School Transportation®

PRINT & DIGITAL PLANNING KIT



OVERVIEW | PRODUCTS & SERVICES

School Transportation News is the definitive source of trends and news in the school bus industry. Our team is dedicated to telling the stories of leaders who are defining where business is headed. We offer innovation, creativity and impact for brand building and lead generation in a rich environment of editorial excellence."



-Tony Corpin, President, STN Media Group

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January — November → Buyer's Guide

PRINT & DIGITAL

20,050

AUDITED READERSHIP MAY 2023









STNONLINE.COM

838,000 YEARLY PAGE VIEWS

(As of 9/5/22- 9/5/23)



E-NEWSLETTERS

36,000

OPT-IN SUBSCRIBERS

25%

AVERAGE OPEN RATE





STN PODCAST

18,000 | EPISODE PLAYS (9/5/22 - 9/5/23)



(As of 8/31/22)



7,200 LIKES



3,212 **FOLLOWERS**



1,858,614 VIEWS

CONFERENCES



EMBASSY SUITES BY HILTON DALLAS FRISCO HOTEL CONVENTION CENTER & SPA FRISCO, TX

November 8-12, 2024

tsdconference.com









3 INDUSTRY EVENTS 2.500 ATTENDEES & SUPPLIERS

Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis, IN

Peppermill Resort Reno, NV May 31-June 4, 2024 July 12-17, 2024

stnexpo.com

WWW.STNONLINE.COM

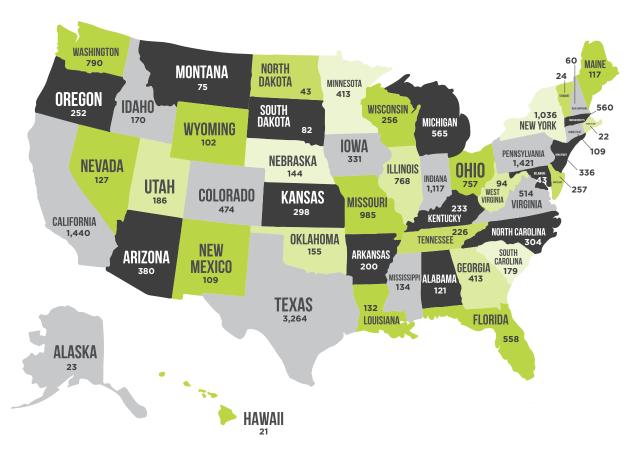




Distribution - May 2023 | Unique Total Qualified Circulation

PRIMARY READERS |

PASS-ALONG **READERS**



STN magazine is very helpful in navigating the many options that are available. Receiving the hard copy is a good tool to share information with our CBO for purchasing new products.

-Sam Anderson | Transportation Manager | Redlands USD, California

REACH THE READER**

Transportation Director	7,887
Superintendant/School Business Official	3,227
President/CEO	1,091
Fleet Manager	1,042
Driver Trainer	1,940
Others Allied to the Field	848

STN READERS SPEND 47 MINUTES ON **AVERAGE WITH EACH ISSUE***

School District Fleets	16,025
Contractor Fleets	1,731
Manufacturers, Suppliers, others allied to field	1,296
Private School, University Transit Fleets	370
Head Start Fleets	427





Federal. State & Local Government



JANUARY



MARCH



APRIL





JUNE



GREEN BUS

SPECIAL NEEDS

- Electric & Propane Special Needs School Buses
- Transportation Outsourcina: SPED. Foster Care & McKenney-Vento
- Child Passenger Wheelchair Securement
- Security Solutions & Training
- Funding Ideas: Medicaid, Shared Services & Special Equipment

SAFETY

- Video Review for School Bus Crashes & Onboard Incidents
- Danger Zone Safety
- Implementing Transportation Software. Tablets & GPS
- Benefits of Student Tracking Apps
- Upgrading Communications: Radios & Push-To-Talk Over Cellular

