

City of Duarte Route 66 Parade
 Saturday, September 18th
 9:00 a.m.
 Huntington Drive
 (between Mt. Olive & Cotter)
 Take lines 187 & 272

San Dimas Western Days Rodeo
 October 2nd & 3rd
 10:00 a.m. Parade (Oct. 2nd only)
 Kick off at San Dimas & Bonita Ave.
 For info: 909-592-3818
Foothill Transit is providing shuttle service from downtown San Dimas to the arena.

Azusa Golden Days – Surfin' through Azusa Parade
 Saturday, October 9, 2004
 11:00 a.m. Kick off at San Gabriel & 11th Street
 Take lines 185, 187, 280

Bus Basics Reminder

Remember to take everything off the bus that you carried on, including your bike on the front rack! Foothill Transit is not responsible for any lost or stolen items on our buses. But if we do find something belonging to you, we'll hold it for 30 days until you can schedule a pick up.

If you lose something on a Foothill Transit bus, call us at 626-967-3147. We'll need the bus number, the route number, and the time of day that you lost it.



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Monthly Contest

Yes! Two nibbles make a byte!
 Congratulations to Alfred Dominguez of West Covina who rides lines 280, 480, and 492. This month's category is Weddings. Good luck!

Remember that all correct answers received by the last Friday of the month will be placed in a drawing for a free Foothill Transit 31-day pass! As always, employees of Foothill Transit contractors and their families are not eligible. Please limit entries to one per customer.

Which is the most popular 'wedding city' in the world?

- A. Las Vegas, Nevada
- B. Istanbul, Turkey
- C. Kyoto, Japan
- D. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- E. Johannesburg, South Africa

Answer: _____

Name _____
 Address _____
 City & Zip _____
 I ride Line # _____
 Daytime phone _____
 Evening phone _____

**Send your answers to Footnotes, c/o Foothill Transit
 100 N. Barranca Ave., Suite 100,
 West Covina, CA, 91791.
 Please include your personal information,
 so we can let you know if you've won.**

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Rideshare Week Oct. 4-8 Spread the word!

What would you do with an extra \$4,000 a year? That's how much Metro says the average commuter in Los Angeles County can save by using public transit going into work every day.

Let's do the math. When you toss together the costs of fuel, maintenance, and insurance, it costs approximately \$20 a day to commute in your own car. That's almost \$400 a month and over \$4,000 a year.

Here's the fun part. The costs of commuting drop below \$1000 when you rideshare. They drop even more when you ride the bus. Either way you count it, that's a massive savings every year, just for joining other people on their way into work.

"Ridesharing is an excellent way for people to share the cost of driving and use carpool lanes to get to work faster," said David Sutton, MTA Employer Programs Manager. "During Rideshare Week, we encourage everyone to 'pick a day, any day' to rideshare."

This year's Rideshare Week will take place October 4th through 8th. Interested commuters are encouraged to get a head start on their rideshare plans by visiting www.ridematch.info or www.foothill-transit.org.

If you're reading this, you probably already take public transit. We hope that you'll use Rideshare Week 2004 as a chance to encourage your coworkers to join you on your commute.

For more information about routes and schedules and a full travel itinerary customized to your individual transit needs, call 1-800-RIDE-INFO (743-3463).

A Different Kind of Rodeo

San Dimas saddles up for a bumpy ride

We'll admit it. We forgot how to spell it.

Can you blame us though? After 13 years of calling

Foothill Transit's annual bus driver and mechanics competition a 'roadeo', it's a little difficult to retrain our minds to harken back to the old days, when instead of buses and asphalt, a rodeo meant bucking broncos, spunky ponies, and soft, forgiving sand to land on when you were bucked off your ride.

San Dimas is bringing us back to reality, and proper spelling, with their Annual Western Days Rodeo, a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) sanctioned event that includes events for the whole family.

The 10th Annual Western Days events, being held October 2nd and 3rd at Horsethief Canyon Park and Bonita Avenue, give residents a peek into California's frontier days with cowboy re-enactments, an intertribal powwow, costumes, rodeo lessons for kids, and a variety of crafts.

The competition itself will feature seven rodeo events, including Bull riding, bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, barrel racing, tie down roping, steer wrestling, and team roping. Judges from the PRCA will be on hand to rank the winners on the national circuit, which includes the annual national competition held in Las Vegas.

While it might be interesting to try and get to the events on horseback, the San Dimas Western Days Rodeo would like to recommend a more modern alternative.

Foothill Transit will be providing free shuttle bus service from downtown San Dimas to Horsethief Canyon Park on both days of the event. Buses will shuttle spectators up to the arena every half hour starting at high noon until 2:30 p.m. Return service begins at 4:30 p.m. with your last ride departing at 5:45 p.m.

Foothill Transit will also be scooting our mini-bus down the parade route on the 2nd. Head over to Bonita Ave. at 10AM to cheer us on.

For more information about the San Dimas Western Days Rodeo, call 909-592-3818, or visit www.sandimasrodeo.com



// Your Ride



UCLA@Home

The Foothill Transit Rose Bowl Shuttle
No matter who wins
Our wheels will spin

Let's say that tailgating isn't your thing. You're a purist. It's all about the game. You have stats. You have scores. You know who the players are by how they walk. Time is money. As is parking, gas, and walking from the far end of parking lot 8.

Foothill Transit will take care of all that and then some. You'll ride to your UCLA home game in comfort in any one of our numerous coaches waiting to wisk you down to the Arroyo and to the Rose Bowl's front door.

