

Simply Living's Alternative Transportation Project hits the road!

The Simply Living Alternative Transportation Project has developed an educational presentation "**Walk, Bus, Bike: Routes to a Better Society**" about practical ways to improve our transportation system, not by eliminating cars, but by making it feasible to drive them less. Topics (presenters) include walkable communities (Lisa Staggenborg), mass transit (Eric Davies), cycling for transportation (Chris Luers), and automotive technology (Dave Erb), with a strong focus on the present realities here in central Ohio. Both personal and community actions are discussed, with an emphasis on practical steps which can provide significant benefits with little or no sacrifice.

Help us hit the road! If you have a group who would like to schedule this presentation, please contact Chris Luers (dluers@earthlink.net, 614-937-7616 cell).

Presenters:

Dave Erb:

Dave Erb is a lifelong environmentalist and vehicle enthusiast who sees no inherent contradiction in those two passions. A self-employed engineering consultant, he has worked professionally with electric and hybrid electric vehicles since 1986.

Chris Luers

Chris Luers developed a love of bicycling when he started riding to better his health. He is a 20 year veteran bicycle commuter, a bicycle collector and tinkerer. Chris gave up a 25 year career as an Automotive Technician to have a more meaningful life with his family. A member of Simply Living, the Sierra Club and the Central Ohio Bicycle Advocacy. Chris lives in North East Columbus, is a self employed Candlemaker and enjoys spending time with his wife Diane, daughters Alesha and Cristina, and granddaughter Ally, and working on their urban farm when he is not bicycling.

Eric Davies

Eric Davies has advocated for better transportation for more than a decade. He has remained a consistent rider of COTA for 15 years, and has navigated many other transit systems throughout the nation. Eric also has participated in many workshops and community forums regarding transit, smart growth and livable communities. In addition he has extensive experience in working with non-profit inner city and rural community health centers. He has belonged to Simply Living for 14 years, and also is a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbus. He lives in an older walkable and transit-oriented Columbus neighborhood with his wife, Donna, and 10-year old daughter, Arcadia.

Lisa Staggenborg

Lisa Staggenborg developed a passion for walkable communities while traveling in Europe and the United States developing chemical information software. Today Lisa enjoys walking, biking and riding the bus near her home in Worthington.