

# Rocky View Regional Handibus Society

Transportation for Community Needs

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## NEWSLETTER

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### A New Look

It has been far too long since our last newsletter. On a few occasions, we almost got a four-page newsletter out the door but by the time we carefully filled in all the details... our news was old news.

Now we want to try a strategy of a little new more often. We will be placing this missive on our website on the last Monday of each month. (We will send out a few reminders—do not worry!).

### AGM: March 16 -- 25 Years!

Join us at our March 16 Annual General Meeting to celebrate 25 years. We were founded in the spring of 1980 as the Crossfield, Rockyview, Airdrie, Balzac (CRAB) Society for the Handicapped. Our first bus was a donation from a Royal Canadian Legion branch in Calgary. We have come a long way since those days. We now have 7 drivers, 8 buses, 5 municipalities and 2300 square kilometers to cover!

Join us at 7 PM at the boardroom of the Calgary and Area Child/ Family Services office (209 Centre Ave W. Airdrie). Reports to the membership, election of board members... and cake!

### Have You Seen Our Website?

Chock full of stuff, our website receives about 1,000 visits a year. We have our financial statements, year-end reports, project reports and feasibility studies available for download. We even have samples of correspondence to Provincial cabinet ministers in our "links" section. ([www.rockyviewbus.ca](http://www.rockyviewbus.ca)).

We would like to revise/ revamp the website and we would like your input. Please have a look and let us know what you think needs fixing. Contact Paul (948-2887) or [manager@rockyviewbus.ca](mailto:manager@rockyviewbus.ca) with your ideas.

### Board Members Wanted

We are looking for a few people to contribute one evening a month on the Board of Directors. The Board determines policy and direction for the manager and staff. Our monthly meeting is usually about 2 hours in length on the third Wednesday of the month. Once a year we will also need your time for either a strategy workshop or fund-raising event. If you are interested (or know someone who might have interest), please contact the office.

### Donations In 2005

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|---------------------------------|--------|
| Calpine Power Income Fund       | \$500  |
| Bow Valley Credit Union         | \$250  |
| South Rock Employees Foundation | \$1000 |

*(Note: this is the second installment of a three-year committment from South Rock)*

### Stay Informed

We can mail, fax or email you notification that our next letter is available. Contact the office. Or send an e-mail with the word subscribe to [news@rockyviewbus.ca](mailto:news@rockyviewbus.ca)

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### Hints and Tips

#### Odd Part for Odd Situation

We found a 100-watt electric heater for propane converter on our Dodge buses. Propane conversions are not the fashion anymore but if you are trying to keep your existing propane vehicle in service through a few more winters, this might be a just the thing for you. Buses start easily at -40. Installs in minutes. Contact Paul for details.