



HEADWAY



Southern California Rapid Transit District

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District Update

The District has chosen two potential sites for the planned East San Fernando Valley Maintenance and Operating facility. The sites, each about 18 acres, are located at the ConRock facility north of the Tujunga Wash on San Fernando Road and at Lakeview Terrace at the easterly quadrangle of Glen Oaks Blvd. and Branford Street.

A community hearing was held on February 24 at Bird Junior High School to receive area resident input on the proposed facility. The new facility will replace the existing Division 15 site in Sun Valley.

Late this fall 200 Southern California Rapid Transit District buses equipped with lifts to take on wheelchair passengers will begin operation on the 23 "backbone" RTD routes. This represents a pioneer U.S. effort to begin to accommodate the public transit needs of an estimated 350,000 handicapped people in Los Angeles County. By the end of the year, one of every five RTD buses on the 23 lines will be lift-equipped. The District's long range goal is to have an entire fleet of accessible buses operating over the District's 195 regular bus lines in Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

RTD's Hollywood "Customer Service Center" is now located at 6249 Hollywood Blvd. in a storefront office within 100 feet of the old location at 6235. The new center has more room and is at a better location to the Hollywood and Vine intersection.

As part of the RTD's Airport Express service, the District will be selling RTD Airport Express Discounted Ticket Books for patrons who commute to and from the airport on a regular basis. Each ticket will contain a supply of 20 individual tickets which can be purchased at a reduced rate of one-half the value of the single ticket price. All tickets in the special reduced rate ticket books must be used by the purchaser within one month of the date of sale. The reduced rate ticket books will be sold at all regular RTD ticket agency outlets, including the LAX information booths where regular Airport Express tickets will also soon be sold.

The District has purchased a 1.46 acre parcel of land in connection with the expansion of Division 1 maintenance facility and operating yard. The parcel will be used to build additional equipment storage. The rectangular parcel adjoins the District's permanent property and is bounded by Central Avenue and Alameda Street and borders on Industrial Street.

RTD's Employee Cafeteria is now being served by a new vendor as of February 15. The vendor, A Moveable Feast, headquartered in West Los Angeles, will offer fresh food service featuring breakfast items, special hot entrees, made-to-order grilled foods, assorted salads, sandwiches and desserts. According to Moveable Feast, the majority of the items will be cooked on the premises. The commissary will operate 7 days a week and 24 hours per day. In addition, a full line of vending machines, a microwave oven and a dollar and coin changer will still be available.

RTD Begins Full-Scale Airport Service

RTD's buses are now serving Los Angeles International Airport, carrying more than 1700 passengers daily to and from one of the country's largest and busiest airline terminals.

The District started the airport service operation at the request of the Los Angeles City Council which was notified on December 1 that Yellow Cab Company's insurance coverage had expired and that all Yellow Cab subsidiaries, including AirportTransit, would no longer be operating. Faced with the possibility of thousands of stranded passengers at LAX, and the up-coming heavy holiday travel, the Council passed an emergency resolution which stated in part that "the City Council request the Southern California Rapid Transit District to immediately establish special service from a central point in downtown Los Angeles, Hollywood, West Los Angeles and at the areas which might need the service to the Los Angeles International Airport."

Fourteen hours after the District was notified of the City Council resolution, the first RTD Airport Express bus rolled out of Division 12 in route to Los Angeles International Airport.

According to Bill Bennett, acting supervisor in charge of airport bus operations, "Since we only had 14 hours notice, we started service by duplicating AirportTransit routes and schedules."

In the intervening period, however, the District has improved service offered by AirportTransit by operating more buses in order to reduce headways and by providing service to hotels not previously served. The additional service has resulted in an increase of 27% over the number of passengers carried by AirportTransit.

Downtown Los Angeles, for example, enjoys round-the-clock service to the Airport and back every half hour from the RTD Greyhound Terminal, and the



Yellow, white and black are the new colors of RTD's specially painted and spiffy Airport Express bus, the first of what the District hopes will be a fleet of many similarly painted express buses. The 'RTD Express' letters, more than a foot high, stretch nearly 20 feet along the sides. The bus went in service on January 25 and is now running on various Airport Express lines.

Bonaventure, Hyatt Regency, Hilton, Biltmore and Mayflower Hotels. Hourly service is provided between 7:00 AM and Midnight to the Wilshire District's four major hotels. The Hollywood Roosevelt, Hollywood Holiday Inn and Hollywood Greyhound Station are also served hourly between the hours of 5:30 AM to Midnight. Beverly Hills and Century City service to five hotels operates hourly between 6:30 AM and 11:00 PM. Seven roundtrips a day are operated to five hotels in Santa Monica. This route has been modified to include the Royal Inn and Holiday Inn which were not previously served by AirportTransit. Service to three hotels in the San Fernando Valley has been increased from seven to nine trips daily, and three express roundtrips are made daily to the San Gabriel Valley-Inland Empire, as far east as Norton Air Force Base (Main Gate) and Redlands.

Twenty two buses and 59 operators are

required to provide this service which now operates out of Divisions 1-11 and 5.

According to Bill Bennett, "We are continuing to refine the service, both route and schedule-wise, in order to provide an easier and more effective operation. A special layover zone has been established at 96th Street and Skyway, in back of the International Carriers, Satellite #2, and adjacent to one of the take-off runways.

"We are currently developing new running times, exploring alternate routes for crowded freeways, and looking closely at the hotel pick-up routes. We plan to have these changes in effect in the next couple of weeks.

"With the continued professionalism and cooperation demonstrated by our operators in assisting out-of-town travelers, the District can be proud of its new airport operation, a service which is vital to our communities."

War on Waste

Conservation of Water and Energy Is Everyone's Problem

By Jack R. Gilstrap, General Manager, Southern California Rapid Transit District

We, as the fourth largest public transportation agency in the United States, have a heavy responsibility in combatting the crisis in energy and water.

I cannot express to you too strongly how the shortages of energy and water threaten our national well being and our way of life.

Conservation of water and energy is everyone's responsibility 24-hours a day. No matter how small the savings, each bit contributes to helping solve our problem. Each fraction of a kilowatt/hour, cubic inch of natural gas, glass of water, each pint of diesel fuel or gasoline is important.

