



TAA Summer Conference Agenda 2017

Monday, June 19, 2017

<p>8:00am – 12:00pm</p>	<p>NAPT 203: Communications Skills for Transportation Professionals Instructor: Shannon Weber Room: Fremont</p> <p>This four-hour course is about how to project self-confidence, how to recover from mistakes, and how to get ideas accepted and implemented. This is an important class for transportation personnel who want to give quality presentations, hone communication skills and enhance their careers</p>	<p>NAPT 501: Overseeing a Fleet Maintenance Program Instructor: Jeff Walker Room: Doyle / Rees</p> <p>A four-hour workshop covering the fundamentals of fleet maintenance, designed for those interested in or with a responsibility for shop operations. This workshop is designed for all managers, not just those already familiar with fleet maintenance.</p>
<p>12:00pm – 1:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch (On Your Own)</p>	
<p>1:00pm – 5:00pm</p>	<p>NAPT 701: Introductions to Leadership & Management Instructor: Shannon Weber Room: Fremont</p> <p>A four-hour workshop that defines the role of leadership for both experienced and novice managers. The course reviews different leadership models and explains how different models must be used with different individuals and in different circumstances. Learn strategies for developing your work force into a committed team that has the preparation to get the job done right and the creativity to find even better ways to function.</p>	<p>NAPT 503: School Bus Specifications Instructor: Jeff Walker Room: Doyle / Rees</p> <p>A four-hour workshop providing practical guidelines for "spec'ing," bidding, and receiving school buses best suited to your specific needs.</p>
<p>3:00pm - 6:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Registration in Lobby of High Country Conference Center</p>	
<p>6:00pm – 7:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner & Reception in Humphreys Room</p>	
<p>7:30pm – 9:00pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">“Corn Hole Tournament” & Social Hour in Agassiz / Fremont Grab a partner and get ready for a corny good time at the first TAA Corn Hole Tournament!</p>	

Tuesday, June 20, 2017

7:00 am – 7:45 am	Registration in Lobby of High Country Conference Center			
7:45 am – 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast in Humphreys Room			
8:30 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Address: Light it Up! Patrick Mulick Humphreys Room			
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<u>Let's Talk: Training</u> Tommy Sims Room: HCCC Fremont	<u>Let's Talk: Vendors</u> Jay Morris Room: HCCC Agassiz	<u>Let's Talk: Administrators</u> Jeff Walker Room: HCCC Doyle / Rees	<u>Let's Talk: Mechanics</u> <u>DPS Inspections</u> Trooper Shannon Mork Room: Drury O'Leary
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	<u>TSA & Highway Stakeholder Security Partnership</u> Scott Sweetalla Room: HCCC Fremont	<u>Liability and Risk Management</u> Stephanie Arbaugh Room: Agassiz	<u>School Finance Transportation Reports</u> Monica Paz Room: HCCC Doyle / Rees	<u>Preventative Maintenance and Diagnostic Best Practices</u> Sean Bell Room: Drury O'Leary
12:00 pm – 12:45 pm	Lunch in Humphreys Room Nominations for Region Reps for Regions 2, 3, 6, and President Elect positions			
12:45 pm – 2:15 pm	<u>DPS Student Transportation Updates & New Procedures</u> Patricia Martinez & Christina Ybarra Room: HCCC Fremont	<u>A Unique Look Inside the Life of a Special Needs Family Part 2</u> Dani Danielak Room: HCCC Agassiz	<u>What it means to Us, What it Means to Them</u> Patrick Mulick Room: HCCC Doyle / Rees	<u>A/C Preventative Maintenance</u> Forrest Fields Room: Drury O'Leary
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm	<u>Positive Behavior Management</u> Dr. Michael Redivo Room: HCCC Fremont	<u>Bus Assistant Training</u> Dani Danielak Room: HCCC Agassiz	<u>Arizona State Retirement</u> Rose Busse Room: Drury O'Leary	<u>Killing your DPS Inspection</u> Trace Tolby Room: Drury O'Leary
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Pete Perkins Memorial Volleyball Tournament – First Round (NAU)			
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Dinner in Humphreys Room			
7:30 pm	Buses Load for a Night on the Town... Buses will load between The Drury Inn & Suites and High Country Conference Center to depart at 7:45pm			
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Bowling at Starlite Bowling Alley & Karaoke at Museum Club Shuttle buses will depart Starlite Bowling Alley/Museum Club to return to the Drury Inn & Suites at 9:00pm, 10:00pm & 11:00pm			

