

DOT Uses State Fair Booth To Increase Public Awareness

RALEIGH — Last year, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) won the "Governor's Award for Best Educational Exhibit" at the North Carolina State Fair. Again this year NCDOT will exhibit a series of displays aimed at educating the public to the many services it provides.

Sec. W. R. (Bill) Roberson, Jr., who will officially open the exhibit at 2:30 P.M. on Friday, October 16, said, "We want an exhibit to demonstrate a sample of the kinds of services we provide all year long as well as to offer the public the additional convenience of ordering personalized 'First in Flight' license plates."

Continuing its policy of serving motor vehicle owners as conveniently as possible, NCDOT will again take orders for personalized license plates at the fair. Motor Vehicles Commissioner Elbert L. Peters, Jr., noted that 4,611 more people have ordered personalized license plates in 1981 than in 1980.

Currently 23,822 personalized license plates have been ordered. More than 19,200 plates were ordered in 1980. "Last year at the fair, 550 more people ordered personalized license plates, and we are anticipating more orders this year," he said.

To order the personalized "First in Flight" license plates at the fair, the motor vehicle owner must fill out and sign a short application form at the booth. The customers pay a \$10 fee (either in cash or by check) to reserve his plate with the particular arrangement of numbers and/or letters he requests. This \$10 fee is in addition to the regular license plate renewal fee and is used for highway beautification and for the promotion of tourism in North Carolina.

Should the customer need to renew his tag before January, 1982, he would file under the staggered registration system. The customer would receive credit for the unexpired portion of the plate (i.e., a credit on the license renewal fee).

For example, a customer orders a personalized plate which has an expiration date of July, 1982, on his old plates. He would pay the \$10 fee for the personalized plates, purchase the stickers and receive a seven months' credit of \$9.25 on the old plates for the months from January through July. The customer then pays \$6.75 for the renewal, as well as the \$10 fee for the personalized plates for a total of \$16.75.

The personalized plates will be issued in early 1982. For the customer who is renewing his personalized plate, he can obtain it in any of the following ways: through the mail, at the New Bern Avenue office in Raleigh, or at a branch office that the customer have previously requested because of its convenience to him.

If the customer is ordering a personalized plate for the first time and he falls under the staggered registration system, then he may obtain his plate in either of two ways: in person at the New Bern Avenue Raleigh office or in person at a branch office that the customer has previously requested because of its convenience to him. At either of these locations the customer would take his old plate and exchange it for the personalized plate.

Anyone ordering a personalized license plate for the first time or renewing his personalized plate will have the added bonus of the graphic "First in Flight" plate. By early 1984, "First in Flight" will appear in all regular license plates, specially issued

plates, official plates and personalized plates.

In addition to the sale of personalized license plates, NCDOT will display various functions of the department as it strives to meet the transportation needs of North Carolina residents. Several photo displays and captions will depict "Transportation: Past and Present" and the Governor's "Good Roads Program."

A photo display with rather startling statistics on alcohol will focus on the problems of drinking and driving and teenage alcohol use. The Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has revealed the following statistics. Of 145,880 accidents last year, 22,917 were known to be alcohol related, and 7,302 were suspected to be alcohol related. Last year 82,930 people were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. Young people in the 19 to 25 age bracket showed the greatest numbers of arrests with 29,143. Some 4,775 teenagers 18 and under were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Another display will focus on the license and theft section which is the law enforcement section of DMV. Using scales and a reader-dial, the exhibit will show the relationship between trucks and the weight enforcement program. There will also be a narrated slide presentation on the weight enforcement program and on anti-theft measures for motor vehicles.

To emphasize NCDOT's

focus on economy, an exhibit featuring one of the department's fuel efficient pick-up trucks will be spotlighted. The Equipment Depot, in its effort to trim the budget, will display some devices like an axle that they themselves manufacture. For example, the employees take the raw materials and shape them into the finished product.

The Equipment Depot

also rebuilds some parts as opposed to purchasing new ones from a private firm. This rebuilding process saves the state almost one-half the cost of purchasing new parts. The exhibit will show the same parts of a motor grader (a machine that grades dirt roads) in three different conditions: the non-functional worn out parts; the newly rebuilt parts; and the brand new

parts. The NCDOT exhibit also includes a display of child safety restraint seats for motor vehicles and information on the selection of approved child safety seats. Highway safety research center officials will be on hand at the exhibit to answer questions from parents about the enforcement and application for the child

Restraint Law that goes into effect July 1, 1982.

Visitors to the exhibit can pick up free shopping bags, transportation maps, staggered registration brochures, ferry schedules, and other transportation-related materials.

NCDOT personnel will be available at the exhibit to answer questions from the public. If more detailed responses are required,

citizens may write the questions or suggestions and leave them at the NCDOT booth. Replies will be mailed as soon as the requested information is gathered.

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Bus Safety Week Observed

Through the efforts of many over the last several years, the first week in October has been designated as "National School Bus Safety Week". The United States House of Representatives passed the Resolution by unanimous consent July 14, 1981.

From late August through early June each year, the convoys of yellow buses transporting students to and from school are familiar scenes along Chowan County's highways and secondary roads. Motorists, parents and students are urged not to become complacent with the familiar, but to take extra precautions to assure their safety and that of others.

Students are a precious cargo. For this reason many efforts are made in Edenton Chowan Schools to train bus drivers and to make students aware of what they can do to contribute to their own safety.

Several times a year, training is held for potential bus drivers. Consultant services are provided by the State Department of Transportation for two days of concentrated classroom

work and two days of road work before certification can be obtained. Anyone meeting the requirements has to be approved as a regular or activity bus driver by the local Board of Education.

The State Department of Transportation, Division of Safety, also provides personnel to present slide presentation, classroom instruction and assembly programs to classes in general and in particular to students who ride buses.

There are forty-one school buses in Chowan County, including a bus for the handicapped, which traverse the roads twice daily, one-hundred and eighty days each year. Fourteen of these drivers are adults, the remaining are students. The drivers of these buses have been successful in keeping Chowan County's accident rates low. In the annual report of All School Bus Traffic Accidents for the 1980-81 school year, Chowan County is one of eight counties in the State for which no accidents were recorded. There were 1021 bus accidents totaled in N.C. during that same period.

Some interesting statistics (using highest percentages) surrounding accidents in which school buses were involved are as follows:

- 78.6 per cent of accidents occurred with other vehicles in traffic; 21.1 per cent of all accidents happen on Friday; 53.6 per cent occur in the afternoon; 45.9 per cent occur on city streets, with 44 per cent being in residential areas on clear days (71.8 per cent); 69 per cent of all accidents involved passenger cars, with the bus going straight ahead (46.9 per cent).

Male drivers were involved for 64.3 per cent of the accidents; females 30.8 per cent. Seventeen year olds had the highest (38.6 per cent) rate; 55 years and older, the lowest .8 per cent.

34.5 per cent of the violation with which bus drivers were charged with were safe movement. 19.6 per cent of the violations with which other drivers were charged involved exceeding safe speed - followed closely by 18.5 per cent for safe movement violation.

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