



Ulster County Area Transit

ANNOUNCING THE NEW YORK PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION 2017 TRANSPORTATION AND MAINTENANCE ROADEO

Hosted & Host property: **Ulster County Area Transit, Kingston, NY**
Date: **October 28, 2017**

Plans are underway for the 2017 Bus Rodeo. The New York Public Transportation Association is happy to announce the return of the Bus Transportation and Maintenance Rodeo competition. The event site is at Tech City, Enterprise, [Kingston, NY 12484](#). The event hotel is the [Best Western, 503 Washington Ave, Kingston, NY 12](#).

The transportation and maintenance Bus Rodeo is a great opportunity to provide some well-deserved bus operators and mechanics recognition while promoting safety, professionalism and skills. The event is intended to be fun while providing some friendly competition and camaraderie.

Here's a brief description of the competitions:

- For the transportation competition - Transit systems throughout New York State will send their best bus operators to compete in this event. The competing bus operators drive a bus through a test course marked with traffic cones that simulate various situations encountered on the road. Competing bus operators are expected to meet bus rodeo qualifications by maintaining good attendance and safe driving records.
- The maintenance competition - Will provide a challenge to the best mechanics from the different transit systems throughout New York State, in a number of areas in which they will diagnose mechanical problems, which include: Allison/Cummins Power Train, multiplex, HVAC, air brake systems and an inspection. Competing mechanic are expected to meet bus rodeo qualifications by maintaining good attendance and safety records.

The New York Public Transportation Association (NYPTA) - Bus Rodeo Committee invites your transit system to participate in the bus rodeo. If your transit system has not yet participated in a bus rodeo, and you are interested in learning more about the event, please don't hesitate to contact me for more information. I can be reached at 347-643-5001.





The schedule of events are listed below:

Friday, October 27th

Registration	12:00 – 3:00 pm
Bus Operator Meeting & Training	3:00 pm
Maintenance Meeting	3:30 pm
Committee Meeting	4:00 pm

Saturday, October 28th

Shuttle buses will operate between the hotel and the rodeo site beginning at 6:45 am.

Practice Run for bus operators	7:00 – 11:00 am
Opening Ceremony	11:00-11:15
Lunch	11:15
Competition begins	12:00 pm
Competition ends approximately	3:00 pm
Opening Reception	6:00 – 7:00 pm
Dinner & Awards	7:00 – 10:00 pm

Please plan to have the registration form back to UCAT by **Friday, September 22, 2017**. Mail to: **Carol Hargrove, Director, UCAT, 1 Danny Circle Kingston, NY 12401**. This will allow time to have the plaques engraved, programs printed and shirts ordered. The important information we will need to have will be the number of people that will be attending from your transit system, sweat shirt sizes for competing bus operators and mechanics and the bus operator and mechanic profile sheets.

If there are individuals from your transit system that are attending and would like to assist and judge for the event, please include this information on the registration form along with their sweatshirt size.

Enclosed, please find along with this letter a registration packet with more detailed information.

On behalf of the NYPTA - Bus Rodeo Committee, we are looking forward to a great event and a good time. Among the people attending, other than the competing bus operators, are managers and supervisors from the participating properties.

We hope to see you there!

Sincerely,
Carol Hargrove
 2017 NYPTA - Bus Rodeo Chairman





INFORMATION TO REGISTER FOR THE 2017 NYS TRANSPORTATION AND MAINTENANCE ROADEO

REGISTRATION & FEE

Please submit the application form with the registration fee by **September 22, 2017**. The staff member on the application should be the contact person directly responsible for the Rodeo contestant. The registration fee for the 2017 Transportation and Maintenance Bus Rodeo is \$225.00 paid in advance. This fee will include the contestant and their guest to attend the Awards Banquet.

