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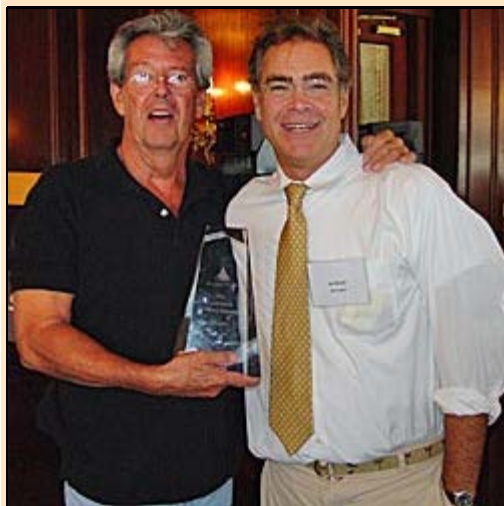
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Director of Metro Commute Services David Sutton, at left in top photo, sets the stage for presentation of the 2005 Golden Pylon awards at the annual traffic reporters luncheon held this year at Maggiano's 'Little Italy' restaurant in The Grove. And the winners are: Top left: KFWB traffic reporter Jeff Baugh and KCAL's Jon Bruno. Top right, Baugh with KTRH 101's Chasta Mullings. Not pictured: CHP Officer Rebecca Estrada, Air Watch traffic reporter Brandi Lanai and KIIS FM traffic reporter Ginger Chan.

Six Traffic Reporters Receive 'Golden Pylon Awards' from Southland Transit Agencies

- Ceremony kicks off annual Rideshare Week, Oct. 3 – 7

By DAVE SOTERO

(Sept. 29, 2005) Transit agencies throughout Southern California presented

coveted Golden Pylon Awards to six TV and radio traffic reporters, Wednesday, recognizing them for dedication to keeping Southland traffic moving.



Air Watch reporters, from left, Angel Martinez, Lori Ryan, Sabina Mora and Sharon Reardon. The reporters promote "Rideshare Thursday" on the air waves and encourage listeners to help fight traffic congestion.

The awards were presented during a luncheon in Los Angeles by Metro, Orange County Transportation Authority, Riverside County Transportation Commission, San Bernardino Associated Governments and Ventura County Transportation Commission.



A rideshare van plows through 125 empty gallon containers of gasoline to demonstrate amount of money one could save by ridesharing just one day a week for 50 weeks. By today's gas prices, the amount saved would total \$367, reported event organizer Robbyn Lystrup, Johnson-Ukropina creative marketing firm director.

Honored for their fast, accurate road condition reports that help thousands of commuters avoid traffic snarls each day, were:

- Rebecca Estrada, California Highway Patrol Officer, Fox 11, Univision 34, KFRN Family Radio, Radio Mexico
- Brandi Lanai, KDAY, KSPA, KDL
- Ginger Chan, KIIS-FM, KLAC (XTRA Sports 570), KTDD,KTMS, KIXA
- Jeff Baugh, KFWB-AM
- Chasta Mullings, K-EARTH 101
- Jon Bruno, KCAL, KHTS

The "Golden Pylon" awards luncheon kicks off the Annual Rideshare Week Oct. 3 – 7. Rideshare Week is a statewide campaign to reduce solo driving on the state's congested streets and freeways.

