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## COLTS to offer free rides Thursday

Scranton, Pa. – The County of Lackawanna Transit System (COLTS) will participate in the fifth annual National Dump the Pump Day on Thursday by offering free rides to all customers and encouraging people to ride the bus instead of driving.

“This is a way for COLTS to encourage new ridership and to show appreciation to our regular riders,” said Executive Director Bob Fiume.

Staff members will also be stationed at the COLTS bus hub on Wyoming Avenue with free giveaways for riders.

Sponsored by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA), the 2010 National Dump the Pump Day is a day that encourages people to ride public transportation and save money, instead of driving a car. Started in June 2006 when gas prices were \$3 per gallon, this national day emphasizes that public transportation is a great travel option that also helps people save money. Monday’s average price for regular unleaded gas in the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre/Hazleton market was \$2.63, according to AAA’s Daily Fuel Gauge Report.

The slogan of this year’s National Dump the Pump Day is “*Dump the Pump. Save Money. Ride Transit.*”