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It's A Wrap: Erie, Pennsylvania Was A HIT for PBA's 2012 Annual Meeting!



VisitErie hosts PBA's Annual Meeting: Left John Oliver, President/CEO Joe Holody, Director of Convention Sales & Services; and Emily Beck, Director of Tourism.

properties, the wine country, the Flagship Niagara Museum, Presque Isle State Park, the casino, and much more were available to our registrants.

PBA's host hotel, Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel, was exceptional! Sitting right on Lake Erie, there were beautiful sights to be seen every day including swans, sailboats, jet skis and the like. The staff was extremely courteous and flexible....thanks to Jodi Streiner for her attention to detail and willingness to accommodate our every need.

What's in Erie was the challenge; the solution was easy for the staff of VisitErie though, and they proved it well. Exceptional sponsored events, and FAMs to destinations the bus operators can sell to their customers were plentiful. Visits to hotel

PBA was very fortunate to have FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro attending and speaking on the changes for the motor-

coach industry. Other speakers included the ever so popular Steve Gilliland (motivational speaker), ABA's Dan Ronan, UMA's Ken Presley, PA State Police Corporal Koontz and Sergeant Bob Krol. Special sessions for the travel suppliers included a panel discussion by Wanda Hough of Scott Enterprises, Martin Pituch of CB and C Tours, Lisa Heidelberg of Presque Isle Downs & Casino, and Emily Beck; and a Digital Strategy Session by Jeff McCullor of CyberInk.

There was a great deal for all our attendees with the Industry Expo luncheon and bus displays, Sales Retreat for the one-on-one meeting time between suppliers and bus operators, and networking at the well attended hospitality suites.

A big thank you to the wonderful people in Erie, PA. See complete list of sponsors on page 3.

It's Official: Act 119 Exempts Buses from PPA

PBA is pleased to report the enactment of Act 119 which was signed into law by Governor Corbett on July 6, 2012, and permanently **exempts buses over 16 passengers** from oversight by the Philadelphia Parking Authority. The exemption wording reads as follows:

ACT 119: The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. The definitions of "limousine service" and "taxicab" in section 5701 of Title 53 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes are amended and the section is amended by adding definitions to read:

"Limousine service."

(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), a motor vehicle providing any of the following services:

(i) Local, nonscheduled common carrier service for passengers on an exclusive basis for compensation.

(ii) Common carrier service for passengers for compensation:

(A) from any airport, railroad station or hotel located in whole or in part in a city of the first class; or

(B) to any airport, railroad station or hotel located in whole or in part in a city of the first class from a point within the city of the first class.

(2) The term **does not include** any of the following:

(i) Taxicab service.

(ii) Service that was otherwise exempt from the jurisdiction of the [commission] Pennsylvania Public Utilities Commission prior to the effective date of this subparagraph.

(iii) Other paratransit service.

(iv) Employee commuter van pooling.

(v) A vehicle with a seating capacity of 16 or more persons, including the driver.

The Act takes effect immediately.

PBA was very involved with efforts to exempt buses from PPA's oversight for many years. An opportunity presented itself to pursue the bus exemption further when the PPA was sued by the Germantown Taxi Company in late 2010, regulations were then submitted to the PA Bulletin for public comment, PBA commented and met and spoke with the PPA several times, was able to reduce the burden on buses operating in Philadelphia, and eventually was able to partner with PPA for the successful passage of Act 119.

Any vehicle, including buses, must continue to adhere to any Vehicle Code law while traveling anywhere in Pennsylvania including Philadelphia.

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March 26, 2013

Pennsylvania

Farm Show Complex

Expo Hall, Harrisburg, PA

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March 25, 2013 will feature Seminar on Marketing to the Motorcoach Industry, and PBA Driver & Employee of Distinction Awards Program

