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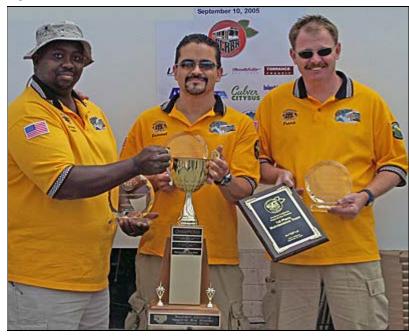
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Arthur Winston Division Mechanics Team - from left, Andrew Warren Jr., Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde - advance to international competition after regional win.



Metro Roadeo 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 Roadeo in Anaheim.

The Roadeo 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.



Central City Division 1 Operator Sam Morales

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

In September, the team competed at the Southern California Regional Roadeo, 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 Roadeo in Dallas.

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

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

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

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