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2006 Metro Rail Rodeo Scheduled Saturday, April 22



Raildeo Champs in Action

The heat is on for the emerging trophy winners at Metro's 2005 Raildeo. Above, TOS Davide Puglisi tallies winning operator Tu Phan's performance and, at right, Mechanic Ronnie Burt is under the clock in a nerve-wrecking countdown.

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- Families invited to Rail Operations Celebration, June 24
- 2006 Metro Bus Roadeo is set for Sept. 23

(March 9, 2006) Train operators and rail maintenance technicians are preparing for the 2006 Metro Rail Rodeo, scheduled Saturday, April 22, at Red Line Division 20.

The event will not be open to other employees or the public, but all employees, families and guests are invited to the Metro Rail Operations Celebration from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, June

24, at Division 20, 320 South Santa Fe Ave., Los Angeles.

The 2006 Metro Bus Rodeo, hosted by the San Gabriel Valley Service Sector, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23, at Santa Anita. Preliminary qualifying events are scheduled Sept. 13 – 16. The APTA International Bus Rodeo will be held in Nashville in early 2007.

During this year’s Rail Rodeo, train operators will participate in five events – a uniform inspection, customer service exam, safety quiz, pre-departure inspection and rail operations course. Events begin at 5 a.m. and continue until 2 p.m.

Maintenance technicians will have eight events – an electronics quiz, rail mechanics and safety, electronic circuit troubleshooting, air conditioning troubleshooting, rail wheel fault diagnosis, “mystery box,” parts identification and safety equipment usage.

The maintenance events are scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

The two rail operators and the maintenance team that win this year’s Rail Rodeo will represent Metro at the APTA International Rail Rodeo, June 10. The International will be hosted by New York City Transit, Rapid Transit Division, at the Coney Island Yard.

Top prizes for the local Rail Rodeo are a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond for first place, second-place prize of a \$300 Savings Bond and a third-place prize of a \$200 Savings Bond. Other prizes include T-shirts, caps, commemorative pins, jackets and belt buckles.