



Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources, Inc.

Beyond the White LINES

Happy Older Driver Safety Awareness Week!

Next week, Dec. 7-11 is Older Driver Safety Awareness Week promoted every year by the American Occupational Therapy Association, AOTA. More information can be found on their [website](#). Agencies that work with older adults should provide resources and educational opportunities that discuss and improve safety behind the wheel. This month's newsletter is again dedicated to safety *between* the white lines and highlights more programs you can offer older drivers in your community.

Meet Jim Kubek

Jim is the AAA Training Supervisor in Wisconsin. He has been teaching teenagers and adults to drive for 8 years. He holds certification from the American Driver and Traffic Safety Education Association. Jim teaches AAA's **RoadWise Driver course** and provides **Keeping the Keys** presentations across the state. He is currently serving on a AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety national panel to develop best practices for evaluating senior drivers.

The AAA RoadWise Driver class is either a 4 or 8 hour class and includes the following topics: car/driver fit, new driving techniques and technology, alcohol and medication effects on driving, distracted and drowsy driving, aggressive drivers, managing visibility and space, flexibility fitness training for improved driver performance and how to extend your driving career. Jim also offers a shorter one hour session called Keeping the Keys. This session covers some of the information from RoadWise Driver and starts a discussion about mature drivers' post-driving life.

To learn more about hosting a AAA program, contact Jim at:
jrkubek@aaawisconsin.com or 608-828-2405.

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Dates for your calendar

WAMM/WRAPP
Conference (tentative)
April 5-7, 2016

WURTA Spring
Legislative Day
April 20, 2016

Federal Washington DC
Legislative Trip
March 12-16, 2016

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AAA has many offerings for senior drivers online as well. Online resources can be found here: www.seniordriving.aaa.com. This website allows mature drivers to evaluate their own driving ability and has information about mind and body changes due to aging and how to compensate for them on the road. It also contains resources for maintaining mobility and independence and information for family and friends.

Share & Be Aware Classes

Share & Be Aware is a statewide campaign to educate all road users about their rights and responsibilities to keep people walking, biking, and driving safe. A team of Share & Be Aware Ambassadors are available to teach classes in your community. For more information, please visit www.ShareAndBeAware.org

One of the classes offered is a **Driver's Ed Refresher Course**. This one-hour course highlights driver's responsibilities regarding bicyclists and pedestrians. The course reminds more experienced drivers that there are other road users on Wisconsin's roadways and covers new signs and designs on our roadways.

To request the Share & Be Aware Ambassadors to attend an event or teach a class in your community follow this link: [Request Ambassador](#) or email Jessica.Binder@wisconsinbikefed.org

Stay tuned for more information about the Share & Be Aware Campaign in the next edition of the newsletter which will highlight mobility by walking and biking.

Next Steps after the Wisconsin Senior Driving Summit

The October newsletter provided information about the WI Senior Driving Summit hosted by WisDOT and AAA on Oct. 2 in Madison. There was so much interest in this topic, the group reconvened and is exploring additional ways to help promote older driver safety. If you are interested in more information or to get involved, contact Carrie Porter, 608-228-8092, Carrie.Porter@gwaar.org.

***Safety behind
the wheel is
about ability,
not age!***

Federal Transportation Bill Update

The FAST - Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act is a 5-year, fully paid-for House-Senate compromise on the surface transportation reauthorization. It awaits final floor passage and the President's signature before the expiration of the current extension which is Dec. 4. This will be the first long-term bill since 2005. One highlight from the bill is the reformation of the Coordinated Committee on Access and Mobility-CCAM. The CCAM prompted many states to create their own state-level coordinating councils. WI formed the Interagency Council on Transportation Coordination-ICTC which has not been active in years. Hopefully this Federal directive will help advocates efforts to reinvigorate the ICTC in WI! For a complete analysis of the FAST Act, go to the Community Transportation Association of American's website, www.ctaa.org.

Wishing everyone a safe and enjoyable holiday season!