



CENTRE COMMUTE

CENTRE COMMUTE UTILIZATION SOARS!

The CENTRE COMMUTE program experienced extreme growth in the number of new registration this past summer and continues to grow. In January, there were 576 people registered in RideShare; currently there are over 1,070. Carpools increased from 225 to 304 participants.

The Vanpool program is now a year old. Over the past year, we grew from six to fourteen vanpools in service. Participants increased from 106 in January to 190 currently. We continue to grow with this program and have six more groups on a waiting list. Funding became available recently for the purchase of about twelve new vans. We hope to have them soon!

We are also helping our community and environment. During a six month period, vanpools **saved** 21,834 passenger trips (cars on the road), 27,265 gallons of gas, and nearly 400 metric tons of CO² emissions. The Guaranteed Ride Home program provided 26 emergency rides home.

As more and more people register, the chances of finding a suitable carpool or vanpool get better! To register, visit our website at www.catabus.com and click on the CENTRE COMMUTE box.

- Top Three Reasons Why Commuters Would Consider Commute Alternatives**
- High Gas Prices
 - Flexible Work Hours
 - Preferred Parking

- Top Three Reasons Why Commuters Use RideShare**
- Overall Cost
 - Reduces wear & tear on vehicles
 - Reduces Stress

Our Vanpools



Happy Van



VAN PAL GALS



Paradise Express



Bruce's Bunch



Gary & The Vanettes

CONGRATULATIONS Door Prize Winners!

Centre Commute Celebration—10/22/08

\$10 Downtown State College Gift Card

Sandy Conrad
Matthew Webb
Susan Hoffman
Gary Gates
Lori Hoar

Joe and Suns Car Detailing

Kathy Highbaugh

Centre Commute Tote Bag

Diane Reese
Marian Dunegan
Denise Lyons
Theresa Krise
Lydia McNelis
Tammy Myers
Amanda Yost
Harold Wheland
Shari Grassi
Aaron Parks

\$5 Dunkin Donut Gift Card

Mike Rodland
Bernard Ropchock
Kathy Neary
Michelle Aungst
Shari Grassi
Marian Dunegan
Judith Banker
Steve Burns
Rusty Myers
Sandra Fenush

Sheetz FREE MTO Item

Peggy Ryder
Sara Schegelmilch
Susan Confer
Mike Rodland
Denise Patton
Dan Yingling
Amy Luzier
Fred Martin
Julie Dillon
Kathy Highbaugh



We Heard From You Thank you for your comments!

- "I wanted to let you know that I think the RideShare Program is a wonderful program to have for many of us who travel a distance to get to and from work. It's been very helpful to me when I've been looking for riders or looking for a vanpool, like I am now." — Paula
- "I heard a statement last week from someone in the back of the van that this is the best enjoyment they have ever paid for." — Gary
- "RideShare has worked very well for me. The day after I posted my information I was contacted by someone and we have started to take turns driving. So far it is successful. Thank you and CATA for providing a useful service." — John
- "I think the RideShare Program is great!" — Julie
- "I just want to say thank you on behalf of the vanpool for everything you do for us. Without you and your team, we don't exist. Keep up the great work." — Mike
- "Your maintenance department is fantastic! When I brought the van in for service, they had the spare already warmed up for me and ready to go." — Gary
- "Thank you for all your hard work coordinating this program!" — Joni

Safety First (Lancer Insurance Company)



With every change of season, comes different driving challenges. In early fall, despite Daylight Savings Time, darkness arrives early and the ever-less-timid deer population is on the move. At this time of year, early morning and late afternoon sun glare can play optical tricks on even the most careful drivers. You will want to slow down and scan for deer, wear polarized sunglasses, keep your windshield and wiper blades clean, lower your visor to help block reflected light, and keep your headlights on to make your vehicle more visible to others.

In addition, cooler temperatures, falling leaves, and slippery roads are additional fall season driving challenges. Prepare your vehicle with a thorough pre-trip inspection and remember to keep tires properly inflated, make sure that all lights and signals are working, and keep mirrors and windows clean.

BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR APPRECIATED



Mike Rodland with Little Helpers Washing the Van

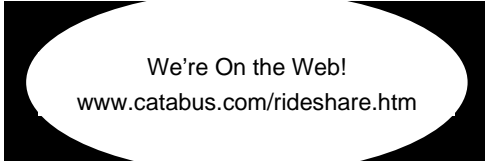
Not only once, but on two occasions Donna Panasiti, Volunteer Van Driver from Tyrone, came through for neighbors in need. These needy neighbors had heard of CATA's Vanpool Program and knew that a van left Tyrone in the mornings and traveled into State College. CATA received SOS calls to help.

Donna provided a ride home for a Tyrone woman whose car would not start, and she delivered a child's Halloween costume to a frantic father when his wife drove off from Tyrone to campus with it in the car. THANK YOU, Donna, for going the extra mile to help!

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CENTRE COMMUTE is a family of CATA services that includes Rideshare, carpools, vanpools and Guaranteed Ride Home.

RIDESHARE is a free ride-matching service helping long-distance commuters to find easy and economical ways to get to and from work via commute alternatives (carpools and vanpools).

CATA uses a web-based, computerized program to match individuals from the surrounding communities who share the same commute. When you register online at www.catabus.com, you will be asked to provide information to create a match list personalized to your schedule. Participants receive a free, custom report that provides a list of participants who live in or commute through your area. You can create or join a carpool or vanpool and/or contact a participant with a question. All information is protected and confidential.

CENTRE COMMUTE CELEBRATION HONORS PARTICIPANTS!

On a chilly October 22nd, CATA held its first annual CENTRE COMMUTE Celebration in honor of its participants. The event was held over the noon hour at Lubrano Park and moved inside to the suites because of the chilly weather. We were still able to see the magnificent view of Mt. Nittany and the fall foliage. Over fifty participants gathered to talk about their vanpools and carpools while munching on snacks, cookies and cupcakes. Participants who completed surveys received a coupon for a free ice cream cone and a chance to win a door prize.

Hugh Mose, CATA General Manager, and Dr. John Spychalski, Board Chairman, were present to thank the participants. The first ever registrant, Susan Beals, who is still active, and the 1000th registrant, Kathy Neary, were acknowledged and given a small gift of thanks. It was announced that vanpool groups could personalize their vans and have the name of their vanpool on a license plate. Those receiving license plates were Gary & The Vanettes, Happy Van, Paradise Express, and Sleepy Van.



Gary receiving the licence plate for Gary and The Vanettes.



RideShare Participants



Participants completing surveys.

