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Commuter Services Announces Earth Day Challenge Winners

Commuters log over 53,000 miles in alternative transportation
during one-week challenge

YORK, Pa. (May 28, 2013) – For Earth Day 2013, Commuter Services of Pennsylvania issued a challenge to commuters to try an alternative commuting option, other than driving alone for Earth Day. During the week of Earth Day, April 22-26, commuters came together and helped reduce noise and air pollution in the south central PA region by trying transit, carpooling, biking, walking, vanpooling and even telecommuting throughout the week.

In total, 272 commuters logged more than 53,494 miles by taking alternative transportation for the week of Earth Day. In 2012, 260 participants logged more than 53,100 miles.

Below are the winners listed by county:

- Eric Yurick, a resident of East Berlin in Adams County, teleworked five times for his job at Gettysburg College and logged a total of 190 miles.
- Berks County winner, Patricia Zuber, of Wyomissing, logged 55 miles by biking to her job at Alcon in Berks County five times.
- Michael Brown of Camp Hill, Cumberland County, walked five times to his job at Foot Locker, Inc. in Cumberland County and logged 5 miles.
- David Stein, resident of Harrisburg in Dauphin County, participated in a vanpool four times to his job at Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County and logged a total of 480 miles.
- Franklin County winner, Jeff Snider of Chambersburg, logged 110 miles via carpool five times to his job at Menno Haven, Inc. in Franklin County.
- Robin Fears of Lancaster, Lancaster County rode the train to his job at the PA Liquor Control Board in Dauphin County five times and logged a total of 350 miles.
- Bobbie Shanfelder of Richland in Lebanon County rode the bus five times to her job at County of Berks and logged a total of 220 miles.
- Shannon Hines of Millerstown, Perry County, vanpooled five times to her job at PHEAA in Dauphin County and logged 270 miles.
- Tanya Ollison of York Haven, York County, carpooled five times to her job at North East Consolidated Patient Account Center (NECPAC) in Lebanon County and logged a total of 550 miles.

Bernard Miller of Media, Delaware County is the grand prize winner who logged the highest number of miles in alternative transportation. Bernard rode the train to his job at the PA State Education Association in Dauphin County and logged a total of 840 miles.

Mennonite Central Committee had the most participants during the week and logged a total of 276 miles of alternative transportation.

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- Berks Area Regional Transportation Authority (BARTA), Lebanon Transit (LT); Red Rose Transit Authority (RRTA, Lancaster); York Adams Transportation Authority (rabbittransit); Capital Area Transit (CAT, Cumberland-Dauphin-Harrisburg);
- Adams, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Reading and York Area Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs); Harrisburg MPO (Cumberland, Dauphin and Perry counties).

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