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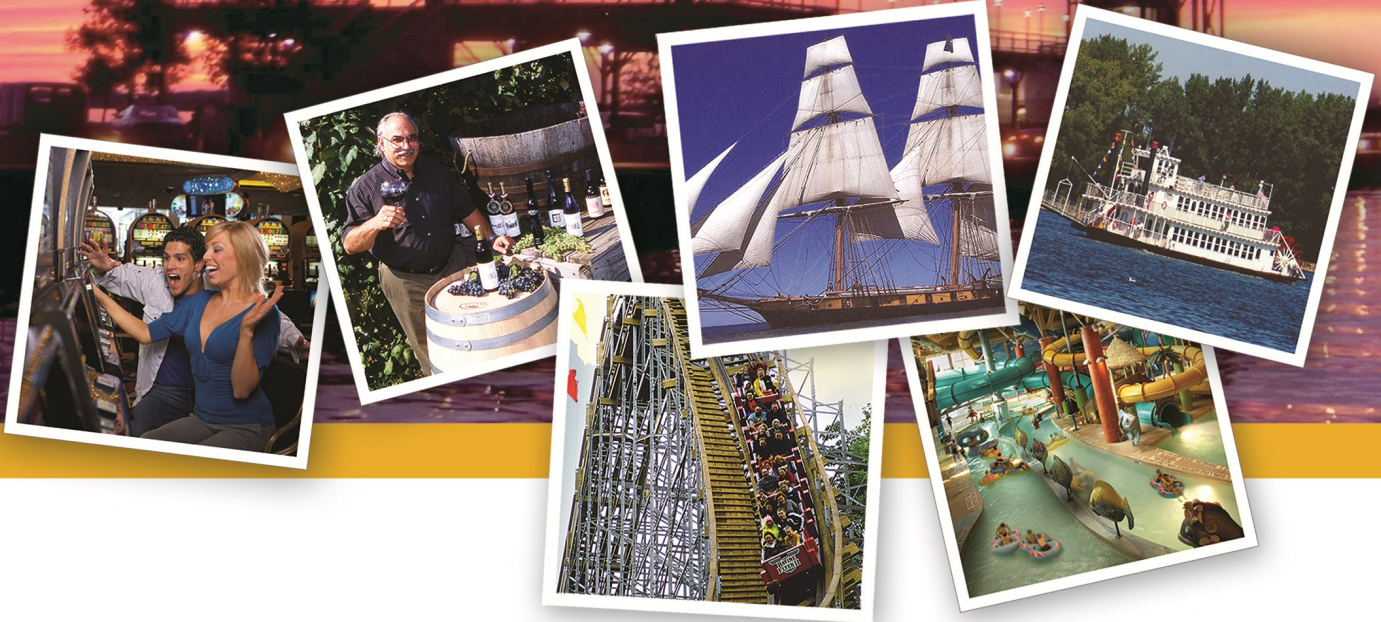
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Industry Expo Jeff Goldwasser, National
Seating (right) and Mitch Guralnick, MCI
(left)



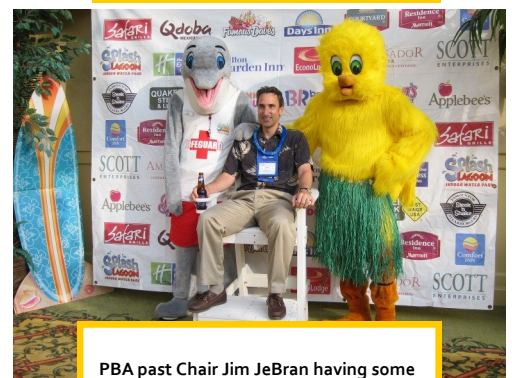
FMCSA Administrator Anne Ferro
speaking with PBA member Brian
Kurtz, Elite Coach.



Motivational Speaker Steve Gilliland
making his books available to PBA
members.



Jane Bailey (left), Sandy & Courtney
Folis of Sardo Bus & Coach Upholstery



PBA past Chair Jim JeBran having some
fun time before stepping down as Chair.

National Registry System of Certified Medical Examiners is Now Live

Attention Medical Examiners!

The **National Registry of Certified Medical Examiners** (National Registry) is a new Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration program. Beginning May 21, 2014, all medical examiners (MEs) who wish to perform physical examinations for interstate commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers must be trained and certified in FMCSA physical qualification standards.

Medical examiners who have completed the training and successfully passed the test are included in an online directory on the National Registry web-site.

The National Registry system went live on May 21, 2012. This means that medical examiners, training organizations, testing organizations and commercial motor vehicle drivers can easily find the information they need to participate and comply with the new program requirements. Additionally, training organizations can sign up to be listed on the National Registry, which will allow medical examiner candidates to quickly locate training providers in their area.

