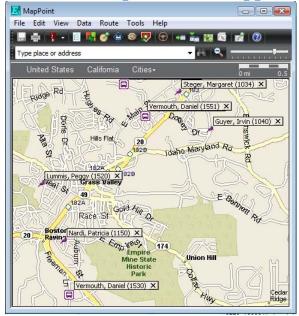
## **Mobilitat Chitchat**



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### **Microsoft MapPoint 2009 Approved**



Microsoft has finally released MapPoint 2009 and with that, Mobilitat has approved MapPoint 2009 for use with Easy Rides Plus! For additional MapPoint details and information visit <a href="http://www.microsoft.com/MapPoint/enus/default.aspx">http://www.microsoft.com/MapPoint/enus/default.aspx</a>.

### **CASTA Conference At Copper Mtn.**



Winner of the iPod at CASTA - Karla Baird, Program Director for SUCAP Senior Center, Ignacio, CO

This years <u>CASTA</u> conference was held at <u>Copper Mountain Resort</u>. Our thanks to the CASTA board and Copper Mountain staff!

We would like to congratulate Karla Baird, Program Director for <u>SUCAP Senior Center</u> in Ignacio, CO for winning our iPod!

#### **Mobilitat Launches Video Training**

Receive training when it's convenient for you! Each video is an easy to follow walk-through of a selected topic with the ability to pause, fast-forward, rewind or stop as needed. Access them at <a href="http://www.mobilitatsoftware.com/support/training-videos">http://www.mobilitatsoftware.com/support/training-videos</a> (Easy Rides login/password required)

# System Spotlight: Coastal Trans, Rockland, ME



In September we helped the great people in Rockland and Brunswick Maine upgrade from Easy Rides Basic to Easy Rides Plus. They have been using Easy Rides Basic since 2006. We had several thousand addresses to geocode and everyone worked very hard to get it all done.

Now they'll be able to use Easy Rides Plus to provide more rides to more people in the same amount of time! Great work Coastal!

## **Little Known Tips and Tricks: Planner Board**



The planner board makes it easy to view and consolidate trips onto fewer routes saving you time and money. For more info, check out our new on-line tutorial located at <a href="http://www.mobilitatsoftware.com/support/training-videos">http://www.mobilitatsoftware.com/support/training-videos</a> (Easy Rides login/password required)



Congratulations to Linda Wood of Kemmerer Senior Center, winner in the drawing for the Mobilitat Embroidered Jacket at the Wytrans Expo in Jackson Wyoming Oct 3, 2008. Mobilitat thanks Wytrans for coordinating the show.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

Increasingly we find ourselves faced with nature's fury throughout the country. Hurricanes, floods and other obstacles can cause major impacts to an agency's day-to-day operations. For this reason having a disaster contingency plan is imperative.

We recently spoke with Glen Massie in Springfield OH. Their system had been without electricity because of power outages caused by Tropical Depression Ike. Fortunately, they were prepared with backup generators to prevent service disruptions. They also keep backups of their Easy Rides Database on hand in the event of an emergency. This is good planning in case a disaster was to damage equipment or force them to relocate.

If an agency, for some reason has to relocate, as long as they have their data backed up on a thumb drive and access to an Internet connection, Mobilitat can get them back up and running in a matter of minutes. We know how stressful transit can be at the best of times and we are always ready to help keep your Easy Rides system up and running when disaster strikes.

## Mobilitat's Technology Consultant To Present White Paper At TRB

For those attending the Nebraska TRB conference Oct 19 - 22, Mobilitat's Technology Consultant, Karen Burkhardt will be presenting a white paper titled, "Are You Surfing Without a Life-Jacket? Navigating the Pros and Cons of Web-Based Software" during the Best Practices for Online Tools in Rural System Operations session Tuesday, 1:45 PM-3:15 PM Room 216

### **Upcoming Tradeshows**

We are attending numerous conferences this year. Check the links and mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you at our booth!
Oct 13-15 Alaska Community Transportation
Transit Conf - Anchorage AK
Oct 19-22 TRB Rural Conference - Omaha NE
Oct 26-28 OTA Conference - Seaside OR
Oct 28-30 CTA UK's Access 2008 Conf Manchester UK
Oct 29-31 Tri-State Transit Conference - North
Conway NH

#### **Who Else Wants Training?**

Dec 3-5 GTA Conference - Athens GA

We hold monthly online training sessions to show new or little known features of Easy Rides to make your job easier. Here is the schedule of upcoming training events:

- Oct. 23, 24: Mapping with MapPoint 2009
- Nov. 13, 14: Cost Savings w/the Planner Board
- Dec. 11, 12: Working with Reruns

Sessions are usually 20-40 minutes long and you can choose which day to attend. If you would like to participate or would like to suggest a future topic, please contact

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