



TRANSIT NEWS

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Space Coast Area Transit's Millionth Rider a Hospitality Worker

It may not have been the Publisher's Clearinghouse Sweepstakes, but don't tell that to Kathy Brady, Space Coast Area Transit's first-time millionth passenger boarding in a year's period of time. After closely monitoring passenger counts all morning, Space Coast Area Transit's staff headed out to a major transfer point, Shepard Park in Cocoa Beach, where it was determined that the millionth-rider boarding would take place.

Brady, an employee at the Country Inn and Suites in Cape Canaveral, was scheduled to have the day off work but got called early this morning. After riding her bike to a bus stop in Sharpes, she transferred from a bus to a trolley, as she had done many times during the last 12 years. At 8:03am, her ride took an unexpected turn when she was suddenly surrounded by shouts of congratulations, photographers and presents, including a flat screen TV. All of the gifts were donated by SCAT's vendors, *Florida Today*, Central Florida News-13, Clear Channel Outdoors and Space Coast Advertising. Learning that as the millionth rider she would receive a complimentary pass on any of the 13 Space Coast Area Transit bus and trolley routes at no charge during the next year, an astonished Brady buried her shaking hands in her face and cried, "I've never won anything before in my life!"

"We wish they all could have been the millionth rider," stated Transit Director, Jim Liesenfelt. "As our county continues to grow and congestion on our roads becomes a way of life, we hope more and more of our residents will use public transportation as a primary method of commuting as an alternative to continuously building new infrastructure." Space Coast Area Transit has implemented a trip planner on its RideSCAT.com website to assist passenger with their transportation needs. Passengers can access a map and text directions from their front door, to the closest bus stop, to their final destination and back again. For maps, schedules or information, contact Space Coast Area Transit at 633-1878.

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