

* Advance payment is required with all registrations; check should be made payable to VPTA

For room reservations, please call:
Sheraton Hotel
870 Williston Road, Burlington, VT 05403
1-888-627-7125
Or visit their website at:
https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/StarGroupsWeb/res?id=1303259568&key=74703

Ref: Tri-State Transit Conference and Dates
Discounted conference room rates: Single or Double $149 (+10% tax) per night;
Club rate: $169 (+10% tax) per night

These discounted room rates available for extended stay (pre or post)
Convention rate cut-off is: August 18 at 5PM
REGISTRATION FORM

Please print legibly and complete one form per person.

For our count: please check dates/event you expect to be attending:

Date:  9/11___  9/12___  9/13___  Big Night Out (PM 9/12) _____

Name: ____________________________  Title: ________________________

Organization: ____________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

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Work Phone #: ____________________  Nickname for badge: ______________

E-Mail: __________________________________________________________

Special Accommodations Required: ___________________________________

Are you a (please check):  ____ Participant  ____Presenter  ____Vendor  ____Guest

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_______________  Check # ____________

Make checks payable to VTPA; Sorry, we do not accept credit cards. Please copy this form as necessary.

If remittance amount is for more than one individual (including guests) please list the names below and staple all the registration forms together.

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Submit your completed registration form(s) along with payment in the form of a check to:

GMCN - Donna Baker, 215 Pleasant St., Bennington, VT 05201

For registration questions phone: 802-447-0477 or email: dbaker@greemtn.org

Once processed, you will receive an acknowledgment of your registration via email.

We look forward to welcoming you to Vermont in September! Thank you!!
Keynote Speaker: Cody Unser, Principle/Founder First Step Foundation

Cody Unser, who was diagnosed with Transverse Myelitis (“TM”) at the age of 12, will be the keynote speaker for the Tri-State Transit Conference. At age 13, Unser founded the Cody Unser First Step Foundation to advocate for people with disabilities, increase the awareness of TM, raise funds for paralysis research, and provide a quality of life program, Adaptive SCUBA, that enriches people’s lives.

At age 26, Cody is attending George Washington University, pursuing a Masters in Public Health and is excited to share her own unique stories and experiences with transportation. Throughout her childhood Cody traveled with her family to open wheel auto racing events across the nation and internationally. Since her paralysis, Cody has not deterred from traveling and she often finds herself in the airport on trips to support her foundation's mission and to see family and friends during semester breaks. From escalators to hailing taxis and boarding buses, Cody will be sharing stories from her own experiences and those she has heard from others.

After learning to SCUBA Dive, Cody's Great Scuba Adventures was created to encourage others to stay active. The program has evolved to include Operation Deep Down, Cody's Dive Team who provides SCUBA training and Dive Certifications and supports SCUBA-Medical research to better understand the benefits. Cody continues to focus her foundation's efforts on a quest to mainstream adaptive SCUBA and bring attention to its potential as a therapeutic tool in exercise science for both the medical community and the dive industry. The foundation's motto is "Changing Lives One Dive At A Time". For more information please go to codysfirststep.org.

Big Night Out: Tapas Menu and Casino Night
Come to the beautiful Echo Lake Aquarium and Science Center (www.echovermont.org) located on Burlington’s historic waterfront. You will enjoy seeing what the aquarium has to offer and learn about Lake Champlain. Cocktails and a hardy Tapas menu will be provided beginning at 6:00 pm. Then beginning at 7:00 pm, you can test your skills at Black Jack, Texas Hold ‘em, the Roulette wheel or The Wheel of Fortune with tokens earned at the Vendor Expo. Roundtrip transportation will be provided by CCTA.