Individuals can sign-up to receive alerts about the National Registry by doing the following:

1. Go to the National Registry website at <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>.
 2. Click on "Stay Connected"
 3. Fill in the form and click "Submit".
- Additional system functionality will be

available after August 20, 2012. To learn more about the National Registry, visit their website at <https://nationalregistry.fmcsa.dot.gov>.

What Does this Mean for Commercial Drivers?

CMV drivers in interstate commerce must use Medical Examiners listed on the National Registry to obtain a medical certificate beginning May 21, 2014. Medical certificates issued prior to this date are valid until the expiration date.

Contact information for the MEs is available online at the National Registry web site to drivers who wish to obtain a CMV driver physical examination.

The National Registry web-site has an excellent Frequently Asked Questions document for the Commercial Vehicle Industry and Medical Examiners. **No commercial driver will be able to use a Non-registered Medical Examiner after May 21, 2014.**

The goal of the National Registry is to promote and preserve the highest level of professional standards, training and care among medical examiners. Therefore, the National Registry requires that medical examiners performing CMV driver examinations be trained and certified.

Citing Re: CDL Cell Phone Ban

If a commercial driver is stopped in Pennsylvania for violating the FMCSA cell phone ban law (not a hands-free), how would the Pennsylvania State Police cite them?

According to Lieutenant Cook of the Pennsylvania State Police, the driver would be cited for violating the following federal regulation:

392.82 Using a hand-held mobile telephone.

(a)(1) No driver shall use a hand-held mobile telephone while driving a CMV.

(2) No motor carrier shall allow or require its drivers to use a hand-held mobile tele-

phone while driving a CMV.

(b) Definitions. For the purpose of this section only, driving means operating a commercial motor vehicle on a highway, including while temporarily stationary because of traffic, a traffic control device, or other momentary delays. Driving does not include operating a commercial motor vehicle when the driver has moved the vehicle to the side of, or off, a highway and has halted in a location where the vehicle can safely remain stationary.



Medical Cards 9-15 Passenger Vehicles?

A Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission law requires drivers of 9-15 passenger vehicles to carry a Medical Card at all times if operating the vehicle for compensation.

This law can be found under Title 52 Public Utilities of the Pennsylvania Code, Chapter 29 Motor Carriers of Passengers:

§ 29.508. Common or contract carriers operating vehicles with seating capacities of 9 to 15 passengers, including the driver.

(a) A common or contract carrier may not permit a person to drive a vehicle with a seating capacity of 9 to 15 passengers, including the driver, unless the driver complies with the following:

(1) The driver is physically qualified in accordance with 49 CFR 391.41—391.49 (relating to physical qualifications and examinations).

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration wording that is referenced in the Pennsylvania law is as follows:

FMCSA 49 CFR 391.41-391.49

Part 39 FMCSA GENERAL

390.5 Definitions

Commercial motor vehicles – vehicle is designed or used to transport more than **8 passengers** including the driver for compensation. [NOTE: this is not the same as the Pennsylvania statute that indicates 9 passengers including the driver]

391.1 Scope – spells out that the section includes rules that establish minimum duties of drivers of commercial motor vehicles (defined in 390.5)

391.11 General Qualifications of Drivers of commercial vehicles

(4) Is physically qualified to drive commercial motor vehicles in accordance with subpart E-Physical Qualification and Examination

391.41 Physical Qualifications for Drivers.

(a)(1)(i) A person subject to this part must not operate commercial motor vehicles unless he or she is medically certified as physically qualified to do so. When on duty has on his or her person the original, or a copy, of a current medical examiner's certificate that he or she is physically qualified to drive a commercial motor vehicle.

Make sure your records are current with this information in a driver file. Many employers are not aware of this provision in the law.

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Annual Meeting Chair John Bailey (far right) suggested a Power Walk each morning which has been a very successful annual event....sponsored by Alliance Bus Group.