Now how much would you pay? That's the fun part. It's free.

Foothill Transit will be doing pick ups on game days at the Parsons Lot on Pasadena Avenue between Walnut and Union beginning four hours before game time.

But let's say, heaven forbid, UCLA is tanking and you can't bear to watch? No problem. Foothill Transit will begin shuttling anxious passengers back to the lot at half time. Our drivers will console you as best they can.

Schedules and parking information are available at uclabruins.com.

The NABI s are comi ng!

75 new CNG buses coming in December prove alternative fuel is cool.

Our commitment to excellent service includes a commitment to innovation. Incorporating the use of alternative fuels into our 306 bus fleet will achieve a new milestone in December, when we will be receiving 75 new compressed natural gas (CNG) buses, bringing our fleet CNG count to 193.

"Our entire fleet will be completely converted to alternative fuels before the end of the decade," said Doran Barnes, Executive Director of Foothill Transit. "And we're already looking into zero-emission vehicles to meet air quality standards set by the AQMD."

The majority of Foothill Transit's CNG buses are used on express routes commuting into and around downtown Los Angeles. With the entire fleet conversion, San Gabriel and Pomona Valley residents will be able to breathe a little easier.

For more information about our bus fleet, visit us on the web at www.foothilltransit.org.



Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Some early info to help you plan

Foothill Transit observes the following holidays. On these days lines 178, 184, 185, 187, 190, 191, 193, 195, 269, 272, 274, 280, 281, 283, 284, 285, 289, 291, 292, 480, 482, 486, 488, 492 will be running a Sunday schedule. No other lines will be running.

Thanksgiving Day - Thursday, November 25, 2004
Christmas Eve - Friday, December 24, 2004
Christmas Day - Saturday, December 25, 2004
New Year's Eve - Friday, December 31, 2004
New Year's Day - Saturday, January 1, 2005
Washington's Birthday - Monday, February 21, 2005
Memorial Day - Monday, May 30, 2005

For more information about routes and schedules, please call 1-800-RIDE-INFO (743-3463), or visit us on the web at www.foothilltransit.org.

// Foothill News



Customers 62 years of age and older can obtain their new Senior ID cards beginning in Spetember, at any one of our six Foothill Transit Stores. Foothill Transit Senior IDs will be required when purchasing senior discount passes and when using a senior discount pass to board a Foothill Transit bus beginning November 1st.

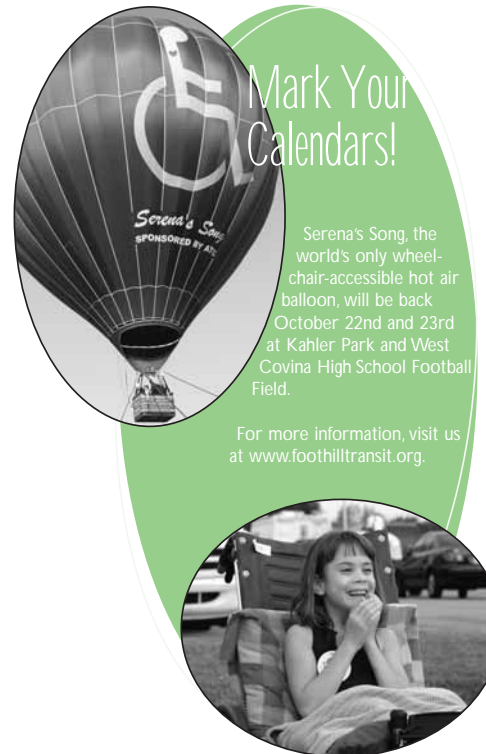
The New Senior ID Card is Now Available

Get yours before the November 1st deadline and waive the \$2 application fee!

Senior Discount Pass users are encouraged to get their ID cards well before the mandatory use date on November 1st. As incentive, the \$2 application fee will be waived until the deadline.

If you are boarding a Foothill Transit bus with a cash fare, you may use a valid driver's license, government- issued photo identification, or Foothill Transit Senior ID that proves you are 62 years of age or older.

For more information about a Store location near you, call 1-800-RIDE-INFO (800-743-3463) or visit us on the web at www.foothilltransit.org.



Mark Your Calendars!

Serena's Song, the world's only wheelchair-accessible hot air balloon, will be back October 22nd and 23rd at Kahler Park and West Covina High School Football Field.

For more information, visit us at www.foothilltransit.org.

Roadeo Winners Prepare for Atlanta

Will Ernesto bring back the gold?
Will our mechanics leave everyone in the dust?

The winners of Foothill Transit's annual bus drivers and mechanics competition are heading to the regional roadeo being held in Hemet on September 18th. But the big daddy is the national competition in Atlanta on October 9th. So what are our heroes doing to prepare?

Training.

Our team of mechanics; Robert Wisdom, Alberto Saucedo, and Juan Linares, are getting extra training in brakes, air conditioning repair, and bus electrical systems. Knowledge is power. Let's hope the extra know-how gives them the edge.

Ernesto Gamez, the bus operator who won the Foothill Transit National title in June, is a bit anxious though.

"I haven't been able to train yet," he says. "The type of bus they use in the National Roadeo isn't the same as the Foothill Transit bus. I've been waiting on a loaner so I can get started."

Training and waiting aside, all the competitors are excited to be going and have begun collecting Foothill Transit goodies to trade with other competitors in Atlanta. We'll keep you posted!