Ad Close: Jan. 10

Mech Deadline:Jan. 12

OPTIMIZATION & EFFICIENCY

- Fastest Growing School Districts
- Identifying the Right Partners: Purchasing, RFPs & Grants
- Bell Time Changes, Walk Distances & Multi-Tier Systems
- School Bus Fuel Efficiency
- On-time Arrival. Performance & Uptime



- Ad Close: Feb. 02 Mech Deadline:Feb. 07

AASA Superintendent of

the Year

SCHOOL EXECUTIVE &

SUPERINTENDENT

- Electric School Bus Infrastructure & Charge Management
- Comparing School **Bus Contractors**
- **HVAC Systems** & Temperature Management
- Problem Solvina with Technology Utilization

SECURITY & CONNECTIVITY

- Video Security Systems: Bullving Prevention
- Privacy, Wi-Fi & GPS Data
- Incident Management
- Connected Technology
- STN EXPO Indy Conference Preview

- Transitioning to a Green Fleet: Rural vs. Urban School Districts
- Clean School Bus Pilot Projects
- Creating a Transportation Microgrid
- Routing, Optimization & Range Anxiety
- STN EXPO Reno Conference Preview



DIGITAL DAILY

Ad Close:April 26 Mech Deadline:May 01

FORT MYERS. FL

Ad Close: Dec. 01

Mech Deadline: Dec. 06

Ad Close:Mar. 01 Mech Deadline:Mar. 06

Ad Close: March 29 Mech Deadline: April 03

MAY 31 - JUNE 4 INDIANAPOLIS, IN

School Transportation

JULY



SEPTEMBER



OCTOBER





DECEMBER



SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTOR

- 2024 Innovator of the Year Award
- School Transportation Staffing: Pay, Incentives & Benefits
- Lessons Learned from EV Deployments
- Dash-Lamps. Maintenance Alerts & **OTA Updates**
- Training, Recruitment & Retention



DIGITAL DAILY

Ad Close: May 24 Mech Deadline: May 29

JULY 12-17

RENO, NV

JULY 21-24

NASHVILLE, TN

Ad Close:June 21 Mech Deadline:June 26

FLEET MANAGEMENT

Garage Stars Profiles

Engines, Drivetrains

Purchasing School

Management

Your Routing

Systems

& Battery Technology

Bus Parts & Inventory

Planning & Executing

Cloud Storage

& DVRs

Ad Close:Aug. 02

TECHNOLOGY

- Technology Super User Profiles
- Assault & Weapons on the School Bus
- Advanced Driver Safety & Al Technology
- Student Dragging Incidents
- Upgrading Transportation Centers & Infrastructure



Mech Deadline:Aug. 07

Top Transportation

LEADERSHIP

- Teams Profiles Biggest School Transportation
- Challenges NAPT, NASDPTS & TSD Conference
- Replacing Video & GPS Technology

Previews

Lighting & LEDs

DIGITAL DAILY

Ad Close:Aug. 30 Mech Deadline: Sept. 04



NAPT CONFERENCE OCTOBER 4-8 OKLAHOMA CITY, OK

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR

- 2024 Transportation Director of the Year
- Rising Stars Profiles
- Lifecycle Costing of Tires & Retreads
- School Bus Stop Safety
- Foam, Seating & Restraints

2025 BUYERS GUIDE

The Ultimate School Bus Industry Guide with statistics, analysis. school bus dealers. OEMs. industry suppliers. product purchasing cross reference, associations and organizations. An invaluable resource that remains on everyone's desk.

