

CCSU RideShare – “The Fast Lane”

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Dr. George Messer and Dr. Michael Deis (L-R) started sharing rides in 2002 and are enjoying the experience.



Carpooling can be fun!

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School of Business Carpoolers Helping the Environment

By Larry Jordan

Through emails and campus publicity, two Associate Professors of Management, Dr. George Messer and Dr. Michael Deis, have learned about and become involved in carpooling. They both work in the School of Business at CCSU and began carpooling when Dr. Messer moved to a new home located in the same subdivision as Dr. Deis.

They carpool approximately two to three days a week, and have been carpooling since August 2002.

Their decision to carpool was based on the opportunities offered by carpooling: convenience of carpooling, savings on

auto expenses, helping the environment by limiting the number of cars on the road, doing their part to help preserve our natural resources, decreasing fatigue caused by driving individually, and even increased communication opportunities.

The Associate Dean who arranges their teaching schedules, Jacob Chacko, has also actively supported their carpooling efforts when considering their schedules.

One of the minor adjustments that Drs. Messer and Deis have had to make in their individual schedules is to arrive at the campus a little earlier and/or leave a little later. However, Dr. Messer says,

"In our case, when one of us needs to use the vehicle during the day, we have no problem letting the other carpooler use it."

Drs. Messer and Deis have thoroughly enjoyed carpooling. They both have agreed that one of the main benefits of carpooling is the opportunity to carry on a conversation with another faculty member while at the same time making each other's commute more enjoyable. It also gives them additional time to address work-related issues.

Drs. Deis and Messer have no regrets about carpooling and strongly recommend carpooling for other CCSU faculty, staff and students.

Third Annual Transportation Fair & Environmental Awareness Day

The Third Annual Transportation Fair and Environmental Awareness Day will be held on Tuesday, March 16, in the Student Center Cafeteria from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

There will be two interesting speakers this year.

At 12:00 noon, Evan Quintero, an Environmental Engineer at Environmental Protection Division (EPD), will discuss alternate fuel vehicles.

At 1:15 p.m., Genie Strickland, Regional

Conservation & Coordinator, with the Sierra Club, will have a slide show about the Southeastern Appalachian Forest—the destruction and protection of our forests.

Stop by the Student Center between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. to find out more about what you can do to improve our environment and how to reduce stress.

Exhibitors include 1-87-RideFind, Allan Vigil Ford, Atlanta Bicycle Campaign, Clayton State Parking/

Communications, Clayton State University RideShare, Clean Air Campaign, C-Tran/GRTA, MARTA, Motorcycling-A Clean Air Alternative, Reynolds Nature Preserve, Sierra Club, and Integrated Wellness @ SmartBodies, Massage Therapy.

Register for Door Prizes, free give-a-ways, and more.

For more information, see the Clayton State Public Safety web site: <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/> or call Joan at 770-961-3540.

Alternate Fuel Vehicles on Campus

Who has one and how do they like it?

By Callie Rumph

Are alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) the wave of the future? An alternative vehicle could be solar, electrical, or any dedicated, flexible-fuel, or dual-fuel vehicle designed to operate on at least one alternative fuel. Hybrid electric vehicles are getting the most attention now.

“Hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) combine the internal combustion engine of a conventional vehicle with the battery and electric motor of an electric vehicle, resulting in twice the fuel economy of conventional vehicles. This combination offers the extended range and rapid refueling that consumers expect from a conventional vehicle, with a significant portion of the energy and environmental benefits of an electric vehicle.” [Department of Energy]

These vehicles cost approximately the same as a conventional vehicle, but if there

is a cost difference, the added high gas mileage that you receive from your alternate fuel vehicle would offset purchase price.

John Kosky, Clayton State’s Human Resources IS Analyst, owns a 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid that he has been driving since May 2002. When asked what motivated Mr. Kosky into purchasing a HEV, he says, “It was the high gas mileage. I can get about 50-55 miles per gallon from my car.” Kosky has made it almost all the way to Washington, D.C. on one tank of gas! He feels the only con to owning this vehicle is that the upkeep might be a bit more costly, because the engine requires special maintenance. Kosky stated that he is extremely satisfied with his purchase.

Along with the benefits of high gas mileage, HEVs also provide us with cleaner air. Also, it is possible to get federal tax

incentives by owning a hybrid vehicle. So, when purchasing your next vehicle, you might consider an alternate fuel vehicle. For more information try the Department of Energy’s HEV website:

<http://www.ott.doe.gov/hev/hev.html>.

Even if you do not own an AFV now, you can still save money by carpooling. Split the gasoline costs or share rides and your gasoline costs are halved or more. For more information on how to start carpooling, call Joan in Public Safety at 770-961-3540.



John Kosky’s 2003 Honda Civic Hybrid, get 50-55 mpg.

March 2004 Winners for February Carpoolers

Employee or Student	Prize Won
Dennis Groseclose, Student	\$10 Gas Card Amoco/BP
Huong Tran, Student	\$10 Gas Card Amoco/BP
Aaron Bailey, Office of Admissions	SmartBodies Massage Therapy by Integrated Wellness—1/2 hour therapeutic massage by Michael Clark, Certified Massage Therapist-located in the A&F Center (678-984-2943).
George Messer, School of Business	Two Spivey Hall Tickets to Abegg Trio, Mar. 14 @ 3 pm, Olivier Latry, <i>organ</i> , Mar. 19 @ 8:15 pm, Isabel Bayrakdarian, <i>soprano</i> , Mar. 27 @ 8:15 pm, or Jason Vieaux, <i>guitar</i> , Mar. 28 @ 3 pm.
Leslie Meadows, Center for Academic Assistance	Roadster Car Care Kit (Carla Cook, Tasco)
Dolores Cox, University Image and Communications	One dozen cookies from CookieGrams of Georgia, Forest Park
Linda Campbell, Bookstore	Chick-fil-A Two free dinners from Forest Park Dwarf House, Jonesboro Rd., Forest Park.
Chrisma Forrest, Student	Free Dinner at SouthSide Seafood (Forest Parkway, Lake City)
Cinnamon Middleton, Student	Pad folio with calculator, 1-87-RideFind
Susan Kirby, Student	Lake City Subway (Free Reg. 6" Sandwich)
Kathleen Coleman, Plant Operations	Stress Car (small, soft foam material) from University RideShare, 1-87-RIDEFIND
Paul Bailey, Media and Printing	Chick-fil-A Sandwich coupon

Remember, if you’d like to be eligible for the University Rideshare program’s monthly drawings, all you have to do is sign up with 1-87-RIDEFIND, complete the carpooler application in Public Safety, and carpool to and from Clayton State at least once a week! For more information see our website at <http://adminservices.clayton.edu/ps/> or contact Joan Murphy in the Department of Public Safety at 770-961-3540.