VisitErie welcomes PBA during a site visit last year: Emily Beck, (left), Jim JeBran, PBA Chair,

2012 Annual Meeting.....Erie, Pennsylvania

There is a great deal of planning behind the scenes for a successful Annual Meeting. It was a real pleasure to work with professionals Emily Beck, Director of Tourism, and Joe Holody, Director of Convention Sales & Services. They were with us every step of the way and answered the question they heard many times....what's in Erie! Many thanks to Joe and Emily and the many partners they worked with to make our Annual Meeting a big hit.

Philadelphia Parking Authority

As reported on the front page of the newsletter, PBA was successful in exempting buses exempt from the oversight of the PPA. It took a great deal of work, the development of a great working relationship with the PPA, and hitting the pavement with the many contacts our lobbyist has in the legislature. It was the right thing to do and we appreciate very much the willingness of the PPA to partner with us on the bus exemption.

New England Bus Association

I had the opportunity to attend New England Bus Association's annual meeting in Hyannis, Massachusetts in late June. My main purpose in attending was to see how the hotel performed since it will be the same facility PBA will be using at our 2013 Annual Meeting in Hyannis. Not only did the hotel not miss a beat with anything, I obtained some great educational session ideas, and met some terrific people representing organizations that will have a sponsor role in our annual meeting. A very successful and worthwhile trip.

PBA's Past Chair Jim JeBran, Trans-Bridge Lines

Jim and I worked closely together for four years while he was Chair of PBA. Many phone calls and emails, many worthwhile visits to annual meeting sights, and many fun stories about his little girls is what I remember the most. I want to thank Jim for all his input over the years, advice, and education. I feel very fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Jim.

PBA Welcomes Shari Taylor

PBA would like to introduce you to Shari Taylor, PBA's event, membership, and executive assistant and jack of all trades.....something like me. Shari began her employment on July 23rd and jumped right in. She comes with a tremendous amount of meeting planning with another statewide association, an understanding and appreciation of the role of our members, an individual who thoroughly enjoys what she does and the people she gets to meet in her job. I look forward to working with Shari with the March Marketplace event and the 2012 Annual Meeting in Cape Cod. In between, she will be responsible for all the membership records and retention, and some of the financial responsibilities.

When you get a chance, please call and welcome Shari to PBA. Her email is staylor@pabus.org.

PBA Members Vote in Officers & Board

On June 14, 2012, the following officers and board were voted into office:

Chair—Nelson Floyd, Perkiomen Tours
Vice Chair—Pat Cole, Cole Transportation
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Hershey, PA

January 5—9, 2013

American Bus Association Marketplace
Charlotte, NC

January 20-24, 2013

UMA Motorcoach EXPO at Travel Exchange
Orlando, FL

March 25, 2013

PBA Seminar "Investing in the Motorcoach Industry: Increasing Your ROI"
Harrisburg, PA

March 26, 2013

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Harrisburg, PA

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ADA COMPLIANCE-TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

This article was written by Jill Nagy from the Law Offices of Nagy located in Wyomissing, PA. www.nagylaw.com

In the last few years several legislative mandates have caused motor coach operators to scratch their heads. Aside from transportation funding regulation, no regulatory scheme has raised as many questions as the ADA. Constant updates, carrier categories and strict deadlines have opened the door for fines, penalties and fleet improvements- all of which could cost big bucks for carriers. ADA regulations have caused stiff DOJ enforcement across the country, from small carriers to even the largest coach companies, and Pennsylvania is no exception. Surprise DOJ audits and lengthy investigations based upon private complaints are only a few ways that coach carriers will feel the sting from the updated regulations.

The key to avoiding stiff enforcement penalties is to simply know your level of responsibility to your disabled passengers and put the proper operational protocol in place. It is up to you to understand what regulations apply to your company and how to address the needs of your clients who are faced with disabilities. Over-the-road carriers must understand their responsibilities as to accessible vehicles, ac-

commodation for disabled passengers and maintenance requirements. Your fleet size will dictate your requirements as to vehicle accessibility compliance which is mandated prior to October 31, 2012. This deadline is critical not only as to lifts but other methods of accessibility for motor coaches. Securement procedures, maintenance inspections, customer service and driver training also make up key provisions in the Act which all carriers must comply with IMMEDIATELY.