Ad Close: Nov. 01

Mech Deadline: Nov. 06

DIGITAL DAILY

Ad Close: Sept. 27 Mech Deadline:Oct. 02

> Transporting Students with Disabilities & Special Needs

> > **NOVEMBER 8-12** FRISCO, TX

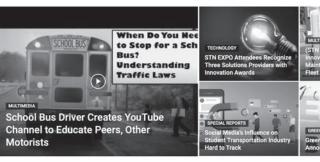


NASDPTS ANNUNAL CONFERENCE NOV. 16-19 | WASHINGTON, DC

CONFERENCE







Partner Updates Native Ad Video Ads



2023 Garage Stars Announced: Stewards of Their Community

Earlier this year, School Transportation News called for nominations of outstanding fleet management professionals as candidates to be profiled in the August fleet management magazine..



gnitaries Highlight Lion Electric's Joliet Plant Opening



eminar Merges Newcomers,



ew Jersey School Bus Ionitor Faces Manslaughter Charges Following Student's



revention Strategies Discussed at STN FXPO Reno





August 2023

PAGES/VISITS

AVG. VISIT ENGAGEMENT TIME

1.56



0:44

VIEWERSHIP BY CITY

- New York
- Chicago
- Ashburn
- Atlanta
- San Antonio

- Dallas
- Los Angeles
- Charlotte
- Des Moines
- Moses Lake

AVERAGE VISITOR STATS (ANNUAL)

838,000

(As of 09/05/22 - 09/05/23)

541,000 UNIQUE VISITORS

(As of 9/5/22 - 9/5/23)

School Transportation® NATI VN

STN PODCAST

18,000 EPISODE PLAYS (As of 9/5/22 - 9/5/23)

Podcast rates as low as \$925 net per episode.

PARTNER UPDATES

Targeted Advertising Via **Sponsored Content**

Rates start as low as \$2,500 net per month.

Partner updates offer you highly effective positioning around content that relates to your products and services.

STN READERS SPEND ON AVERAGE

57 SECONDS

WITH FACH PARTNER UPDATE







Uses Existing Diesel Fleet to Go Green





COTSD

Top 3 Best-Performing Partner Updates: (As of 9/5/22 - 9/5/23)

School Bus Dash Lamps: Why They Turn On and What Turns Them Off The 5 Biggest Challenges in School Transportation Today

Cummins 12.477 views

Torque and Why It Matters for School Buses



STN eNEWS UPDATE (WEEKLY)

A weekly rundown of school transportation's top news, features and blogs-plus the latest industry announcements and multimedia.

Rates start as low as \$625 per week.

F-NEWSI FTTERS

36,000

25%

OPT-IN SUBSCRIBERS

AVERAGE OPEN RATE

Full Banner

468 x 60

Text Ads

Video Ads





Inside July 2023: Yellow Only? The school bus driver shortage continues. According to an STN survey, readers averaged at least 10 driver openings this past school year. Some say the answer could be a school-bus-specific CDL.

Industry Releases New partnerships, project expansions and personnel updates.

Monthly Poll Has the number of students requesting individual transportation programs increased this past

School Transportation



school year?

Meet the Innovator of the Year: Maintaining a Fast-Growing Bus Fleet

School Transportation Nation Podca Episode 170 | Sponsored by Transfinder

CUSTOM E-BLAST & SURVEYS

- Constant Contact Deployment
- Open Rates, Click Rates
- Survey Monkey



Companies that advertise

build trust and are seen

as a reliable source.

78% YES



vendor solicitation. **62% YES**

WEBINARS & LEAD GENERATION

Be part of the growing number of companies that are turning to webinars to generate quality sales leads by sharing customer success stories.

Custom webinars start at \$7,500 net.

Tag: Webinar



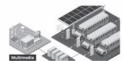
Webinar Discusses Strategies to Streamline Fleet Electrification



(Free Webinar) Streamline your Planning for Electric School Bus Deployment with EVOPT



Webinar Discusses Ways to Fund Electric School Buses



(Recorded Webinar) Value Stacking: Funding Électrified Bus Fleets Through Savings &



Webinar Looks at Holistic Way to Electrify School District Bus



(Recorded Webinar) Clean School Bus Program Round 1 Winners and Waitlisters - What Happens



How Technology Solves School



(Recorded Webinar) Get Your

Viewers Per Webinar

Dedicated Promotional eBlasts Included



What action(s) have you taken during the past year as a result of advertisements and/or articles in SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS?