Wednesday, June 21, 2017

7:00 am – 7:45 am	Registration in Lobby of High Country Conference Center			
7:30 am – 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast in Humphreys Room			
8:00 am – 9:00 am	Keynote Address: Einstein Never Drove a School Bus Jeff Walker Humphrey's Room			
9:15 am – 10:15 am	<u>Driver Recruiting and Retention Strategies</u> Stephanie Arbaugh Room: HCCC Rees	<u>DPS Student Transportation Updates & New Procedures</u> Patricia Martinez & Christina Ybarra Room: HCCC Agassiz	<u>Bus Technology is Great! What do we do with it now?</u> Jason Nelson & Tommy Sims Room: 1899 Grandview	<u>Bus Body Electrical Diagnostics</u> Nate Hawbaker Room: Drury O'Leary
10:30 am – 12:30 pm	<u>Bus Showcase & Trust Simulation</u> Courtesy of Auto Safety House, Canyon State Bus Sales, RWC, and The Trust Outdoors between the HCCC and Drury Inn & Suites			
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm	Grab 'n' Go Lunch Seating is available in Potter's Square behind the 1899			
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm	Vendor Show Humphrey's Room Don't forget to cast your ballot for Region Reps for Regions 2,3,6 and President Elect positions Bring your business cards for prize drawings from our vendors			
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	Pete Perkins Memorial Volleyball Tournament – Final Round (NAU)			
6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Dinner in Humphrey's Room It's Decades Night! Dress in your favorite decade			

Thursday, June 22, 2017

8:00 am – 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast in Humphreys Room			
9:00 am – 10:00 am	Keynote Address: Don't Let Your Position and Salary Dictate Your Attitude and Performance Paul Novak Humphrey's Room			
10:00 am – 11:30 am	Talking to the Experts Humphreys Room DPS Representatives, Arizona Department of Public Safety Pedro Banderas, Arizona Department of Transportation			
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	Closing Ceremonies			

Key Note Speaker Information

Patrick Mulick presents “Light It Up!”

The passion and precision of one can effect change on the masses, and so it is YOU who can effect change within your team. Are you ready to be that person? Maximize your environmental impact by creating a home field advantage in which your colleagues and students can win! All bus drivers play an integral role in supporting our students’ success, bringing new meaning to how we “positively reinforce” each other. Set your visual schedule to laugh, cry, excite, and learn in Patrick’s dynamic proclamation for all who support kids to light it up!

Patrick is a National Board Certified Teacher, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, and a certified speaker, trainer, and coach with the John Maxwell Team. Originally from the humble town of Boring, Oregon, Patrick earned his undergrad and masters in special education and behavior analysis from Gonzaga University. While spending seven years educating students with disabilities, from pre-school to high school, Patrick developed a particular love for working with students with Autism and behavioral challenges. Today he works as an educational consultant and as the Autism Coordinator of the Auburn School District in Washington State. Patrick believes that in order for students to have access to a meaningful education all whom they encounter must be provided access themselves to ongoing supports right where they are at; on the front lines of education. Patrick has committed his work to lighting it up for all those who work with special needs learners through a hybrid of instruction and inspiration. His resources and strategies have helped make the complex simple, equipping teacher, administrators, therapists, para-educators, and bus drivers alike.

Jeff Walker presents “Einstein Never Drove a School Bus”

It may be a well-known fact that Einstein never drove a school bus but that doesn’t mean that his principles and ideas do not apply to student transportation. In this slightly entertaining keynote speech we will reveal more than you might think about theories, logic, and even a little common sense even though Einstein never drove a school bus!

Jeff began his career in student transportation in 1999 while attending Marian College for Elementary Education. In his 17 years in student transportation, Jeff has served as a driver, trainer, router, dispatcher, and Transportation Director for school districts in Wisconsin and Arizona. His present role as Director of Sales and Consulting with Lynx Transportation Solutions allows him to work with school districts and contracted operations in over 100 school districts nationwide. Jeff is also a certified DPS Classroom Instructor and NAPT Instructor; enjoys presenting and teaching to school bus drivers and transportation administrators across the country. Jeff currently is finishing his term as Past-President for Transportation Administrators of Arizona and previously served as Committee Chair for the Transportation Committee of Wisconsin Association of School Business Officials.

Paul Novak presents “Don’t Let Your Position and Salary Dictate Your Attitude and Performance”

We have more in common with each other than not. Paul Novak will make us laugh, lift our spirits, make us think, even make us gasp...and as we depart later today, we may just have a little more balance and maybe a slightly different purpose going forward.