The first and most critical line of defense is employee training. The act is unclear as to whether or not refresher or remedial training is required or the frequency of training that is required. However, the commentary within the ADA and as issued by advocacy groups suggests that such training is a must due to the Act's use of the term "proficiency." Therefore, it appears that a training program should be established at each authority.

From customer service representatives to drivers to maintenance personnel, the entire staff must be trained to proficiency as to the ADA. Your customer service personnel must understand how to deal with situations involved in transfers between coach companies, when to ask questions to

make accommodation more beneficial and how to advise customers as to safety procedures. Drivers must understand how to deal with safety issues and the non-standard wheelchairs, proper securement techniques and sensitivity issues for passengers. All of those issues should be accomplished through training, policies and consistent protocol within your company.

In the last few years of educating personnel and drivers as to ADA issues, one issue is abundantly clear; not only does the ADA have a myriad of tough requirements as to training, but your staff and drivers want to know the answers to various questions on assisting disabled passengers. Your staff cares about your customers! Questions about sensitive disabilities, unruly passengers, and service animals are fundamental to a driver's daily job. Answering their questions is just as critical as the regulatory compliance benefits of the ADA. Also, the training aspect of the Act is a particular area of enforcement because training records are easy to investigate. The long and short of the world of ADA compliance is training starts a good program and the rest of your compliance needs will flow from there. Take advantage of training resources and do not wait until the DOJ knocks at your door! Compliance means you!

Museum of Bus Transportation: Looking Back

By Tom Collins

Being associated with the Museum of Bus Transportation often provides us with some interesting archives, historical facts, and data on the bus industry that we might not, otherwise, receive.

Someone asked us what was the most popular intercity motorcoach every produced. Want to guess?

The answer was the MCI model MC-9, with over 9,500 built in the period from 1979 to 1994. Note the overlap in production even after the "new look" model 96-A-3 was introduced in 1985. Several operators continued to request the MC-9 (dubbed Special Editions) and in 1992 Greyhound began a bus replacement program and asked MCI to build them 1,300 MC-12's (virtual copies of the successful MC-9).

The Museum of Bus Transportation owns two pristine, yet somewhat unusual, MC-9s. Our 1984 model is unique in that

it is one of only 5 two-axle MC-9 coaches ever produced; ours was given to us by the late George M. Sage (Bonanza Bus Lines) in 2002. The other one is a commuter version with "NJ specs" donated to us by the late James JeBran, Sr. (Trans-Bridge Lines, Inc.) in 2004. Both have been fully restored and stand as fine examples of an outstanding motorcoach.

Most PBA members had or may still have an MC-9 in their fleet.

Other MCI coaches in our fleet are an MC-5C and an MC-8.

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Baltimore Opens NEW Motor Coach Parking Facility

City Celebrates Opening of State-of-the-Art Facility with Discounts, Savings and a Welcome Program for Group Tour Partners



The city of Baltimore is rolling out the red carpet for group tour partners that help transport thousands of visitors to the city on a daily basis. Visit Baltimore, in partnership with the Baltimore City Department of Transportation and the Parking Authority of Baltimore City, is proud to announce the opening of a new Motor Coach Parking Facility for drivers made possible, in part, by a grant from the Maryland Heritage Area Association, along with perks and savings that will further enhance a group tour's experience.

Below is a preview of what Baltimore's group tour partners can enjoy, including an inside look at the Motor Coach Parking Facility, details about the motor coach welcome program, the Baltimore Day Tripper Pass and other services:

The New Baltimore City Motor Coach Parking Facility

Located less than two miles from the Baltimore Visitor Center, group tour drivers can take a load off and enjoy the following:

- Driver lounge with Wi-Fi access, food vending, cable television and bathroom facilities.
- Lighted, locked and secure lot with 61 spaces for motor coaches and school buses.
- Pump out and water replenishment services.
- In/Out privileges for 12-hour and overnight parking.
- Complimentary admission for all motor coach drivers to the B&O Railroad Museum.
- Free transportation via Charm City Circulator to area hotels, restaurants and attractions.

- Open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. seven days a week from March 1 - November 1 annually

Parking is \$5 per hour, \$25 for 12 hours and \$35 for 24 hours. Visit Baltimore.org/group-tour or call 410-385-5848 to learn more about the Baltimore Motor Coach Parking Facility.

