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Classic Car Show winners are, from left, Romeo Cardoso, Rudy Cardenas, Jerry Valdez and John Pereira. They were joined by Deputy CEO John Catoe, rear, and Car Show coordinator Carlos Rojas. Photo by Bill Heard.



## Choppers, Helos and Family Fun at 2005 Metro Bus Rodeo

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By ARLENE LIM

(Aug. 2, 2005) Music thumping, wheels turning, food cooking, and sun shining bright, Metro employees and their families were out in full swing, July 30, at the 2005 Metro Bus Rodeo.

As the operators weaved their way through cones, golf balls and barrels, and mechanics hurried to identify and fix engine component problems, Metro employees, their families and guests enjoyed the Metro Experience mobile theatre, a classic car show, and Bus Operator/DJ Richard Saiz, who filled the air with music.

From foreign imports to

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Stock Clerk Louie Vasquez's grandson and granddaughter sit inside the bus taking refuge from the sun. Below, Kyra Greenwood, daughter of Division 9 Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood took her turn learning how to

custom choppers, more than three dozen trucks, cars, and motorcycles were on display at this year's Rodeo. With no set criteria for entering the car show, everyone was welcome to show off any of their prize vehicle.

"Our motto is if you love it, if you maintain it, it should be here," said Equipment Maintenance Instructor and car show coordinator Carlos Rojas. "We want people to come out and have fun and enjoy the craftsmanship and labor that is put into the bikes, cars and trucks out here."

Also on display were several Metro buses, from the oldest to the newest addition – the 65-foot articulated Metro Liner.

ride the Segway.



Matthew Cardiel, son of Mechanic Edward Cardiel picked and prodded all the gadgets while sitting in the driver's seat.



Ayrick Kim, 7, at right, poses for a picture with Deputy Sheriff Crewman Larry McCabe after taking a tour of the helicopter. Not to be outdone by his grandson Ayrick, TOS Eugenio Villacorta, at right, gets his photo taken with Deputy Sheriff Crewman Larry McCabe.

### Enjoyed the buses

Talitha Jones, daughter of Tonia Zanders, acting assistant manager at Crossroads Depot Division 2, enjoyed the buses so much that she kept coming back.

What drew the largest crowd was the Sheriff's helicopter which circled the Rodeo grounds several time before landing, but not before two of the crew rappelled to the ground.

Division 9 Transportation Manager Mike Greenwood's daughter Kyra, 5,

toured the helicopter and rode on a Segway, but asked whether she liked buses or helicopters the most, she excitedly said helicopters.

Actually, Kyra wasn't alone, both of Roadeo competitor Felipe Patlan-Gutierrez's daughters, Alejandra, and Sandra, picked the helicopter as their favorite, too.

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#### CAR SHOW RESULTS



- **Best of Show Motorcycle**
  - Romeo Cardosa, 2005 Harley - Davidson Soft-Tail
- **Best of Show People's Choice**
  - Rudy Cardenas, 1939 Chevrolet Master Delux
- **Best of Show Truck**
  - Jerry Valdez, 1940 Willys Truck
- **Best of Show Custom**
  - John Pereira, 1957 Chevrolet BelAir