

Save \$ at the Pump

Next time you rent a Motor Pool vehicle, don't worry about filling up the tank prior to returning the vehicle. In contrast to renting a vehicle from a private rental company, gas prices at the Motor Pool pumps are on average 20 cents cheaper than those at the gas station down the road. And that is compared to self-service, not the full service you will receive at the Motor Pool! By renting at the Motor Pool, not only do you save on the rental, but also on the fuel costs! In this economy, every penny counts!



Save money by having the Motor Pool pump your gas

CAP Survives the Ax

The Commuter Alternatives Program (CAP) has come under greater scrutiny as Parking Services addresses added expenses and a freeze on parking permit fees for next year. CAP has grown considerably since its creation three years ago with over 800 faculty, staff and students participating. This success comes with a price and that price is the cost of daily permits.

We realize the value in supporting alternative forms of transportation and even if financially strained next year, we want to continue this support. With this in mind, CAP will remain free next year, but will see a reduction in the number of free daily parking permits to 10 per semester. Additional daily parking permits may still be purchased for \$1/each.

What is CAP?? CAP is an incentives program for those faculty, staff and students who commute to campus by foot, bike or BT. Participants receive 10 free daily parking permits/semester and access to emergency ride home service.

Motor Pool Tip of the Month

When filling your tank with gas, stay outside of the car to avoid a potential mishap. Getting in and out of the car builds up static electricity and when you go back and touch the pump, a spark may ignite the fumes from the gas. It is also recommended that you touch the outside of the car to remove static electricity, prior to picking up the pump. It may be a little bit chilly outside but it is better than being toasted.

Along the same lines, when filling up a container with gas, place the container on the ground. Never leave the container in the car or on the back of a truck. A spark can ignite the fumes when filling a container on a metal service.

Founder's Day Parking Changes

Please note the following parking changes to support guests of Virginia Tech's Founder's Day celebrations from Thursday, April 24th to Saturday, April 26th:

Thursday, April 24:

- 30 spaces on the Drillfield/Mall, near Torgersen Hall will be reserved from 7:00 am until 9:30 pm

Friday, April 25th:

- The 15-minute and metered spaces in front of Burruss Hall will be reserved from 7:00 am until 6:00 pm.
- The handicapped and service spaces on Old Turner Street (lot between Randolph and Norris Halls) and the loading dock at Burruss Hall will be reserved from 7:00 am until 4:00 pm.
- Half of the Owens lot will be reserved from 4:30 pm until 6:00 pm.

Friday April 25th through Saturday April 26th:

- The Donaldson Brown Hotel/Squires lot, along with the Donaldson Brown Hotel Circle will be reserved from 7:00 am on Friday until 7:00 pm on Saturday.

Saturday April 26th:

- The Owens lot and the Media lot will be reserved from 7:00 am until 7:00 pm.

Mailing Label

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Spring 2003 UPDATE

The Transportation Update is published throughout the year to keep you informed of services, changes and improvements in the world of transportation at Virginia Tech. For more information or comments, please contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737 or email sducker@vt.edu web site: www.ot.vt.edu



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Hosting a Conference at Virginia Tech?



Why not give your guests a free ride?

The Office of Transportation and Blacksburg Transit (BT) have developed a new program specifically designed for guests of Virginia Tech. For a minimal up-front fee, your guests can ride the BT fare-free around campus, around town or even to the mall!

The program is designed to make it easier for your guests to hop on the Hokie Express around campus or one of the other BT routes around town without having to worry about loose change. The fares are very reasonable: For example, a 3-day conference with 90 participants would only cost \$50 for everyone to ride the BT for all 3 days!

For more information, contact Suzanne Ducker at sducker@vt.edu or 231-1737.

BT Mystery Rider Program

A hearty **thank you** to the 90 Blacksburg Transit (BT) riders who participated in the program. Over 600 BT trip evaluations were completed during a two month period. Results from the program will be posted at www.ot.vt.edu in the next month or so.

Evaluations will be used to determine the level of service provided by BT, help identify what is important to the riders and to address areas that may need improvements.

Want a Premier Parking Space Next Year?

Try the new F/S Carpool Program

Starting this fall, Parking Services will offer a Faculty/Staff Carpool permit under a demonstration program for two or more F/S who choose to ride together and share one permit. One of the benefits of the program will be identified F/S carpool spaces in the front of the following F/S parking areas: Derring, Shultz, Architecture Annex, Engel, Coliseum and Southgate Center.

Other benefits include:

- Reduced permit fee of \$50/year, \$25/semester;
- Five free daily permits/participant/semester;
- Emergency Ride Home Service.

Information on the Carpool Program will be included in the Parking Services' mailing in late April. If you are interested in the Program, please register early so that we can ensure sufficient carpool spaces are identified prior to the start of the fall semester. Each participant must provide proof of separate vehicle ownership.

For further information, contact Suzanne Ducker at 231-1737 or sducker@vt.edu.



Find a co-worker to share the ride and enjoy the trip

More information on other side