The Motor Coach Welcome Program

Visit Baltimore's Visitor Center and Group Tour department offer a free motor coach welcome program at the Baltimore Visitor Center. Motor coaches that register in advance will be greeted by a member of the Visitor Center staff who will board the arriving bus to greet passengers; provide a brief summary of things to do; and offer city guides, coupons and an invitation to view "The Baltimore Experience" in the Visitor Center Theater. After that, the passengers are welcome to browse the brochure racks and obtain assistance from trained specialists about Baltimore, purchase tickets and enjoy the Baltimore sights. Group tour partners can sign up for the program by visiting <http://www.cvent.com/d/vcq08b>. A seven-day advance reservation is required.

The Baltimore Day Tripper Pass

Groups that come to Baltimore for a short trip and need an easy and economical quick stop can take advantage of the Baltimore Day Tripper Pass, a one-price pass that allows visitors to choose between one of three Inner Harbor attractions and a meal at one of three Inner Harbor restaurants.

Each pass allows a choice of one of these attractions:

- Ripley's Believe It or Not!
- Baltimore Historic Ships in Baltimore
- American Visionary Art Museum

And one restaurant meal (includes one meal, beverage and 15 percent gratuity depending on choice):

- Tir Na Nog Irish Bar & Grill
- Lenny's Deli Harborplace
- Uno's Chicago Grill

Each pass also includes free parking for a bus or motor coach at the new Motor Coach Parking Facility. Passes can only be purchased a minimum of seven days in advance of arrival and are available for

groups of 20 or more. For more information or to purchase, please send an email with "day tripper pass" in the subject line to vctix@baltimore.org.

Discounted Ticketing

Groups that book tickets for attractions through the Baltimore Visitor Center or hotel rooms through Visit Baltimore's Group Tour Sales department may also receive discounted \$15 parking at the new Motor Coach Parking Facility. To qualify or receive more information, call 877-BALTIMORE and choose option 4.

For more information about Baltimore, latest happenings or how they city can help in serving group tours, visit www.baltimore.org/group-tour

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Tuesday, March 26, 2013



2013 Marketplace Co-Chairs: Cheryl Clemens, Toby's Dinner Theatre left, Amy Brooks, Susquehanna Trailways, right.

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For reservations call 717-939-7841 or go to www.hiharrisburg.com Rate is **\$110 inclusive**. Don't forget to indicate you will be attending PBA's 2013 Marketplace. PBA's room block will be released to the public **March 4, 2013**, after which reservations will be accepted on a space available basis.

Forms on PBA's Web-site

Marketplace registration and informational forms are posted on PBA's web-site www.pabus.org. The forms you will find include the following:

- Marketplace Booth Registration
- General Exposition Decorator Forms
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Marketplace Directory Ads and Articles
- *'Investing in the Motorcoach Industry: Increasing Your ROI'* Seminar Information

Schedule of Events

MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2013

9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Investing in the Motorcoach Industry: Increasing our ROI Seminar
Harrisburg East Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, PA.

1:00 - 8:00 pm
Exhibitor Registration and Booth Set-Up
Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex Exposition Hall

12:00 - 2:00 pm
Driver and Employee of Distinction Awards Program and Luncheon
Harrisburg East Holiday Inn, Harrisburg, PA

TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 2013

(All Events at Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex)

6:00 - 8:00 am
Final Exhibitor Registration and Booth Set-Up

7:00 - 8:00 am
Full Breakfast for Exhibitors

8:00 - 8:30 am
Exhibitor Meeting with Co-Chairs (important to attend to receive updates on the day's events)

9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Marketplace Exhibits Open to Group Leaders arriving in scheduled motorcoaches

1:30 - 3:30 pm
Exhibitor tear-down

PBA is looking forward to the participation of our travel supplier members and bus operators. As exhibitors commit with a booth registration form, PBA will post the information on the web-site. PBA also works closely with various CVBs in arranging the booths in their geographic area.

Thank you for your past and future support of Marketplace!

Changes for CVBs

There are a few changes that have been incorporated into the Marketplace for 2013:

CVB BOOTH OPTIONS

◆Booth(s) with CVB Employees.

On Registration Form, use single booth column for appropriate booth fees.

