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Commuter Services Announces Earth Day Challenge Winners

Commuters log over 65,000 green miles during one-week challenge

YORK, Pa. (June 8, 2015) – For Earth Day 2015, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania issued a challenge to commuters to try a green commuting option. During the week of Earth Day, April 19-25, commuters came together and helped reduce noise and air pollution in the south central PA region by using a commute mode other than driving alone such as transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting throughout the week.

In total, 340 commuters logged 65,722 miles by taking a different transportation mode for the week of Earth Day. Commuters participating in the challenge represented 20 different Pennsylvania counties.

Below are the winners listed by county:

- Jamie Callahan, a resident of Gettysburg in Adams County, walked three times for her job at Gettysburg College in Adams County and logged a total of 3 miles.
- Berks County winner, Robert Cox, of Reading, logged 15 miles by walking to his job at Sweet Street Desserts in Berks County five times.
- Surya Natarajan of Mechanicsburg, Cumberland County, teleworked twice for his job at TE Connectivity in Dauphin County and logged 80 miles.
- Amanda Parsons, a resident of Hershey in Dauphin County, teleworked twice for her job at Armstrong World Industries in Lancaster County and logged a total of 112 miles.
- Franklin County winner, Allen Dieterich-Ward of Shippensburg, logged 16 miles via bicycle four times to his job at Shippensburg University in Cumberland County.
- Pablo Otero of Lancaster, Lancaster County rode transit to his job at Jay Group in Lancaster County five times and logged a total of 85 miles.
- Arthur Lyon of Fredericksburg in Lebanon County vanpooled to his job at Lebanon VA Medical Center in Lebanon County five times and logged a total of 100 miles.

- Amanda Herr of Liverpool, Perry County, carpoled twice to her job at The Hershey Company in Dauphin County and logged 140 miles.
- Sandra Carr of Newberrytown, York County, rode transit five times to her job in Dauphin County and logged a total of 160 miles.
- Carrie McGough of Millersville, Lancaster County is the randomly selected grand prize winner. McGough carpoled to her job at YTI in Lancaster County twice and logged 20 miles.

Sweet Street Desserts had the most participants during the week with 19 employees logging a total of 487 miles of green transportation.

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- Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg), Lebanon Transit (LT), South Central Transit Authority (BARTA, Berks & RRTA, Lancaster) and York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbittransit, York & Freedom Transit, Adams).
- Adams, Franklin, Harrisburg (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties), Lancaster, Lebanon, NEPA (Schuylkill, Carbon, Monroe and Pike counties), Reading and York MPOs.
- The Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC; the Gettysburg Adams, Greater Chambersburg and Lebanon Valley Chambers of Commerce; the Greater Reading and Lancaster Chambers of Commerce & Industry and the York County Economic Alliance.

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