Last December, I directed that the Energy Conservation Program that was so successful during the energy crisis of 1973 and 1974 be reinstated, effective January 1.

I have named William H. Weaver, Director of Safety, to oversee this program as chairman of an Energy Conservation Program Committee.

Mr. Weaver and his committee, representing every RTD Department, have now inspected all RTD facilities for

the purpose of detecting and identifying conditions of waste and unnecessary usage. These conditions are now being reported to the affected departments, and directives will be issued to implement the corrective action. In many instances corrective action already has been taken. I urge all of you to give this program your whole-hearted and energetic attention.

Some of the conservation measures that we are taking are to turn all water heaters down to 140 degrees, and all space heater thermostats down to 65 degrees. Air-conditioning thermostats will be raised to 74 degrees. All lighted areas will be surveyed and where candlepower can be reduced without affecting work conditions in halls and corridors, for instance, lighting will be reduced. We are washing buses only once a week in facilities that do not have recycling equipment. Dripping faucets are being repaired wherever they are found. Idling times on buses are being watched carefully, and we are taking steps to prevent even the smallest spillage in the filling of fuel tanks on buses and automobiles. In other words

this is a full scale war on waste.

Conservation is so important to all of us, that I hope you will take your waste-fighting measures home with you. Each household can make important contributions to conservation, and your action at home can be particularly important in helping solve the California water crisis. After all, if the drought continues and voluntary measure do not conserve enough water, we face stern water rationing measures in nearly every California community.

I urge you to take action at home to fix dripping faucets, turn down water heater and space heater thermostats, use less water in the bathroom, be sparing in your use of water for the lawn and for washing your car, turn off lights when not in use, and be alert for every opportunity to conserve energy and water.

Everyone is in this struggle for keeps. Let's make certain we win it.

Jack R. Gilstrap

Rap Session at Division 15

Division 15 was the scene of the first management-employee rap session of the year. More than 100 operators came out for the lively rap session which lasted longer than the scheduled two hours. Representing transportation management was George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations; John H. Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation; and Tom R. Brown, Superintendent of Divisions. For the maintenance side was

George H. Powell, General Superintendent of Maintenance and Equipment. Also at the session was Jack Gerhardt, Project Development Administrator; Richard Kelso, Chief Special Agent; and Dick Dimon, Director of Marketing and Communication. Representing the Division 15 management were managers Ernie Giaquinto, transportation, and Tex Lawson, maintenance.



Operators listen attentively at the well-attended rap session, above, while Manager of Operations George W. Heinle, photo at left, uses the blackboard in the trainroom at Division 15 to answer an operator's question about run scheduling.

Standing in back from left to right are: Tom R. Brown, Superintendent of Divisions; Division Dispatcher Joe Putt; Division Manager Ernie Giaquinto; John H. Walsh, General Superintendent of Transportation.

Seated at table, with back to camera is Jack Gerhardt, Project Development Administrator, left, and Richard Kelso, Chief Special Agent, right.

It's Lights, Camera, Action! At Macy Yards

The smoke and the fire truck are for real, but they're both a part of a future episode of the television series "Emergency," being filmed at RTD's Macy Yards. Photo at left shows part of what goes on behind the scenes off camera during a location filming.



Although it's days of active District use ended in 1962, Macy Yards, one of RTD's former maintenance divisions, is occasionally called out of its 'retirement' for use by the entertainment industry. Most recently, the popular television show "Emergency" used the yard to stage a dramatic fire and smoke episode with real fire.

The entertainment industry has long found the District's locations (and those

of its predecessors) useful for both television and film.

For example, employees who worked for Pacific Electric remember numerous films that were shot around the various divisions, including the Sentous Station, the Subway Station tunnel, the old P.E. building at 6th Street and Main and the L.A. Street Viaduct. These locales were used for chase scenes and other highly



Andi McFall, management assistant, who was on the set, poses with five regulars from the "Emergency" cast during a break in the shooting.

dramatic action episodes. Sometimes the old Red Cars themselves were used. The viaduct, according to one employee, was a great favorite for escape scenes.

The District employees who now work at the Transit building at 425 South Main often see television film crews around the building and on adjacent streets. The general location has been used in many television series including "Kojak," "Police Story," "Starsky and Hutch,"

"Baretta" and "Serpico".

According to Robert Meeks, real estate manager, "The income received from the rental of various RTD properties is placed in our operation fund."

He adds, "The 'Emergency' episode, however, may be the last filming at Macy Yard. The buildings are to be leased out soon for use as cold storage areas. This is quite a contrast to the 'hot' use of the Emergency crew!"



Macy Yards — in 1951

These box motors of the Pacific Electric Railway are in front of the rail shops at Macy Street. When L.A.M.T.A. purchased the M.C.L. they phased out the shops and bus storage facilities. R.T.D. had the Property Maintenance Dept. there for a few years as Location 15.

CORRECTION:

The February issue of Headway incorrectly listed Paula Salido as administrative asst. She is a Secretary 111. Harry Maguire, listed as staff assistant 11, is a senior staff assistant.

Operator and Information Operator Win Certificates of Merit for Job Performance

Division 12 operator James Hoover was chosen as the operator of the month, and Susana Comas won the information operator of the month award.

Hoover, an operator since 1946, was praised for having an excellent attendance record, and for receiving a 22-year safe driving award in 1975. Also noted was his reputation for courtesy and good humor. Division 12 manager Ralph Costello called him "an exemplary operator."

Hoover thinks he may have gotten the award because of his personality. "I get along well with my passengers and I think I have an ability to understand and get along with people — I've been doing it for 30 years!" He goes on to add: "You have to treat passengers the same way you would treat yourself, and remember that

everyone, including passengers, have their good days and their bad days."

Hoover and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Long Beach. They have a son who is a captain in the U.S. Air Force, and three grandchildren. Off-duty, Hoover is active in lodge work. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and just became the Royal Visar of the Knights of Khorassan.

Susana Comas, the information operator of the month, was noted as having "excelled in performing her duties, and as being efficient, courteous, patient and accurate, and having received many commendations for her superior work." Susana, who was born in Uruguay, is single, and resides in Canoga Park. She enjoys swimming, tennis and playing the piano. Her stepfather is Division 8 operator Abraham Fanfassian.