Visited an advertiser's website

Discussed an ad/article with someone else in the organization

Bought or recommended products or services advertised

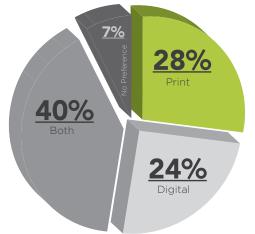
44%

44%

42%



Which is your preferred version of STN magazine?



The advertising in SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS educates and is an important part of the publication.

93%
YES

I read through SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS as much for the advertising as for the articles.

65%
YES



Survey was conducted in **March 2023**. 514 STN magazine readers responded.

what products or services is your district or company interes purchasing over the next 12 months?	ted in
Brake Products	33%
New Diesel Buses, Engines & Components	
Tires & Wheels	
Lighting & LEDs	
Type C or D buses	27%
Lubricants, Additives & Fuel Services	25%
Stop-Arm Video Systems	24%
Foam & Seating Products	23%
GPS & Vehicle Tracking	23%
Video Security Systems	22%
Air Conditioning/HVAC	21%
Drive Train/ Turbo Products & Pumps	
Mirror Products	
Cellular, Radio & Communication Systems	20%
New Alternative Fuel Buses & Infrastructure	
(Propane, Electric, CNG)	
Emission Control & Exhaust Products	
New Gasoline Buses	
Seatbelts/Occupant Restraints	
Type A buses	
Onboard Tablets/Mobile Data Terminals	
Parent Communication Apps	
Transportation Routing Software	
Crossing Control Products	
Vehicle Lifts & Hoists	
Exterior Vehicle Washing Products	
Wi-Fi/Onboard Student Connectivity	
Child Detection Systems	
Mobility Equipment Products	
Flooring Products	
Used Buses	
Fire Suppression Systems	
Alternative Student Transportation/ Ride Share Servi	
Health & Wellness Products	
School Bus Contracting Services	
Traction Control Products	
Air Purification Solutions and	
Cleaning Products/Hand Sanitizers	5%
Insurance & Financial Services	

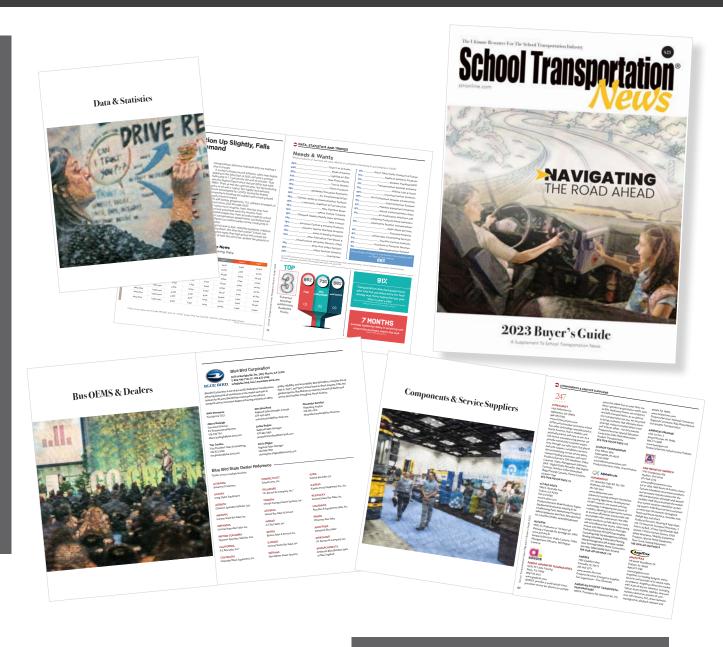


The Ultimate Resource of the School Transportation Industry

2024 BUYER'S GUIDE

20,050*

QUALIFIED SUBSCRIBERS





SUPPLEMEN	IT DUE DATES
Ad Close:	Nov. 01
Mech Deadline:	Nov. 06

STNEXPO

CONTENT. COMMUNITY. COMMERCE.





