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Annual Statewide Bus Rodeo A Success

Beneath clear blue skies the Connecticut transit buses competed in the 35 foot transit bus, 40 foot transit bus, and Body-on Chassis categories during the Bus Rodeo on Sunday, June 1. There were numerous volunteers assisting in the event, from scorers, judges, including Commissioner Redeker who handed out the awards along with CACT Executive Director Mary Tomolonius.

This year, TransAction Associates who administer the state RTAP program were in charge of the days event. They gave volunteers brown baseball hats emblazoned with the Rodeo logo and a mug. Michele and Cindy could be seen racing around attending to every detail.

The music was loud, the BBQ lunches eagerly devoured by the attendees, and everyone waited patiently to see who'd won the awards.

Congratulations to all the drivers who participated and to the winners! Great job.



### CACT Member Highlight

**Michael J. Carroll (Mike)**, *General Manager, Southeast Area Transit*

Mike was born and raised in Ohio and received his BA from Miami University, Oxford, OH.

He started driving buses as a part-time job while attending Graduate School at UVA, inhaled diesel exhaust, and never looked back. Mike served as AGM for Charlottesville Transit, and was then was hired by First Transit, and he's been with them for 19 years and counting. Most of the time as GM of Greater Lynchburg Transit Company where we won the 2009 APTA Outstanding Public Transportation System award. For the last two years, Mike bounced around in temporary assignments from NYC to Sherman, Texas, and survived the great blizzard of 2013 at CTransit/Hartford. He landed at SEAT as GM in March 2013, and looks forward to continuing his career in CT.

Mike is married to Cheryl and has two sons, Samuel and Jacob. Sam is serving in the USAF, and Jake attends college at Radford University in Virginia. In his spare time Mike is an avid military history buff and military modeler. He also enjoys classical music.

### CACT Member Highlights

If you or a staff member would like to be featured in an upcoming issue, please send your bio and a jpeg photo to Mary Tomolonius at [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

### Advertising in the CACT Newsletter

The rates are full page \$300; ½ page \$150; and ¼ page \$100. CACT members receive a 10% discount. All ads must be submitted prior to the last week of the month to [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com).

### The Cost of Owning A Car

A recent article in The Wall Street Journal noted that it costs an average of \$9,150 a year to own, maintain and run an ordinary mid-size car. Owning an SUV costs approximately \$6,000 more and luxury cars are substantially more expensive to operate.

### TransformCT

Have you offered your vision of how to improve public transportation in Connecticut yet? Go to the [www.transformct.org](http://www.transformct.org) website and share your thoughts and ideas.

**It's So Much More Than The Sum Of Its Parts.**

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## Dump The Pump

APTA and other public transit systems are encouraging people to participate in the National Dump The Pump Day on June 19. A tool kit and further information are available on their website [www.apta.com](http://www.apta.com).

## Proposed Slate of CACT Officers & Executive Committee Members

The CACT Nominating Committee: Doug Holcomb, Lou Schulman & David Lee proposed the following Slate of Officers and Executive Committee Members for 2014-2016. The slate will be voted on by CACT members at the Annual Meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

### Officers

Chairperson Joe Comerford  
(9 Town)

Vice Chairperson – Brandon Foster (GNHTD)

Secretary - Steven Demichele (GBT)

Treasurer – Richard Bangs (NTD)

### Executive Committee

Henry Jadach (MTD)

Mike Carroll (SEAT)

Nicole Rohan (CTTransit)

Stephanie Scavelli (HART)

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**DID YOU REGISTER FOR THE  
CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon  
Wednesday, June 25 ~ 11:30 am – 1:30 pm  
Indian Hill Country Club, 1 Golf St., Newington  
Forms available on our website: [www.cact.info](http://www.cact.info)**

## Calendar

**Wednesday June 25, 11:30 a.m.** CACT Annual Meeting & Awards Luncheon, Indian Hill Country Club, 1 Golf St., Newington, CT.