Recreation News

From Bill Weimer, Recreation Director

February has been a busy month for recreational activities and from all indications, the entire year will be equally as busy. Needless to say not everything we try is successful. Our ski trip to mammoth bombed because Mother Nature didn't cooperate and provide snow, but there's always next year.

Several activities are coming up that should be of interest to many employees. As you recall, we advertised a Home Decorating course for the modest price of \$25, including all books and material. The deadline for joining has now been extended to March 25 with the class to start in the headquarters Board Room on April 4th. This is a great opportunity to learn how to stretch your home furnishing dollars, "re-do" and "make-do," select colors and choose fabrics. All this and much, much more and have a peck of fun doing it.

Our Toastmasters' Club was formed at a meeting on February 16 with 20 members attending. We have room for twice that many members, so you still have time to join by calling Betty at Ext. 6580.

Our last fishing trip was a sell out and the next one was sold out even before it was advertised. We are looking into the possibility of having a trip every other pay day so more employees can enjoy the fun of fishing. It is reported that on every trip, almost everyone catches their limit!

Our second Golf Tournament will be at Ontario National starting at 8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 3, and if it's anything like the last one, you'll need to get your name in early.

The Pong Tournament is heading for the finals to be held in the Headquarters' cafeteria and it looks like everyone is enjoying the competition. The second annual Dominos Tournament signup posters

will soon be on the bulletin boards and we hope all you domino thumpers will take aim at bringing the perpetual trophy to your Division.

A 4 x 4 Club is now forming under the direction of Jerry Champagne, Division 11. A 4 x 4 Club, for the benefit of those who haven't heard of one, is a club for owners of four-wheel drive and off-the-road vehicles. They meet regularly for planned trips to unusual and out-of-the-way places that only four-wheel vehicles can go.

This is a family affair that every member of the family can enjoy. Everyone interested in helping form the Club, call Jerry Champagne at 771-3859 or Betty, on extension 6580.

Not to be outdone by the Pros, the RTD Basketball season will take a break for our own All Star game to be played at Van Nuys High on Friday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and you won't want to miss the chance to see RTD's "Stars" play the celebrities of KLAC. Johnny Brown of TV fame will bring personalities from radio, television, movies and professional sports to play basketball as it's never been played before. This is an event the whole family can enjoy and at a price everyone can afford. Don't forget now — Friday, April 29 at Van Nuys High School gym. Van Nuys High is located at 6535 Cedros Avenue in Van Nuys.

League play begins March 15 for the new RTD basketball league at three locations around the area. Van Nuys High in the Valley, Eagle Rock High and Belvedere Park in East Los Angeles. Seventeen teams from all divisions, South Park and Headquarters will be competing.

Complete schedules of all games will be posted on your recreation bulletin boards for your convenience.



Operator of the Month Division 12's James Hoover and Susana Comas, information operator of the month, received checks and Certificates of Merit for outstanding job performance from RTD Director Thomas G. Neusom, center. At far left is Barbara Hagen, Chief of Telephone Operations. At far right is Division 12 manager Ralph Costello.

**Make Plans Now to attend the RTD — KLAC
All Stars Game On Sunday, April 29.**

Moving Up

Name	Div/ Dept.	Classification	Date
Anderson Jr., Wade	3307	Utility "A" To Utility "A" Lead.	2/6/77
Billingsley, Walter	3150	Print Shop Clerk To Cutter/Fold. Opr.	1/24/77
Caria, George G.	4200	Transp. Plng. Analy. To Operations Analy.	1/29/77
Edwards, David C.	3500	Schedule Analyst To Schedule Maker	2/6/77
Enriquez, Javier S.	3303	Utility "A" To Utility "A" Lead.	2/6/77
Fehr, Ricki	5000	Information Clerk To Schedule Typist	1/27/77
Gomez, Leonor B.	7100	Asst. Gen. Ac. Sup. To Gen. Acctg. Sup.	2/6/77
Heggins, James W.	3302	Mechanic "A" To Mechanic "A" Lead.	2/13/77
Hess, Maria C.	3110	Janitor To Mopper-Waxer	2/6/77
Hilterbrick, Erma N.	7300	Typist-Clerk To General Clerk	1/10/77
Izzard, Adrienne	7300	Typist-Clerk To Stock Shop Clerk	2/6/77
Kemp, Frank D.	3314	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	2/6/77
McClendon, Ceola	7200	Keypunch Opr. To Sup. Keypunch Opr.	2/13/77
Miller, Jan T.	7300	General Clerk To Order Typist	1/10/77
Rippey, Daniel A.	3150	Print Shop Clerk To Cutter/Fold. Opr.	1/24/77
Schlegel, Larry L.	3500	Schedule Analyst To Schedule Maker	2/6/77
Smith, Lee C.	3150	Print Shop Clerk To Cutter/Fold. Opr.	1/24/77
Vergara, Johnny	3301	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "B" Lead.	2/6/77

Retired

Name	Div./ Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Alexander, William Edison	6201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 1-16-77	9-29-47	2-1-77
Hawkes, Samuel Robert	3210	Operator	10-28-38	1-20-77
Jessuls, Stephen	3208	Operator	1-29-48	1-31-77
Lopez, Frank H.	3302	Mechanic "A" Leadman	2-1-44	2-2-77
Penick, Marion Hilton	62201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 3-21-75	9-21-63	2-1-77
Smith, Richard Ernest	6201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 11-17-76	1-16-53	2-8-77
Sorenson, Einar Alfred	3209	Operator	9-11-44	2-18-77
Sorensen, Sylvan LeRoy	3221	Traffic Loader - Extra Supervisor of Traffic Loader	7-14-44	1-24-77
Snyder, Paul Fred	3209	Operator	1-8-37	2-18-77
Vejar, Alfonso Garcia	6201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 4-23-75	5-15-47	2-8-77
Waldo, Lawrence DeNuncio	3207	Operator	7-29-52	2-25-77

In Memoriam

Name	Div/ Dept.	Classification	Deceased
Hamilton, Lyle M.	3202	Former Operator Retired 7-27-76	2-8-77
King, John E.	3204	Former Operator Retired 6-1-65	2-15-77
Leahy, Arthur F.	3297	Former Instructor Retired 7-22-72	2-8-77
Milligan, George E.	3207	Former Operator Retired 9-1-67	1-19-77
Osborn, Robert A.	3212	Former Operator Retired 9-1-71	1-31-77
White, William C. L.	3210	Former Operator Retired 9-1-71	1-18-77



GOOD FORM —

Division 5 operator Howard Johnson displays his new yellow and black line instructor patch and the good driving form that made him an RTD line instructor. A 29-year veteran with RTD and the predecessor agencies, Johnson has been a line instructor since 1950.