Indy

May 31- June 4, 2024 Indiana Convention Center Indianapolis, IN

300 ATTENDEES 3 NETWORKING EVENTS 1 DAY TRADE SHOW

Reno

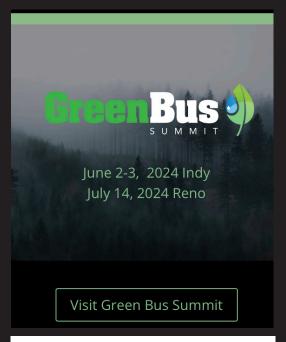
July 12-17, 2024 Peppermill Resort Reno, NV

800 ATTENDEES

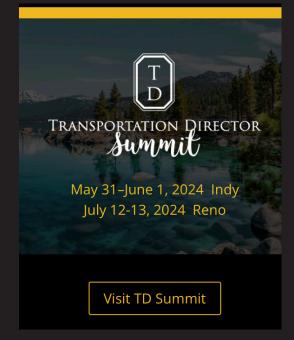


2 DAY TRADE SHOW











Transporting Students With Disabilities & Special Needs

Conference and Trade Show

November 8-12, 2024

Embassy Suites by Hilton Dallas Frisco Hotel & Convention Center

LEARN MORE AT TSDCONFERENCE.COM

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Hands-on Training
IDEA/Section 504 Legal Review
Operational Best Practices
Collaboration & Networking

Professional development that leaves you feeling renewed and rejuvenated with fresh ideas and collaboration! Grateful for the wealth of information shared, resources and connections made! Thank you!

-Alemnesh Allen, Transportation Coordinator Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland





MAGAZINE ADVERTISING RATES

CONTRACT RATES

	Open Rate	3x	6x	12x
1 page standard	\$6,450	\$6,250	\$5,650	\$5,275
1/2 page island	\$5,275	\$4,825	\$4,375	\$4,075
1/2 page horizontal or vertical	\$4,250	\$3,975	\$3,825	\$3,650
1/3 page square or vertical	\$3,300	\$3,100	\$2,850	\$2,650
1/4 page square	\$2,750	\$2,695	\$2,475	\$2,395
Classified ads Buyer's Guide Only (per column inch)	\$195			

2024 CONFERENCE BOOTH RATES STARTING AT:

10' × 10'\$2,475

10' x 20'\$4,775

20' x 20'\$8,475

More rates on **STNEXPO.COM** or **TSDCONFERENCE.COM**

TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR SUMMIT:

\$9,750 per event

Focused Buyer Meetings and Discussions INDY — May 31-June 1 | RENO — July 12-13



Transportation Director



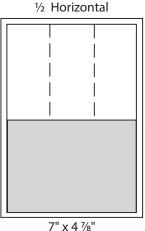




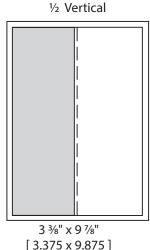
SPECIAL POSITION RATES

^{*}Preferred positions: Opposite the Table of Contents & First Take

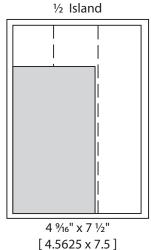




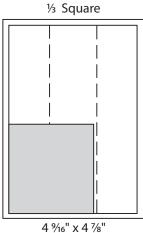




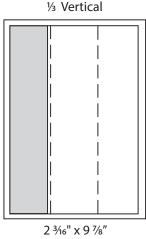
[3.375 x 9.875] CONVERSION



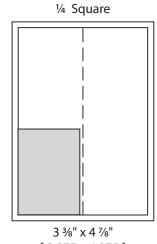
[4.5625 x 7.5] CONVERSION



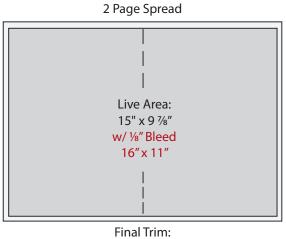
[4.5625 x 4.875] CONVERSION



[2.1875 x 9.875] CONVERSION



[3.375 x 4.875] CONVERSION



15 ¾" x 10 ¾" [15.75 x 10.75] CONVERSION





Final Trim: 7 %" x 10 ¾" [7.875 x 10.75] CONVERSION

TERMS | CONDITIONS

SPECIFICATIONS

Ad Mechanical Details At-A-Glance:

Requirements: All artwork is to be a minimum of 300 dpi @ the conversion from the current color profile to the CMYK color space. For more details on ad requirements and additional charges, please see sections 1 & 2 below.

<u>Bleed:</u> Full bleed ads are available for the 2-page spread and the full page configurations. Bleed must be a minimum of 1/8" beyond the final trim size, if a full bleed is desired.

<u>Live Area:</u> All copy and images that are not meant to bleed are to remain within the live area. (The live area is applicable on the 2-page spread and full page ad with bleed only.)

Mechanical Requirements:

STN is typically saddle stitched, except for the Annual Buyer's Guide, which is perfect bound. Single column width is 2 3/16" and double column width is 4 9/16". Column depth is 9 7/8". Publication trim size is 7 7/8" x 10 3/4" and live area is 7" x 9 7/8". Gross size does not include a required 1/8" bleed on all four edges of each page. For trim purposes, the publication jogs to the head. Additional allowance for gutter trim should be made in the preparation of spreads reading or bleeding across the fold. Single page bleed 8 1/8" x 11"; spread bleed 16" x 11". Vital parts of ad copy and layout should be kept at least 1/2" from the gross page size.

Ad Mechanical Specifications:

STN will accept electronic display ad, classified ad, and web media ad files submitted to **https://stnmedia.wetransfer.com** or to our office on CD

 We accept files in both Macintosh and PC formats. We accept native InDesign, Photoshop, and Illustrator files.

- Preferred file formats are PDF, EPS, JPEG or TIFF. If files are submitted as native Illustrator or InDesign, all fonts and linked images must be included.
- Illustrator files must have all fonts converted to outlines. PDF files must be hi-resolution and pressready (i.e. saved for printing and not for onscreen viewing). Digital ad files and images within files must have a resolution of 300 dpi or greater and color must be CMYK. Ad materials submitted in MS Publisher or Word formats are not acceptable and will be returned. PMS or RGB colors will not be accepted and will be returned.
- A disk directory listing all files and images should be enclosed.
- Digital ads delivered to STN must be accompanied by a contract color proof to SWOP standards. Color proofs that are not to SWOP standard cannot be used for final proofing. STN, its digital pre-press supplier and its printer are not responsible for color and content of electronic ads based on screen appearance or when a color SWOP proof has not been supplied.
- Ads supplied digitally must be accompanied by a color proof; we accept color lasers for content accuracy only but not for final color proofing.

Standing Ad Materials:

Digital ads will be stored electronically for 12 months following their last use and then deleted, unless STN is instructed otherwise in writing by the advertiser or agency.

Inserts:

Custom inserts can be printed and placed for a nominal fee. Contact STN sales representative for details. Other costs include: glue tipping, stapling or polybagging.

Agency commission is not given for any production costs. Reply post card inserts may only be used with full page or larger ads; reply cards must be less than 1/2

page. Minimum paper weight is 60-lb., maximum paper weight is 100-lb. Before printing an insert scheduled for display in STN, advertisers should submit two complete dummy copies of the insert for review by STN and its printer and check with STN for quantity, mechanical requirements, tip-in charges, printing instructions and shipping requirements.

Classified Advertising:

Column inches are based on columns 2 3/16" wide. Reader service numbers and display ad sizes and rates are not available in the classified ad section. Prepayment is required. Classified ads are noncommissionable. American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted. For classified advertising rates, see previous page.

