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Arthur Winston Division Mechanics Team - from left, Andrew Warren Jr., Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde - advance to international competition after regional win.



## Metro Rodeo Team to Compete, April 30, in APTA International Finals

(April 12, 2006) Arthur Winston Division 5 mechanics Andrew Warren Jr., Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde, along with Central City Division 1 Operator Sam Morales, will compete as the Metro team, April 30, at the APTA International Bus Rodeo in Anaheim.

The Rodeo is scheduled as one of the opening activities of APTA's annual Bus and Paratransit Conference, April 29 – May 3, at the Anaheim Marriott Hotel.

Warren, Vargas, Forde and Morales won the right to compete as Metro's team by winning the 2005 Metro Bus Rodeo last July.

In September, the team competed at the Southern California Regional Rodeo, hosted by OCTA. The mechanics' team took top honors at that event and Morales placed third in the operators' competition. Later that month, the team participated in the 2005 APTA International Rodeo in Dallas.

The 2006 APTA International competition, normally held in the fall, was rescheduled to this spring.



Central City Division 1  
Operator Sam Morales

The APTA International Rodeo will be held from 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 30, at OCTA's Irvine Base. Two days of technical training seminars for mechanics and operators will follow the Rodeo. The Grand Awards banquet is scheduled at the Marriott on Tuesday, beginning at 7 p.m.

The 2006 Metro Bus Rodeo will be held, Sept. 23, at the Santa Anita Raceway parking lot, Gate 6, in Arcadia.

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