Operations Corner

By George W. Heinle, Manager of Operations

An Operator's Letter Gets A Reply

In the inset below, we have reproduced a letter from one of our newer Operators which I believe not only reflects credit upon the individual who wrote it, but certainly provides all of us with something to think about.

A number of Operators participating in my Division Rap Sessions have indicated their concern that the local law enforcement officers are not familiar with the emergency flasher system on RTD buses and as a result officers are not responding when a driver is in need of their assistance. On the other hand, we have had excellent cooperation from the law enforcement agencies in responding

to emergencies reported by our Radio Dispatch Center even though a number of these have been, in fact, false alarms.

Operator Crowder's letter suggests a means of self-help that I do not believe we have used as much as we should. I heartily endorse her idea that we are all faced with similar problems and can make our jobs safer and more pleasant by helping each other, including the idea that we should "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Ms. Crowder has suggested a philosophy which is applicable not only to the situation of a driver in trouble with the flashers

on, but might well be applied to other facets of our daily operation and in so doing make the RTD a really great place to work.

Recently I was on a bus which stopped at the side of the Busway exit while on an engineering test run, and was most pleased by the number of Operators who stopped their buses to inquire if we needed assistance. This kind of thoughtfulness can often save a fellow operator a hike to a telephone and at the same time, expedite service to our riders.

In a similar vein, running hot or passing up passengers only contributes to the dif-

ficulties encountered by your follower who must then carry the extra load and take the heat from an irate passenger who has been passed up. Some day you may be the follower of this type of an Operator.

While I am sure that most of us do not intentionally do things, or fail to do things, which adversely affect our fellow workers, I am equally sure that a little more thoughtfulness and the application of the Golden Rule as suggested by Shirley Crowder will help to make RTD not only a good place to work but a great place to work, and a safe one as well.

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Something must be done immediately, about the attitudes of drivers, who should be properly known as operators, toward other drivers, some who are operators.

Safety is number one in importance, we are told, for our public. Courtesy is second, with Schedule coming in last.

The Police Force put as their #1 priority call - a Police Officer hurt or in danger. Why can't we operate the same way?

Last night, at approx. 6:55 pm at Zepjak on Nordhoff (Westbound), my flashers were on. All I could do was pray that just one of the 5 or 6 buses that I saw would be observant & take a couple of minutes

to summon help. It never happened. This is not the first time this has happened to me. (I was saved only because a male passenger boarded the bus. She "trouble" got off then.) But what if that passenger had not boarded? I might not be writing this today. And the drivers that I went out of my way to get

their attention would be saying, "You mean she was trying to tell me she was in danger!?" I wondered why she was playing with her headlights so much. No, I never noticed her flashers. A woman shouldn't tackle the job of bus driving if she can't handle it. There - their conscious would

be clear. But, before long, those same drivers might have a similar situation & who's to say that they would handle themselves any better? Men have a tendency to get angry or violent. My use of just the opposite contributes to my own safety.

Please get this message across to everyone. Safety includes many things. It should also include helping a fellow operator when their silent alarm "flashers" are on the bus.

Speaking for myself, I have alerted the dispatcher on many occasions when I observed the flashers and the drivers/operators have gotten assistance. One driver remarked, "I didn't

know what was happening 5 or 6 Police cars surrounded the bus." He was called into the office of our manager for a false alarm, but he, ^{still} said "Thank you." At least if it had been the real thing, they (the Police) would have been there. Please don't stop what you're doing." All I could say was, "Just return the favor."

In closing, I will only say that I live my life by these words:

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

Not a bad statement, is it? It really applies to RTD Safety.

Shirley Crowder
Operator 9078



Operator Shirley Crowder

Out At The Airport — —



The layover zone for the airport express buses is located at Skyway and 96th Street next to a take off runway.

This is also the field headquarters for instructors, supervisors, operators and trafficmen who handle the day to day workings of the airport express service.



Among the operators on the airport express buses are, front row left to right: Frank Minor, Division 1-11; Clarence Jack, Division 4-5; B. J. Mouton, Division 4-5; and Philip Lopez, Division 1-11.

Standing in the second row is Ronald Lewis, Division 1-11 and Luis Ramirez, Division 1-11.



Del Gould, left, takes a break with fellow operators Arthur Lennon, right, and Scott Mercer at the mini bus layover zone on Vicksburg Street next to the Airport Hyatt House Hotel.

Operator Gould Enjoys His Airport Run

Division 6 operator Del Gould, a long time veteran operator has found the airport shuttle run his favorite of all the lines he has worked in his 27 years with the District and predecessor agencies. Currently his run #3 from 5:13 a.m. to 3:18 p.m. makes 22 15-minute round trips around the airport loop. In addition, Gould is a line instructor who helps operators qualify on the run.

Since starting his mini-bus airport shuttle run, he has learned one very important tip for coping with the heavy traffic, mostly on weekends, at the airport. "You can't fight the airport traffic. You just go with it."

Gould, as do all the operators on the airport shuttle, also finds himself acting as a guide. He is often asked by his passengers, many of them from out-of-state and out of the country, which terminal gate to get off at, where to make their connections for the out-bound airport express buses, what number of bus to take, how often it runs, and the fare. Gould has learned all the connecting points, all the numbers of the airport terminals, and the fare structure — all on his own.

"It's easy to remember individual passenger requests if you put your mind to it. Nine out of ten people are really surprised that they can get someone to direct them to where they want to go." Gould, who describes himself as a golf nut, also served a stint with the Merchant Marines. He and his wife, Dorothy, reside in Santa Monica and have two children and five grandchildren.



Traffic loader Art Peters dispenses directions, change and tokens to passengers coming out of the airport terminals and boarding one of RTD's eight express bus lines.

