

## Operator Mark Holland Places 3rd at APTA's Bus Roadeo

- **Highest Placement Yet for MTA**

(Oct. 5, 2001) Division 9's Mark Holland – competing for honors at the APTA International Bus Roadeo, Sept. 29, in Philadelphia – drove to third place in a demanding contest that pitted him against 71 of North America's top professional bus operators.

It was the highest placement, yet, for any MTA bus operator competing in APTA's annual international competition.



Division 9 Bus Operator  
Mark Holland

Division 10 mechanics David Klinkenborg, Alan Wong and Doug Creveling placed 18th in the APTA Bus Maintenance Roadeo, a contest that requires each team to diagnose a series of mechanical problems and to operate the bus over an obstacle course.

The team took top honors in a similar competition in September at the Southern California Regional Bus Roadeo.

Holland's third-place finish, combined with the maintenance team's score, boosted the MTA into sixth place, overall, at the Philadelphia event.

Holland's 118-point, third-place showing was a bare one point behind the 117 points scored by second-place operator Charlie Kennedy of Houston's transit agency. Zenon Rinylo of Philadelphia's SEPTA took first place with 133 points.

The bus operators' contest includes 11 obstacles such as serpentine turns, precision parking, backing between closely spaced cones and pinpoint emergency stops.

Holland, who also represented the MTA at the APTA Roadeo in 1999, was the highest ranked of any of the 24 California bus operators participating in the annual event. Tim Orr of Modesto's transit agency, Bill Lauwers of San Bernardino and Robert Lawrence of San Jose placed fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

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