



News Update

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CBA Members Tip the CHP of an Illegal SPAB Move

April 15, 2008 - Three Bay Area charter bus companies are in hot water after allegedly driving with children when they were not suppose to and could face prosecution from the district attorney.

The California Highway Patrol is cracking down on charter bus drivers who do not have the proper authority to be driving school children around.

The CHP carried out a sting at Chavez Middle School in Hayward because they got a tip from CBA members that many of the company's drivers' licenses and bus certificates were out of compliance.

Out of nine buses inspected on Tuesday, six of them should not have been on the road. Three coaches dropped behind the school to avoid inspection.

The buses had taken about 700 students and parents to Stanford University, UC Berkeley and San Francisco State University for a college field trip.

The principal of the school said she was stunned when she was told there might be a problem.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/15893054/detail.html>

Air Resources Board Proposed Regulation

The California Bus Association is still working on the ARB's proposed regulations. It is very important that all of our members go to the ARB web site and input their fleet information into the fleet calculator. Try different scenarios to determine what you must do to become compliant and determine how this will affect your bottom line. This information is needed as we go before the ARB board to demonstrate the negative financial impact this will have on our members. It isn't enough to just say the regulations will put us out of business, we must prove it. Please send your calculations to the CBA office.

Here is a link to the fleet calculator.

http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onrdiesel/onrdiesel_new.htm

Insurance Certificates Are Needed from Operator Members

The Board of Directors has made some changes to the membership requirements. An operator member is now required to name the California Bus Association as an additional insured and must send an insurance certificate to the CBA office. You can fax your certificates to 831-633-1934 or mail them to

California Bus Association
11020 Commercial Parkway
Castroville, CA 95012

FTA Website – Charter Registration

If you haven't registered on the FTA web site for your local service area please do so today. Be sure to only register for areas in which you are able to serve. It is also important to provide your fax number. Double and triple check your information on the FTA website. If you find an error, send an e-mail to

Ombudsman.charterservice@dot.gov

To reach the FTA Website, go to www.fta.dot.gov and click on "Charter Registration Tool" on the right side of the page.

Warren Miller

Warren Miller passed away on April 17, 2008, one week short of his 87th birthday. He been diagnosed with colon cancer sometime in February, and had delayed any further testing until after Easter. Unfortunately, the cancer was more aggressive and had spread further than expected.

Warren had requested only his military service, which will be at Golden Gate National Cemetery, where Jan is buried. While there will be a military burial, Warren wanted no service.

If you wish to make a donation in his memory you could send it to either the Pacific Bus Museum or the Niles Canyon Railway, since he was a rail fan.

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P.O. Box 601105
Sacramento, CA 95860-1105

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Needless to say, the industry has lost one of its early fathers.

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