Peters has been out at the airport since the start of service December 2, and commutes every day from El Monte, where he lives with his wife, Vivian. Art has been with the RTD and its predecessor companies 36 years, and 10 years as a traffic loader. He has two grown children and six grandchildren, all boys, and says Art, "all athletic."



The ticket booth at Terminal 6, where Bud Booth, left, Supervisor of Trafficmen, and Art Peters are standing, now sells RTD Airport Express Tickets. Discount commuter tickets are also available as are transfers to regular RTD service.



RTD's well-known orange and white mini-buses are now a familiar sight at Los Angeles International Airport as they make their shuttle trips along the World Way Loop, making stops at all the terminals.

Division 3-10's New Maintenance Building Nears Completion

Work is proceeding at full speed on the new maintenance building at Division 3-10. The completion date has been set for April, 1977.

The new facility will include a new garage, tire shop and new yard paving. The construction is being done by Near-Cal Corp., Anaheim, at a cost of approximately \$1.4 million. This is the first of several planned construction phases to completely rehabilitate the division.

When completed, the new garage will be capable of housing 18 buses. To service these buses will be 12 hoists and 2 double pits. An area immediately adjacent to the garage will be used for steam cleaning bus parts.



Lloyd Suehiro, left, resident engineer, takes a break from his duties to talk with Elmo Douglass, center, RTD's construction engineer, and J.O. Johnson, resident inspector. The area under the canopy is for steam cleaning engines prior to inspection and repair.



The new structure is constructed of split face concrete masonry units with tapered steel girders to support the roof.



This is the front view of the tire maintenance and repair shop. The canopy will offer some protection from inclement weather for personnel changing tires. All the tires will be stored in this building.

Division 18 Receives Service Award Pins



Service pins were awarded to these Division 18 operators and dispatchers, second from left: Evend Myren, 30 yrs.; Marc Drumright, asst. division manager, 25 yrs.; William Alexander, 25 yrs.; Raymond DeGreat, 15 yrs.; Napoleon Hutchinson, 15 yrs.; John Russie, 15 yrs.; Budd Shade, 15 yrs.; Vernon Marye, 15 yrs.; and Theodore Long, 15 yrs.

Not pictured is W. C. Clements, who received a 30 year service award pin.

Far left is Roland Kraftt, Asst. to General Superintendent of Transportation and next to him is Art Begg, Division 18 manager.



This is the interior of the new garage for bus maintenance and repair. The stairway leads to the mezzanine level which will house the lunch room, classroom and locker rooms. The office and spare parts will be on the ground floor.



Masao Matsumoto, asst. Division 18 maintenance manager, left, and Milton Spencer, Division 18 maintenance manager congratulated Kenneth L. Perry for receiving a 30 year service award pin.

In the photo at left, Division 18 maintenance manager Milton Spencer, who received a 30 year pin service award congratulates from left to right: Bernard J. Dodd, 25 years; Tommy R. Jones, 20 years; Masao Matsumoto, asst. manager, 15 years; Delmar L. Kuntz, 15 years; and Calvin K. Karlson, 10 years.

Around the District



THE STOPS AND ZONES CREW pose with their newly painted and refurbished trucks, background, which will enable them to do their jobs — putting up and marking bus zones — even more efficiently.

From left to right, in the first row: Bob Bustos; Cliff Huckaby; Herb Johnson, leadman; Ted Powell.

Second row, left to right: Eddy Blaauw; Epifanio Ramirez, Juan Frausto; David Chavez; Jess Morales; Tom Armendariz. Third row, also left to right: Pete Lujan; Russell Sampson; Richard Harris; and supervisor, James Upton.

Partially hidden is Warren Moore. Not shown in the picture: J. Pinela; Henry Washington and Pickens Jones.

Watchful Look



Security guards Jess Stevenson, left, and Albert Hendricks, seated, check the closed circuit CRT monitors which watch over the El Monte Busway stations. The monitor is located in a small room in back of the Headquarters lobby security desk and visible from the desk through a glass panel.

The screen at right monitors the Cal State University Station, while the screen on the left monitors the County/USC Medical Center Station.

Birds and Buses



These sea gulls at Division 15 are not waiting for a bus, but they do find the asphalt on the Division yard a fine way to keep their feet warm during the winter. The gulls come to the area to feed off landfills in the Sun Valley area and then fly over to the Division 15 to get their feet warmed before going back to the beach.

Director Tours



FIRST-HAND LOOK — RTD's newest director, Gerald Leonard, took his Director's tour of the RTD soon after he was sworn in as a Director. Among his stops was a visit to the computer center where he got a first-hand look at the data processing department on the fourth floor of Transit headquarters at 425 So. Main. While observing the computer operations, Director Leonard, the man in the black tie and suit, asks Tom Harris, systems analyst, some questions about the UNIVAC 1106 console that Harris is sitting at while Donna Yamada, supervisor, computer operations, and Robert G. Pentek, Director of Management Information Services, look on. Jack Stubbs, Assistant General Manager for Administration, is in back.

Helena Bates Retires



Helena Bates, center, shares her last day at work with two of her dearest friends at the District: Dorothy Langlois, left, senior interviewer, and Rose Showers, Personnel Department office manager.

Helena Bates, who retired as supervisor of EDP operations, was honored with a large retirement party attended by more than 100 co-workers and friends

that she had made in her 32 years with RTD and predecessor agencies.

Helena first joined RTD in 1944 and worked as a clerk until 1947. She came back to the District nine months later in 1948, and worked in various clerk positions, becoming a tabulating equipment supervisor in 1960. In 1965 she was made assistant supervisor of EDP and in 1971 became a systems analyst II and supervisor of EDP operations.

Helena, who resides in San Marino, plans to do some traveling with her church group retirees club and to devote her time to her house and garden, something that she hadn't the time for while working.

She says, "I'll miss the people I worked with for so long, but I'm thoroughly looking forward to my retirement."

Helena was presented with a check and received numerous gifts from her friends at her retirement party and a few days later was feted with a private retirement dinner in her honor at the Pasadena Hilton.

Don Scoggins' Son Signs With USC

Eric T. Scoggins, the son of stops and zones representative Don Scoggins, has decided to accept a four-year, all-expense paid athletic scholarship from USC and will join the Trojan team next fall as a defensive back. The letter of intent was signed February 16.



