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November 16, 2015
TCCWMD Board Meeting
[Ramada Plaza](#)
Hagerstown, MD
5:00 pm

January 21-22, 2016
[P.A.C.E. Reception](#)
Loews Annapolis Hotel



Tri County Council Board Meeting Monday, November 16th, 2015

[Ramada Plaza](#)

Hagerstown, MD

4:30 - 5:00 pm Cash Bar & appetizers

5:00 pm Council Meeting

6:30 pm Dinner

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[TAM](#)'s inaugural EXPO was held Sep. 29 to Oct. 2, 2015 at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, MD. This year the TAM conference became a full-fledged EXPO, complete with a full day of vendor exhibits that featured 9 buses and 44 vendors, all indoors on the trade

show floor. This first EXPO was attended by over 100 people representing 40 different organizations from all over Maryland and beyond.

Highlights of the EXPO included a full day of RTAP-sponsored training on asset management, the TAM Awards ceremony, a day of breakout sessions, and lots of networking and food, including the Partnership Dinner at the Harbor Watch Restaurant. One notable exception to this year's EXPO experience was the weather, which unfortunately caused the postponement of the Rodeo. Two major storms colluded to bring high winds and heavy rains to Ocean City. Stay tuned for the rescheduled Rodeo date, anticipated to be in April 2016.



Garrett Transit Service Celebrates Impressive Numbers for Fiscal Year 2015

In August, Garrett County Community Action Committee, Inc. ([GCCAC](#)) announced that during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, Garrett Transit Service ([GTS](#)) traveled 1,031,557 miles while providing 111,641 rides to local residents and visitors, with a record of safety that did not include any reportable accidents or injuries or fatalities.

"Traveling over one million miles accident free is a remarkable accomplishment and a testament to the skill and professionalism of our drivers and support staff," remarked Gregan Crawford, Director of Transportation for GTS. "Our drivers are very dedicated to serving the people of Garrett County and have driven for Garrett Transit an average 9.2 years", he added. Regarding the impressive record, Duane Yoder, President of Garrett County Community Action Committee, commented that Garrett Transit is "community driven by community needs" and that GTS also assists with hot meal deliveries to seniors and in providing transportation for Head Start programs.

In order to continue to build upon the successes of FY15, GTS drivers, dispatchers, and office staff will continue to engage in training opportunities in the coming year. Garrett Transit will also work to implement new technologies such as automatic vehicle locators that will aid in building rider capacity and create greater operational efficiencies.