HOTEL RESERVATION

Hotel reservations are the responsibility of each transit system for its contestants and other personnel. A block of rooms at a cost of \$159.00 per night has been set aside at the:

**Best Western Plus
503 Washington Ave
Kingston, NY 12401**

Please be sure to bring your tax-exempt form, if applicable. The cut-off date for the hotel is Friday, September 1, 2016. When calling for reservations please use **NYPTA Bus Rodeo as the group name**. For reservations please call **845-338-0400**. Fax: **845-340-1908**

Breakfast is included in the room fee.

RECEPTION AND AWARDS BANQUET

The cost for all other personnel that would like to attend the Awards Banquet will be \$45.00 per person in advance. A reception will be held at the **Best Western Plaza Ballroom A & B** on Saturday evening after the event on **Saturday, October 28**, commencing at 6:00 pm and dinner with awards to follow.

REGISTRATION FOR CONTESTANTS

Registration for contestants will be on **Friday, October 27, 2017 from 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm** at the hotel in the **Gazebo Banquet Room**. If you are unable to register on Friday, you can also register Saturday, at 7:00 a.m. at the Rodeo site.



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Please check box for the competition that applies:

Operator [] Mechanic []

Contestant's Last Name _____ First _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Number () _____ Nickname _____

Sweat Shirt Size: Sm Med: Lrg: XLrg: 2XLrg: 3XLrg: Other _____

Transit System _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone () _____

I have read and understand the Eligibility Rules (see attached page) which pertain to all applicants who plan to participate in the 2017 New York Public Transportation Association Bus Roadeo Association. My application was reviewed by the staff person listed below and certified that I am eligible to compete in this event.

Contestant's Signature _____ Date _____

The Staff Person who will coordinate our entry is:

Signature of Staff Person _____ Date _____

Last Name _____ First _____

Title _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Telephone () _____

The Roadeo is on Saturday, October 28, 2017
Send your Application TODAY!

- 1. Registration Deadline: Friday, September 22, 2017
2. A 225.00 entry fee must be submitted with this entry form
3. Checks should be made payable to the: NYPTA 2017 Roadeo
4. Mail to: Carol Hargrove Director UCAT, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston, NY 12401





Eligibility Rules For All Contestants

These eligibility rules were taken from the 2017 APTA International Roadeo Handbook

Contestant qualifications

1. Have worked, full-time or part-time, in the field in which they are competing (operator or technician) for not less than one year prior to the date of the Roadeo and must have a job description that matches that position
2. Meet their local transit system's guidelines on sickness and absenteeism
3. Possess a Commercial Driver's License (CDL)

Ineligibility

Any of the following conditions during the span of (one) 1 year prior to the Roadeo competition date make an employee ineligible to compete:

1. A preventable or chargeable accident
2. A suspension as a result of punitive action
3. Compensation for and/or functioning as an instructor/trainer for 60 days or more in the previous year

Contestants' Profile

Your Name _____ Nickname _____

Company _____

Number of years as a Bus Operator/Mechanic _____

Guest Name: _____

Children? Name(s) and Age(s):

Hobbies: _____

Affiliations: _____

What is your most interesting experience while driving a bus?





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The awards banquet will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2017 at the **Best Western Plus** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm.

The evening will begin with a welcoming reception at 6:00 pm, dinner and awards will follow.

The cost for additional people attending the awards banquet is \$45.00 which includes the reception and dinner.

Company _____ Name _____

Address _____

Telephone No. _____

Committee Member – Banquet is included Guest \$45.00

Contestants & Guests Names – Banquet is included in registration fee for Contestant

Additional Individuals - \$45.00 per person

Please make checks payable to: **NYPTA Bus Roadio 2017**

Mail to: Carol Hargrove, Director Ulster County Area Transit, 1 Danny Circle, Kingston NY 12401

Fax: 845-338-2096



**New York Public Transportation Association
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Selection**

Banquet dinner selections: Please select one entree for each person attending and return with registration.

Participant

_____ Prime Rib

_____ Herb Roasted Salmon

_____ Chicken Parmesan

_____ Penne Ala Vodka

Guest

_____ Prime Rib

_____ Herb Roasted Salmon

_____ Chicken Parmesan

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