



**Dennis Mullen** (yellow shirt) may have a bum knee, but even in retirement he doesn't need a walker, a retirement gift from his retired Division 9 pals. From left are retirees **John Deck**, **Carl Esley**, **Howard Shelter**, **Larry Kahn**, **Pat Graves**, Division Maintenance Manager **John McBryan**, **Mullen**, **Johnny Melendez** and **Don Durfee**.

### **Dennis Mullen, Most Senior Mechanic, Retires with 34 Years**



Happily heading for retirement after 34 years, Dennis Mullen is seen here with daughter, Kellie, 16, and wife, Marion.

(July 3, 2001) Dennis Mullen, the MTA's most senior bus mechanic has retired after 34 years of service.

Mullen, 59, joined the SCRTD on June 2, 1967, and was assigned to Division 2. In 1969, however, he was transferred to Division 9 where he served until retirement last month.

"I'm starting to sort of settle in to my retirement," Mullen said Monday. "The first couple of weeks seemed like a vacation. My wife said I don't have to get all my chores done at once."

Mullen's retirement makes Mack Evans of Division 1, also with 34 years, the most senior mechanic in Bus Maintenance. Right behind is David Bricker of Division 9, who will have 34 years in September. Number three in seniority is Rudy Gutierrez, also of Division 9, who reached his 33rd year this week.

Mullen recalls the trials of working on some of the coaches the SCRTD was running in the late '60s – the 6600s and the 2800s, a bus that was equipped with springs instead of air cushion shocks.

He already had gained valuable experience as an engineman serving on Navy ships and landing craft from 1964 to 1967 in Vietnam.

With retirement ahead of him, Mullen plans to spend time with his computer club, with his gun club sharpening his target shooting skills and with model railroading. In January, he and his wife, Marion, plan to take a cruise to Belize. The Mullens have a daughter, Kellie, 16.

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