**Sunday, Aug. 3- Tuesday, Aug. 5.** “Sustainability & Public Transportation Workshop”, Omni Parker Hotel, Boston. [kbella@apta.com](mailto:kbella@apta.com)



## Volunteers Needed for CACT Golf Tournament

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CACT Golf Tournament will be held on Tuesday, September 23, at Blue Fox Run Golf Course in Avon, CT. Registration begins at 8:00 am and the Shotgun Scramble starts at 9:00 am. Registration is \$125 *before* August 15 and \$140 after the 15<sup>th</sup>. Last year many CACT members volunteered to help, making the day a success. We need your help. Please let Mary Tomolonius ([mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com)) know if you can help or contribute in any of the areas below.

- Provide item(s) for Golf Cart “Goodie Bags”
- Provide a “tea cup auction” prize
- Provide a tournament prize
- Volunteer at the Golf Tournament
- Becoming a Golf Tournament Sponsor (*see Sponsor Form on page 4*)

## Grow America

A \$302 billion transportation plan, Grow America Act was introduced by President Obama to increase highway and transit funding along with allowing states to put tolls on their highways. In a letter dated May 7, 2014 to all state DOT’s, Secretary Anthony Foxx noted, “When Congress adopted the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) in the summer of 2012, it was expected that sufficient funds would be deposited in the Highway Trust Fund to support our Nation’s transportation investments through the end of the current fiscal year in September. It now appears that the fund may face insolvency as soon as August. The reason is simple—not enough revenue is coming into the fund to support the ongoing work necessary to maintain our roads, bridges, highways, and transit system. “



# CACT Golf Tournament 2014 Sponsorships Tues. Sept. 23, 2014 Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT

## **\$500 Gold Lunch Sponsor**

A full page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), sign on the green, signage at the luncheon (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$350 Silver Breakfast Sponsor**

½ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$250 Bronze Drink Sponsor**

¼ page ad in the program book (sponsor provides a jpeg ad), Tee sign (sponsor provides jpeg logo)

## **\$150 Par 3 Sponsors**

A sign on the green (sponsor provides a jpeg logo)

## **\$125 Tee Sponsors**

A sign on the tee (sponsor provides a jpeg logo)

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECKS PAYABLE TO:** Connecticut Association for Community Transportation (CACT)

**MAIL TO:** CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Rd., Canton, CT 06019

**For more info contact:**

DJ Gonzalez: 860-247-5329 x3080 or DJGonzalez@ghtd.org

Mary Tomolonius: 860-693-0368 or Mary.cact@yahoo.com

*Some or all of the proceeds will assist CACT in their ongoing effort to raise awareness of Public Transportation needs and offer Training Opportunities.*

**NOTE:** contributions to the organization are not deductible for federal income tax purposes as charitable contributions.

Blue Fox Run Golf Course, Avon, CT

8:00 am Registration, Putting Contest

9:00 am Shotgun Scramble

# CACT Golf Tournament 2014 REGISTRATION

**\$125 BEFORE Aug. 15, 2014 (\$140 after Aug. 15, 2014)**  
golf, cart, continental breakfast, BBQ lunch & salad, 1½ hour open bar

Player #1 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #2 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #3 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Player #4 Handicap \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_

**(\$125 per golfer before Aug. 15; \$140 per golfer after Aug. 15)**

**TOTAL Amount Enclosed:**\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT & Checks Payable to:** Connecticut Association for Community Transportation. **MAIL TO:** CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Rd., Canton, CT 06019

*\* Payments are non-refundable, except that registered golfers may cancel in writing until September*

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# Have you renewed your CACT membership?

## 2014 CACT MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM

*Sincere thanks to everyone who's renewed their Membership for the year.  
We value and appreciate your membership. Not a member, consider joining.  
Please just fill out the form and you can either email it back, or send it back with your dues payment.*

**PLEASE FILL OUT & RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK.**

**Membership Categories/Dues** (please check one)

- A1. Small Transportation Agency \$125 + **\$8.50 per vehicle** \_\_\_\_\_ # of vehicles
- A2. Large Transportation Agency \$200 + **\$8.50 per vehicle** \_\_\_\_\_ # of vehicles
- A3. Broker \$200
- B1. Community Agency \$125
- B2. National/State/Regional Organization \$125
- C. Business Member \$200
- D. Individual \$75

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**Mail checks to:** CACT, 148 Bahre Corner Road, Canton, CT 06019

**Any Questions:** Call 860-693-0368 or email: [mary.cact@yahoo.com](mailto:mary.cact@yahoo.com)

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK #** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

