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Metro Bus Operators must beat the clock and leave the orange cones standing in the grueling Obstacle Course of the Metro Bus Rodeo.



Photos by Gayle Anderson

## Operators May Now Register to Compete in 2007 Bus Rodeo

- Signups for operators, judges and volunteers accepted on-line or at the operating divisions. Check it out: [Bus Rodeo](#)
- Employees and guests invited to Rodeo, Sept. 15, at Santa Anita

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(July 25, 2007) Registration is now open for bus operators who plan to participate in Metro's 32nd annual Bus Rodeo, which will be held Sept. 15 at Santa Anita Race Track.

Qualified operators interested in participating in the driving competition, or employees interested in judging, can sign up on-line at myMetro.net or at the operating divisions.

This year marks the first time employees can register on-line, and the debut of a new Bus Rodeo web page.

The web page features details about the 2007 Bus Rodeo, including dates, times and the location for practice, preliminaries and the finals, photographs from previous events, information on the maintenance events, and on-line registration for competition and volunteers.



Division 2 mechanics take on the Bus Inspection event in 2006.

All who volunteer as judges for the Roadeo prelims will receive an official 2007 Bus Roadeo hat, T-shirt and pin, as well as lunch.

Winners from this year's event, hosted by the Gateway Cities Service Sector, will defend Metro's 2007 Grand Champion title next spring at the American Public Transportation Association's international competition in Austin, Tex.

This year's Roadeo will be held at the Santa Anita Race Track parking lot at Gate 4, a slightly different location than last year.

### **On-line registration now available**

Sign-up forms will also be distributed to eligible operators at the divisions. Employees can sign up either on-line or by filling out the paperwork.



Arthur Winston Division Mechanics Team compete in Metro Bus Roadeo 2006: From left, Andrew Warren, Jr.; Rommel Vargas and Frank Forde. The team took first place with a whopping 1205

points.

To access the Bus Rodeo Intranet web page from home, employees should:

Go to [www.metro.net](http://www.metro.net), scroll down near the bottom of the home page and click on "Metro Employee Access."

Log in by entering your badge number and hire date.

Click on the "Select a Department" menu selection button in the upper right corner of the Intranet home page, and click on "[Bus Rodeo](#)."

Employees can also access the Bus Rodeo page from work. The site can be accessed on the Intranet by following step 3 above. Division employees can ask a manager for assistance.

Operators may practice from Aug. 30 to Sept. 4 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. The preliminaries will be conducted between Sept. 5 and 8. Everyone who competes in the preliminaries will get the official Rodeo hat, belt buckle, T-shirt, and lapel pin. Finalists will also receive other Rodeo items.

"We're expecting as many as 300 bus operators to compete in this year's preliminaries – competing for 35 finalist positions on Sept. 15," said Frank Cecere, assistant manager at OCI.

In addition to the main bus operator competition, three-member mechanic teams from different divisions will compete at the local finals. There will also be a mini-competition among some division managers, and among some sector general managers. Some union officials will also compete at the Bus Rodeo.

All Metro employees and their families are invited to this year's Bus Rodeo. In addition to the operators and mechanics competition, attendees can enjoy various exhibit booths, activities for kids, live entertainment, a great barbecue lunch, a car and motorcycle show, and a great day out.

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