Son Eric

According to Don, Eric was literally pursued by more than 20 schools, including PAC 8 teams and several Big Ten schools before settling on his boyhood dream of playing for USC, where he plans to major in business.

Before becoming a Trojan, however, Eric will play in the Shrine Game on July 23 at the Rose Bowl. He was also chosen for the 1976 All Centinela South Bay High School Football team as a defensive back, but the accomplishment was just one more for the Inglewood High School student, who is also vice president of the senior class, president of the Varsity Letter Club and a sprinter on the high school track team.

Don is very proud of Eric, but he is also very proud of his other sons: Mark, 16, and Ron, 15, seem to be following their older brother's footsteps. Both play football: Mark as a receiver and Ron, a lineman. In addition, Mark is president of the junior class at Inglewood and Ron plays drums in the school band. Both boys will be starters on the varsity team next season.

Don's older son, Ken, 19, is studying business at El Camino College and planning to go to a four-year school. In high school, Ken was president of the Varsity Club, a shot putter and a wrestler.

The two Scoggins girls are not to be outdone by their brothers. Both girls, Donna, 14, and Dionne, 8, are, according to their father, good students and musically inclined. Donna plays the cello in the school orchestra.



Dad Don

Scoggins' sons no doubt inherited their athletic ability from their dad, who played football at Dunbar Junior College in Little Rock, Arkansas, near his hometown of Nashville, (Arkansas). Scoggins is 6' 2" and his playing weight was 240 lbs. as a lineman. Off the field, he studied sociology.

Scoggins admits that he and his wife, Patricia, work hard at being parents to their six children. He describes them as a "closely knit family". Patricia is very involved in school activities including the PTA and various women's groups. For his part, Scoggins says: "I try to influence my kids by channeling their energy into sports. When they were younger, I would tell them not to play ball in the streets, but to go play ball in the park. I feel sports are therapeutic and a good way for kids to find themselves." The entire family goes to sporting events, not just football, but also basketball and tennis. The girls have learned to enjoy the sports and are now very active supporters.

Scoggins admits he is a strict "lay down the law parent. I've told all my kids that they'll either go to college or go into the service and serve their country. Being a good parent," he says, "means taking an interest in the children's activities, including going to school activities and conferences and open houses, — even if it's not always easy or convenient."

Scoggins has been with the District for 18 years, first as an operator and instructor, and then as a stops and zones representative about two years ago. During his time in RTD, Scoggins has attended numerous college classes on RTD's tuition reimbursement program.

Employees who were working for the District when it was the MTA will probably remember the Scoggins family. A Spring, 1962, issue of the Emblem featured Don and Patricia with their four boys as the first family to belong to Walt Disney's Magic Kingdom Club.

Division 9 Mechanic Glen Werden is Devoted to Horses and Auto Racing

When not working as a mechanic B at Division 9, Glen Werden devotes his time to racing cars under the name of Werden Enterprises, training horses, and running his ranch. He owns two stock cars and four Appaloosa horses, including a stallion, GG's Whirlajo, a four-year-old which won the 1976 Hackamore Championship of the Arizona Appaloosa Horse Club and is now contending for the 1977 Jr. Reining Championship.

Werden calls GG's Whirlajo "his pride and joy." He's won so many ribbons and trophies, it's not possible to list them all. He comes from the Navajo line, and very shortly he'll be the father of three foals, two which will be ours since we have three appaloosa mares.

"The two mamas are Dandy and Sassy. Our third mare, Lady, will foal next year. Sassy's foal will be put on the Appaloosa racing circuit, as both parents have good racing stock behind them."

Werden resides in a ranch in Covina. Along with the horses, the ranch is also the home of two Australian shepherds, 120 chickens, 11 ducks and 3 geese, one parakeet and a growing rabbit business which, for the moment, consists of 800 bunnies.

Off-work and off the ranch, Werden makes the Southern California stock car race circuit driving a 1969 Dodge Charger and a 1957 Chevy with the enthusiastic support of his girl friend, Susan Novack who also shares his interest in the horses and animals on the ranch.

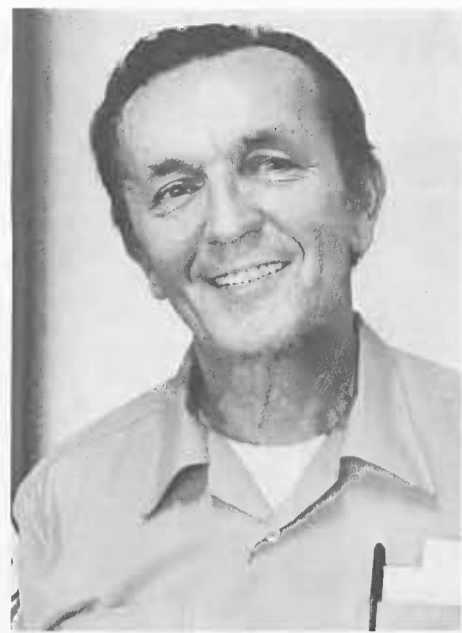
Operator Drazin Prepares for 'Dream' Vacation

Most RTD employees look forward with great eagerness to their vacations, but for Division 9 operator Alexander P. Drazin, his up-coming vacation will be very special. The 23-year veteran of RTD is going to visit the Soviet Union in May and will visit the place where his parents were born, the town of Storyodaragi, near the city of Minsk in the Byelorussian (White Russian) Republic.

For Drazin, the trip will be the culmination of a long-held wish to see the place where his parents were born and where his relatives, an aunt, uncle and four cousins, still live. Drazin will make the trip with his wife, Karen, and their son, Sean, 6.

Drazin grew up in New York City, and studied Russian as a boy for six years at New York's Vladimir Bretnikoff School of Russian. His knowledge of Russian came in handy during World War II when he was an infantry corp. interpreter stationed in Piseck, Checkoslovakia.

Getting the visa permitting him to visit



Operator Drazin

the Soviet Union was a major accomplishment: he was granted the visa only after several unexplained rejections.

Drazin will fly to Moscow via London and then will travel by train to Minsk, the capital of Byelorussia, and then to Leningrad (St. Petersburg), Helsinki, Finland and Amsterdam.