Paul Novak brings over 40 years of transportation and safety experience to the conference. He served on active duty in the United States Army from 1975 to 1995. Mr. Novak's 20 year U.S. Army career included senior leadership assignments in force protection of U.S. and coalition forces, transportation and logistics management. He served 12 years overseas in Europe, Asia, Africa, and the Middle East including multiple combat tours. After retiring from the Army, he took a position as the Director of Transportation and Safety for Tempe Elementary School District, where he stayed for 21 years; retiring in January 2016. In this position, he oversaw all student transportation matters for the district, as well as holding responsibility for every aspect of safety and security for this 11,000 student, 2,000 staff, 25 campus school district. Upon retiring from Tempe Elementary, he launched his own company, Gauge Precision Consulting, which assists school districts, not only across Arizona, but in other states, with all matters relating to student transportation and school safety. Mr. Novak has been invited to speak at national and state conferences across the U.S. on topics ranging from leadership and teamwork to school safety and security as well as student transportation. His public speaking has included banking professionals, school business officials, and a variety of organizations inside and outside of education across the country. He received an appointment to the Arizona School Bus Advisory Council, where he served as the chairman for four years.

Let's Talk Series Facilitators:

- Administrators: Jeff Walker
- Mechanics/DPS Inspections: Trooper Shannon Mork
- Training: Tommy Sims
- Vendors: Jay Morris

Speaker: Dani Danielak

A Unique Look Inside the Life of a Special Needs Family Part 2

This training will provide a perspective into what is needed to help a student have a successful bus ride and how to turn the bus into an extension of the classroom. It will provide updates, a closer look at recovery time and what is needed after a student hits peak behavior, continuation of sensitivity training for transportation staff, and how you can build and maintain relationships with school staff.

Bus Assistant Training

This training will provide a clear expectation for trainers and what is expected from bus assistants. It is my hope to get districts excited about training opportunities for bus assistants including outlining the bus assistant handbook used by Agua Fria, the assistant pre-trip, confidentiality, follow-up training, and how to make bus assistants feel as important as the bus driver because they are!

Dani has been serving the student transportation industry for 19 years. She started as a bus assistant, then became a bus driver, trainer, dispatcher, and has had the privilege of working for the past seven years at Agua Fria Union High School District where she currently serves as Transportation Director. As much as she loves her job and working with special needs students, her greatest accomplishment is being the parent of a 16 year old with special needs.

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Speaker: Patrick Mulick

What it Means to Us, What it Means to Them

When it comes to students with autism that means knowing what to look for and knowing what to do. In this unforgettable workshop, Patrick puts transportation staff behind the wheel of what it feels like to have autism and then provides various strategies to consider for support. From using visuals to establishing routines, he demonstrates how doing a few of the little things right can go a long way for these wonderful students.

Please see the Key Note Speaker page for Patrick's bio.

Speaker: Forrest Fields

Air Conditioning Preventative Maintenance

This air conditioning preventative maintenance and diagnostic class will feature best practices as well as the latest in new industry products.

Forrest has spent most of his 30 years in the bus air conditioning field in sales and marketing at all levels including OEM, dealer, regional management, and national sales. He has been exposed to all elements of the process from installation, service, warranty, and engineering. The years he has spent in this industry has taught him that the application, installation, and service of the air conditioning is of utmost importance!

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Speaker: Nate Hawbaker

Bus Body Electrical Diagnostics

The synopsis of this training will be using the diagnostics through the multiplex box to find shorts in the body lighting. It will also provide an easy way to find a short to ground in the bus body wiring using light bulbs and buzzers.

Nate has been with Canyon State Bus Sales since 2011. He provides product support and training.

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Speaker: Sean Bell

Preventative Maintenance & Diagnostic Best Practices

Sean has been employed for over 30 years building handicap vehicles and commercial buses. He is currently employed as a Customer Care and Aftersales Senior Technician for BraunAbility since 2011. He is also the West Coast Field Trainer. He lives in Orange County, CA and likes attending car shows, antique stores, as well as spending time with family and friends.

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Speaker: Stephanie Arbaugh

Bus Driver Recruitment and Retention Strategies

Today it seems as almost everyone is plagued with a shortage of school bus drivers. This course will provide strategies and resources for finding and keeping quality school bus drivers.

Liability And Risk

This course will explain how to identify liabilities and have a better understanding of how to mitigate those risks through industry standards and best practices.

Stephanie is a bus driver trainer with the Arizona School Risk Retention Trust. She has an Associate's Degree from Pierce College in Steilacoom, Washington. She has been certified as a driver trainer in Washington State since 2008 and certified in Arizona as a driver trainer since 2013. Prior to joining the Trust, Stephanie worked at a local school district as a driver trainer and a third party tester for the Arizona Department of Transportation. She has a love affair with all things school bus related and also with the Seattle Seahawks.

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Speaker: Trace Tolby

Killing Your DPS Inspection

Every year DPS comes knocking at your door. What are you doing to get ready for it? What are the common problems School District seem to have during these inspections? We all want the buses to be safe and pass the inspections, lets discuss how we can be ready for it!

