

MTA Makes Strong Showing At APTA 1999 International Bus Roadeo

(October 14) The results are in from the American Public Transit Association's (APTA) 1999 International Bus Roadeo held last weekend in Orlando, Florida. Once again MTA's representatives scored well amidst stiff competition.



Division 9 bus operator Mark Holland finished in 10th place out of 74 operators competing in the 40-foot class. The operators' skills behind the wheel were put to the test as they maneuvered their coaches on a difficult 11-part obstacle course which included judgment stops, right and left hand reverses and passenger stops.

ON THEIR WAY--Top operator Mark Holland, above, and maintenance team, below, from left, Andrew Filimaua, Juan Villalba and John Tena with MTA Board Chairman Yvonne Brathwaite Burke.



Division 2's maintenance team of John Tena, Andy Filimaua and Juan Villalba finished in 12th place out of 49 maintenance teams who battled to see which team was quickest to diagnose mechanical problems planted on two widely used transit bus engines and to diagnose defects on

an air brake board, and which team was most skilled at making a brake adjustment on a front wheel mockup.

Overall, MTA notched 8th place out of 47 transit properties who competed for bragging rights as "Best Overall Transit Property."

This year's top honors went to the following: AC Transit (Oakland, CA) for "Best Overall Transit Property," MTA of Harris County (Houston, TX) in the "Bus Maintenance Roadeo Competition," and AC Transit (Oakland, CA) in the "Operators 40-foot Obstacle Course Competition."

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