THEN AND NOW —



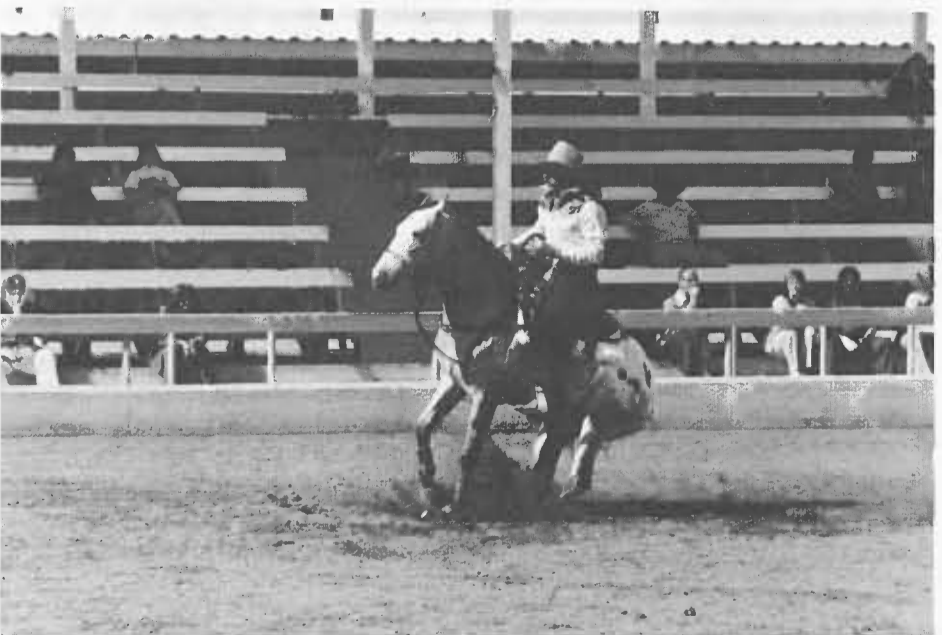
The Orange Empire Railway Museum, in Perris, is a well-known tourist attraction for its trolleys and a must-see for transit buffs. Recently, Washington UMTA official Robert Abrams, left, visited RTD. While on an inspection tour of Divisions 9 and 13 he made a stop at the Museum.

Among those accompanying him from RTD on his tour was Mike DeGhetto, right, supervising clerk at South Park Shops and vice president of the Orange Empire Railway Museum.

The Trolley Museum is open week ends from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. and, during the summer, till 10 p.m. on Saturdays.

The Museum houses examples of every type of rail equipment operated in the Los Angeles area. The toll-free information number is 714-657-2605.

According to Louis Maspero, schedule maker, discount tickets are available at the District. Maspero is one of 30-40 District employees who are members of the Museum.



GG's Whirlajo at a recent competition. Riding him is Werden's trainer, who lives full time on the ranch.

Werden does his own race driving, but his full-time trainer rides the horses in competition.

Werden extends an invitation for visits from RTD employees: "Please come and visit anytime," he says enthusiastically.

Win With The Dodgers In '77

The Marketing Department, in cooperation with the Employee Recreation Department, is pleased to announce a promotional program with KABC radio and the L.A. Dodgers that will provide the employees of the District with hundreds of free tickets to Dodger games throughout the season. And if that wasn't exciting enough, no less than eighteen employees and their guests will enjoy a fabulous meal at one of several fine restaurants before seeing the game.

Beginning with the regular season opener, April 7, between the L.A. Dodgers and the San Francisco Giants, this is what the "Win with the Dodgers in '77" is all about.

1. A drawing will be held before the season starts to pick 162 lucky employees who will each receive two box seat tickets for one of the Dodger's 81 home games. A list of the winners will be posted on the recreation bulletin boards at each work location. Any employee who has won Dodger tickets and cannot attend for some reason is encouraged to trade with another winner. Tickets will be mailed to the winners soon after the drawing.

2. Each Operator of the Month, Maintenance Man of the Month and Information Operator of the Month will receive two box seats and dinner for two at a fine restaurant. The awards will be distributed as follows:

JOHN SEGGER RETIRES —



Division 15 operator John Segger, striped tie, is shown with some of his fellow operators on his last day at Division 15.

Segger started as a conductor at Division 5 in 1939, and worked as a motorman and trainman at Divisions 3 and 4. From 1960 till last year, he worked out of Division 11 before coming to Division 15 in 1976.

Segger and his wife, Harriet, reside in Tujunga. Their retirement plans include to just relax. Division 15 manager Ernie Giaquinto is on Seeger's right. On his right is Tom R. Brown, Superintendent of Divisions.

From The National Safety Council

Safety Tips for Women

Muggings, purse snatchings, and other street crimes point up a need for women to increase their safety awareness when walking or driving at night. Attention to even just a few common-sense safety rules can vastly reduce fear and possible tragedy.

If possible, avoid traveling alone. Walk on better lighted main thoroughfares and avoid walking near bushes, alleys, and other shadowy areas.

Carry your purse close to the body or under your coat. Hold it so that the clasp will open toward your body, not away from it.

Make sure your car is in good repair and your gas tank filled.

Don't hitchhike, and do not pick up any hitchhikers. That free ride may cost you more than you bargained for.



STEVE GARVEY

LOS ANGELES



Operator of the Month winners will each receive a Certificate at the time of their Board appearance that entitles them to two box seats at Dodger Stadium and dinner for two at the Stadium Club.



Each Information Operator of the Month and Maintenance Man of the Month selected between April and September will be honored along with their guests at a special dinner at Little Joe's Restaurant and Box seats at a Dodger game.

Two hundred Dodger tickets will be given away along with caps and balls at the annual RTD Employees Picnic at Calamigos Picnic Ranch in the Malibu Mountains, Sunday, August 28th.

You might call this "kid stuff" and you would be right because we will be selecting two boys and/or girls to be honorary Bat Boy or Bat Girl at two Dodger games. These two lucky kids will be chosen from ballots distributed in future "Headway" issues.

Baseball is a fun game and its even more fun when you get in free and every RTD employee has a chance to get in free and "win with the Dodgers in 1977."