Trace is currently the Corporate Trainer for Auto Safety House. With over 11 years in the school bus business, Trace was the Western Region Trainer of the year with Thomas Built Bus for 2013,2014, and 2015 teaching 70+ classes to over 800 drivers and techs in 2013. In 2014 and 2015 he was awarded the "North American Trainer of Year" by Thomas Built Buses. Trace has spent years with medium and heavy duty equipment and Blue Bird buses, before joining the ASH team with Thomas Built Buses. Trace & Auto Safety House provide on-site driver and tech training to school districts throughout the state, covering driver safety, special needs transportation, dashboard awareness, emissions, coolant, diagnostics, and many more topics.

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Speaker: Rose Busse

Arizona State Retirement

This course provides information for members who are planning to retire within the next three years. You'll learn more about your pension benefit, how it's figured, annuity options, if you can afford to retire, and more.

Rose Busse is a Senior Benefits Advisor with the Arizona State Retirement System, Member Services Division, Member Education Team. Rose educates members on their Arizona State Retirement System Benefits and the retirement process via live-group meetings, webinars, and Remote Online Counseling Sessions.

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Speakers: Thomas Sims and Jason Nelson

Bus Technology is Great... What Do We Do With It?

This course will provide information and the experience of how two districts implemented student tracking and how they turn GPS data into useable information to help train drivers to be more engaged and effective.

Jason Nelson started working in student transportation in 2010. He is currently the lead router at Kyrene Elementary School District and serves as President-Elect of TAA.

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Thomas Sims started working in student transportation in 2001. He is currently the Director of Transportation for Litchfield Elementary School District and serves as Treasurer of TAA.

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Speaker: Scott Sweetalla

TSA & Highway Stakeholder Security Partnership

Scott is a Transportation Security Inspector-Surface with the Transportation Security Administration since 2002. He currently works in the TSA office in Phoenix, AZ. This office covers all of Arizona in Aviation, Cargo, and Surface Transportation. He is responsible for evaluating security in a variety of modes of transportation to include highway, rail, mass transit, and pipeline. His background is in retail and restaurant management, the United States Air Force, and has even driven a school bus. Scott's currently resides in Surprise, AZ with his wife and two children.

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Speakers: Dr. Michael Redivo, Sam Wright, & Ryan Klein

Positive Behavior Management Model

This workshop will present key concepts of the Productive Conflict: Positive Behavior Management Model. Participants will learn specific positive behavior management strategies to use with defiant and uncooperative students along with a framework to make such interventions work day in and day out. Presenters will review common behavior issues on transportation and specific ways to redirect and engage defiant students positively. Consistent implementation of this model reduces liability issues while increasing job satisfaction among drivers and aides.

Dr. Michael Redivo is a licensed psychologist, specializing in working with students with severe behavioral problems. He serves as Executive Director of Desert Heights Academy, a private day school serving a broad spectrum of special education students. He is the author of the Productive Conflict model and he routinely conducts training for transportation departments and school systems throughout the State.

Samuel Wright, M.Ed. is a certified special education teacher and administrator with many years of experience in effectively working with students who have significant behavioral problems. He is the Executive Director of Desert Breeze Transportation, a company providing safe transportation for students throughout the Phoenix area. Under his leadership, Desert Breeze Transportation has grown to serve over 20 districts in Phoenix and still growing – this is attributed to timely, professional, and safe transportation services day in and day out.

Ryan Klein, the Transportation Supervisor of Desert Breeze Transportation, brings several years of classroom and administrative experience to effectively oversee and manage the day to day operations of this growing company. In addition to his supervisory responsibilities, he is also a certified Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) trainer.

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Speaker: Pedro Banderas

ADOT Roundtable

This class will feature a roundtable meeting with our TAA President, Hilma Gustafson, to talk about the hot topics at ADOT.

Pedro Banderas joined ADOT in 2007. Pedro has held various roles with the Department including: Customer Service Representative, Equipment Operator, Program Compliance Auditor, and currently CDL Coordinator for central area overseeing CDL license issuance. Pedro is our subject matter expert in A.R.S. Title 28 and C.F.R. Title 49.

Speaker: Monica Paz

School Finance Transportation Reports

This course will provide step by step instruction on how to submit the required annual Transportation Route Report and the Vehicle Inventory Report data via Common Logon. We will outline and define key transportation terms and briefly review the transportation process and its connection to the APOR 55-1.

Monica has been with the Arizona Department of Education (ADE) since 2015. She serves as an Account Analyst in the School Finance Department. Monica has accumulated ten years' experience working in the education field as an Executive Assistant and Data Compliance Analyst for charter schools. She brings a unique perspective to ADE since she has worked directly with the schools. She is eager to learn help provide accurate information, and expects to be utilized as a resource to schools regarding reports and data submission.

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