

**Bus Rodeo Prelims Set
June 13–16**



- **Finals on June 23 at Santa Anita**

(June 7, 2001) Some of the Metro Bus system's best operators will test themselves against a complex obstacle course at Santa Anita Race Track, June 13 –16, during qualifying rounds for the 26th MTA Bus Rodeo.

Those who make the cut will return for the Rodeo, June 23, to compete for prizes and the honor of representing the MTA at the American Public Transit Association (APTA) finals in Philadelphia in September.

Also competing at the June 23 Rodeo will be teams of mechanics who will try to best each other in diagnosing and repairing a difficult series of engine and systems problems. The winning team also will represent the MTA at the APTA finals.

Division 1 bus operator Samuel Morales won last year's Bus Rodeo, scoring 620 out of 650 possible points. The Division 9 "Men in White" mechanic team of Albert Semadeni, Berry Richter, Edward Rivera and Pete Baeza (alternate), won the maintenance competition. The group represented the MTA at the APTA finals in San Francisco.

This year's MTA Bus Rodeo promises to be the biggest and best yet. Employees, their families and friends are invited to attend the 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. event, June 23, at Santa Anita.

Activities will include a car show by members of the Rapid Transit Club, a raffle, vendor booths, food and beverages – and, of course, the exciting driving and maintenance competitions.

For information about the Rodeo and event pre-registration, contact Carlos Rojas at 922-5160, Freddy Steger at 922-5779, Lanny Hoel at 922-6641 or Harold Torres at 922-5802.

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