Two Retirements At Division 7



Division 7 was the recent site of a dual retirement for two operators, Lawrence D. Waldo, left, and Marion H. Penick, shown above with Division 7 Manager Gus Lopez.

The two men received inscribed scrolls and best wishes from their fellow co-workers and were presented with handsome AM-FM radios from the operators at the Division.

Waldo, who has 25 years service with RTD and predecessor agencies, resides in Burbank with his wife, Patricia, and they have one son, Spencer. Waldo's retirement plans include to "just goof around."

Penick, who has 13 years with RTD, lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Myrtle. He has seven children, one grandchild and is expecting a second one. Penick plans to do some acting, and is currently working on a project that will be filmed at MGM Studios.

SAFETY NOTE

On a mile-for-mile basis, night driving is more than twice as dangerous as daytime driving, and as the hours of darkness extend into the early-evening and late-afternoon commuter rush hours in the fall, the night driving hazard increases.

Traffic congestion, haste, and fatigue all contribute to the increased fatality toll during the evening commuting hours, but the earlier hours of darkness during the

fall and winter months add an especially deadly component to the mix of rush hour hazards.

Darkness reduces the clarity of the visual cues essential for safe driving. Judging distance and speed become more difficult, and a driver's peripheral vision is reduced so that pedestrians and bicyclists along the roadside can seem to appear out of nowhere.

Happy Anniversary

Chester F. Hinrichsen and his wife Norma celebrated their second wedding anniversary on Valentine's Day. Norma is a schedule clerk and Chester is an operator out of Division 10. The Hinrichsens reside in Baldwin Park.

New Arrivals



Division 9 operator Khaled Fayed Hasbini and his wife, Becki, are the proud parents of a new baby girl born January 5: Jennifer Inaam Hasbini. The family resides in Covina.

Division 7 operator Lonnie Jackson and his wife, Idella, report the birth of their firstborn, a son, London, born on January 2. The Jacksons reside in Los Angeles.



The debonair little fellow above is Bryan Paul Godinez, who was born on November 1 to Division 12 operator Jose Luis Godinez, and his wife Guadalupe. Bryan is the first child for Godinez who make their home in Bell Gardens.

Division 8 operator James Martin and his wife, Cynthia, became the proud parents of their second daughter, Tegan Marie, who was born on February 22.

The Martins live in Van Nuys.

Division 15 operator Joe Pryce and his wife Karen belatedly announce the birth of their first child, Rebecca Anne who was born last September, weighing 11 lbs. 4 oz., and 23" long. According to Karen, when Dad Joe heard how big the baby was, he couldn't even think of a comment.

Rodney Bowen of Division 7 and his wife, Connie, are the very proud parents of their second son, Raymond Jerrod, who was born January 28. He joins a brother, Rodney Le Monte, 6. The Bowens reside in Carson.

Division 8 operator Danny Garcia and his wife, Viola, are the proud parents of

Baby Showers



Emilie Juatco, personnel technician, was feted with a baby shower by her fellow co-workers in the Personnel Department. Among those present were, left to right: Ralph Carapia, personnel analyst; Janet Wentz, typist clerk; Judy O'Donnell, secretary II; Estella Mabry, secretary II; Sheri Gray, typist clerk; and Ruth Hutson, secretary II.

Emilie and her husband, Ricardo, had the baby Ricky Jr. on February 4. They also have a daughter, Emric, 2.



Karen Dow, schedule analyst, was feted with a baby shower recently by her fellow employees in the schedule department. Karen and her husband Bernie are expecting the baby, their first, to arrive in May. Karen received a handsome all-purpose baby carriage and stroller and a plant.



Gloria Beverage, news bureau secretary, smiles with surprise at her recent baby shower. Gloria and her husband, Dennis, who reside in Mission Hills became the proud parents of their first child, Carrie Samantha, who was born March 9. With Gloria is Donna Hockenbury, administrative assistant for the Department of Marketing.

their first son, Randy Arthur, who was born March 4. The Garcias, including daughter Dena, 3, live in No. Hollywood.

Division 9 operator Ted Kea, and his wife, Virginia, have a new baby boy, Randy, who was born on March 1. The Keas, who also have a three-year-old daughter, live in Rosemead.



Katharine Beffa, daughter of Nadine Beffa, secretary III, Department of Planning and Marketing, is going to be seeing a lot of the world in the next four years. She enlisted for a hitch in the U.S. Air Force and is currently stationed in Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Texas.

Katharine was valedictorian of her high school graduation class. Her interests include playing the guitar, writing poetry and singing.

POOL TOURNAMENT AT DIVISION 15



Division 15 recently had a pool tournament and the hotly contested battle was won by operator Fred Magrin, who in the picture above received the winning trophy from Division 15 manager Ernie Giacinto. Below, operator Ed Vandenberg, received the second place trophy. 34 operators entered the contest. The Division got the pool table three months ago as part of the Employee Recreation Program.



Classified Ads

FOR SALE

1968 Lambretta Scooter. Only 7000 miles, Good condition for \$250. Phone 387-9383 after 7 p.m. every day.

Pontiac Trans-Am 1976, \$6300.00. Will negotiate price, fully equipped, loaded with extra's, excellent condition, show room condition. Contact: Garron King, 339-0791.

Datsun 510, 1971, 4-dr automatic, vinyl roof, good cond., \$1400 or best offer. Call 937-3865 Barbara 5-speed lady's bike hand brakes, will incl. basket, good cond. Call 937-3865 Barbara

Retiree News

Retired Division 6 operator Ernie Bliss, who retired in December, 1974, is vacationing in Hawaii and sent Headway a post card of a very pretty Hawaiian lady on the front. On the back of the card was written "having a lot of fun. Say hello to all my friends at the RTD."

Retired Mechanic "A" J. Elmo Rose, and his wife Loretta are making their retirement home in Blythe, California. He resides at the Lost Lake Resort, P. O. Box 6246 and welcomes all his friends to stop by. The number is 714-644-4413.

Better Late Than Never

Roy Lee Haynes, who retired in September sent Headway this newsletter which got misplaced. Roy and his wife, Nellie, celebrated their 37th wedding anniversary on September 17, just seven days after Roy marked 25 years of service for the District and predecessor agencies.

Roy and Nellie are looking forward to retiring on a small acreage this year, either in Oklahoma or Arkansas.

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