◆Booth(s) with CVB employee(s) and/or CVB Partners/Members. On the Registration Form, use the shared booth column for appropriate shared booth fees.

THEME: 'Spring' PBA invites you to incorporate the theme into your booth. Be creative and fun!

PIPE & DRAPE COLORS: Plum & White

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL: Stand Out in the Marketplace Directory by purchasing your booth before October 20, 2012 and your Marketplace Directory listing will include a 50 word narrative on important aspects of your booth or property.

Important Deadlines

October 20, 2012
Early Bird 'Exemplary' Exhibitor Discount Ends. Forms and payment in full due

January 20, 2013
'Preferred' Exhibitor Discount Ends. Forms and payment due.
Refund. Final Date to Request if Cancel

February 1, 2013
Sponsorship Opportunity Form Due
Marketplace Directory Ad/Article Form Due
Balance for any Booth Payment Due for guaranteed placement in Marketplace Directory.

March 1, 2013
Unpaid Marketplace fees Due
Investing in the Motorcoach Industry: Increasing Your ROI Seminar Registration Due
Membership Dues Renewals due to qualify for PBA Member Discounted Booth Fees

March 4, 2013
Hotel room block released to public

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■ MCS 150 Forms Due Every 2 Years

All motor carriers operating commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce are required to file a Motor Carrier Identification Report, Form MCS-150 every 2 years. Go to the web-site www.fmcsa.dot.gov to check the status of your company's filing.

■ UCR Fees Due Annually

Pennsylvania participates in the Unified Carrier Registration Program (UCR) which requires interstate motor carriers to register with the program and pay an annual fee which is based on the size of the carrier's fleet. These fees will fund motor carrier safety and enforcement programs in Pennsylvania. To pay, go to www.ucr.in.gov. Payment by VISA or MC, or electronic check (ACH). NOTE: UCR registered companies should not be paying any PUC Assessments. If you have received an invoice from the PUC, call PBA for

assistance. 2013 UCR fees may be the same as 2012 as the UCR board ponders what to charge.

2012 UCR Fees

\$76	0-2 vehicles
\$277	3-5 vehicles
\$452	6-20 vehicles
\$1,576	21-100 vehicles
\$7,511	101-1,000 vehicles
\$73,346	1,001 - 200,000 vehicles

■ ADA Reports Due October 30th

The USDOT Americans With Disabilities reporting regulations require over-the-road bus (OTRB) companies to submit three types of reports by the last Monday of every October. Each annual report covers the time period from October 1 of the prior calendar year through September 30 of the current calendar year. Reports required:

1. Annual Summary Report of Individual Accessible/Equivalent Service Requests and Responses/Service Provided
2. Fixed Route OTRB Company's Annual Lift Use Summary
3. Annual Report of OTRBs Purchased/Leased and Overall Fleet Data.

Web-site for information is: fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/bus/company/ada-guidelines.htm

■ FMCSA PRE-EMPLOYMENT SCREENING PROGRAM (PSP)

PSP is a screening tool that allows motor carriers and individual drivers to purchase driving records from FMCSA at www.psp.fmcsa.dot.gov. Records show a driver's most recent 5 years of crash data and 3 years of roadside inspection data from the FMCSA. Cost is \$10/record, companies must be registered. This is a VOLUNTARY program.

■ PA ACCIDENT REPORTING - The Law

52 P.A. Code § 29.44. Accident reports.

(a) *Accidents involving death of a person.* Motor carriers of passengers, operating vehicles with seating capacities of 15 passengers or less, including the driver, shall telephonically notify the Bureau of Transportation and Safety of any accident resulting in the death of a person within 24 hours of the accident. Carriers shall maintain a copy of the police report for 1 year from the date of the accident.

(b) *Other accidents.* For all accidents resulting in the filing of a police report, a motor carrier shall maintain a copy of the police report for 1 year from the date of the accident.

■ PENNDOT Pothole Hotline

With construction season kicking off across Pennsylvania, PennDOT is reminding motorists to call the following hotline 1-800-FIX-ROAD (800-349-7623) to report the location of potholes on state roads. Be specific as possible such as county, municipality, street name, state route, description of any familiar landmarks that will help PennDOT find the problem area.

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