Printing:

The magazine is printed web offset or sheet fed on coated paper. STN is not responsible for color reproduction if the advertiser or ad agency fails to supply a match print. Advertisers should be aware that slight color variations may occur due to paper color differences. If clients fail to provide match prints. STN's printer may do so and the client will be invoiced accordingly.

Shipping Instructions:

All insertion orders and ad materials should be shipped to:

School Transportation News Creative Department 5334 Torrance Blvd., 3rd Floor Torrance, CA 90503

Electronic file submission:

Submit all digital ads to:

https://stnmedia.wetransfer.com

Submit art-related inquiries to:

kimber@stnmedia.com or maria@stnmedia.com



POLICIES

Audited Circulations:

SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION NEWS is BPA audited and offers a qualified circulation of 20,050 print and digital school transportation professionals. Source: BPA, May 2023.

Contract Year:

Advertising inserted within 12 months of the first insertion earns frequency discount.

Rebates & Short Rates:

Advertisers will be rebated at the end of their contract period if they run a frequency which earns a lower discount. Advertisers will be short-rated if, within 12 months from the contracted date of their first insertion, they do not run the frequency on which the discount is based.

Cancellation:

Cancellations of ad contracts must be made in writing by U.S. mail, postmarked 30 days prior to scheduled ad closing. Email, fax or telephone communications canceling ad space will not be accepted.

Contract Rates

Display advertising rates are based on: 1) insertion frequency beginning with the first insertion in a standard 12-month contract year, and 2) contracted for IN WRITING AND IN ADVANCE. Multiple page ads or multiple ads count toward the frequency discount and will be billed at the rate that is applicable to each size ad.

Publisher's Rate Policy:

Advertising contracts are subject to changes in rates upon 30-day written notice from the Publisher. Advertisers may cancel their contracts at the time new rates become effective without incurring a shortrate adjustment. Display ad publishing conditions, other than rates, are subject to changes by the Publisher without notice; revised display ad publishing conditions and rate card changes will be posted to STN's website.

Commission & Cash Discounts:

Display advertising space is commissionable at 15% to accredited advertising agencies on space and color charges.

Ad Production & Charges:

Costs incurred by Publisher to produce advertising mechanicals from electronic files, or in connection with the computer-to-plate process, submitted by the client, will be billed to the advertiser or its agency. If ad materials arrive after the mechanical deadline and result in blueline changes, STN reserves the right to charge late fees.

Credit Profile:

A credit profile is required from first-time advertisers and their advertising agencies.

Payment Terms:

Invoices are due and payable 30 days after the date of the invoice. The advertiser and its agency are jointly responsible for the payment of ad space and production charges. Payment is in U.S. dollars.

Non-Payment: If any monies due to the Publisher are not paid within 60 days of the invoice date, agency discounts are subject to revocation, and the account is subject to a service charge of 1.5 percent per month (18 percent per year) effective the 30th day after the original invoice date. It is STN's policy to contact the advertiser directly for payment when an invoice reaches 60 days overdue. Advertisers agree to pay all costs of collection, if necessary.

Publisher's Legal Liability:

Advertisers and advertising agencies are severally and jointly liable for all content (text, representation and illustrations) of advertisements, and assume responsibility for any claims arising therefrom against the Publisher. Advertisers agree to indemnify the publisher against any claims or expenses resulting from the unauthorized use of name, photograph, sketch, or words protected by copyright or registered trademarks,

label, etc., in connection with advertising. The Publisher reserves the right to reject any advertising which, in his opinion, makes extravagant claims, misrepresents, is unfair or harmful to other advertisers, violates postal or U.S. currency regulations or is unsatisfactory to themselves. The terms and conditions of STN's 2024 rate card are part of all advertising contracts and agreements. Publisher's liability for an ad space error will not exceed the cost of the advertisement occupied by the error. In the event an ad make-good is necessary, the make-good ad will appear in the next available issue, or at the Publisher's discretion, but will not replace a scheduled ad insertion.

Contact Information:

Tony Corpin Publisher

T: 310-792-2226, F: 310-792-2231 Email: tonv@stnonline.com

