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The championship Metro Bus Maintenance team takes the stage in Cleveland May 4, landing in 6th place in the maintenance competition and grabbing first place in the top-seeded Brake Board Event. The Metro Bus Team stayed in the top 20 in the overall competition, earning a respectable 14th place. Pictured are, from left in front row, Service Sector General Manager Richard Hunt, Central Instruction Operations Asst. Instruction Manager Frank Cecere, Equipment Maintenance Instructor Steve Mullaly, interim Executive Director, Maintenance, Alex DiNuzzo; the Arthur Winston Division champion maintenance team of master mechanics Daniel Galindo, Frank Forde, and Enrique Perez; APTA President William A. Millar, and Div. 5 interim Maintenance Asst. Manager Marco Pedemonte. *Photo by Christine DiNuzzo sent courtesy of Alex DiNuzzo.*

## Metro Bus Team Lands in Top 20 at 2010 International Bus Rodeo in Cleveland

- No three-peat for the two-time champion Bus team, but the maintenance dream team comes in sixth and scores the coveted Brake Board trophy, signifying that the Metro mechanics were the fastest team to correct the electrical portion of the grueling ABS brake board event. Combined maintenance and transportation scores keeps Metro in the top twenty of the international competition.

(May 5, 2010) Scoring high in several levels of competition at the 35th International Bus Rodeo, the Metro Bus Team stayed in the top 20 in the international rankings, earning a respectable 14th place in overall competition. Metro's championship maintenance team scored sixth place and easily bagged the challenging ABS Brake Board Event to win a special trophy.

The international competition was held May 2 in conjunction with the American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) Bus and Paratransit Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Winners were announced at an awards

banquet May 4.



Interim Chief Operations Officer Lonnie Mitchell, at right, snaps a team photo at the Cleveland competition. From left, Alex DiNuzzo, mechanic Danny Galindo, Roman Alarcon, Operator Joe Acosta, mechanic Frank Forde, Richard Hunt and mechanic Enrique Perez. *Photo by Marco Pedemonte*

In an e-mail sent directly from the awards banquet held Tuesday night in Cleveland, interim Executive Director, Maintenance, Alex DiNuzzo said the team's achievement is a reflection of the skills of the outstanding people who run Metro's transit system. "I am very proud of our team, they did outstanding in both maintenance and transportation competitions!" he wrote.

The competition showcases transit professionals who keep North America's bus systems safe and efficient. Top honors are given to the bus operator and maintenance teams that have the highest combined score in a series of events testing bus operators' driving skills and mechanics' abilities to troubleshoot mechanical problems and fix them quickly.

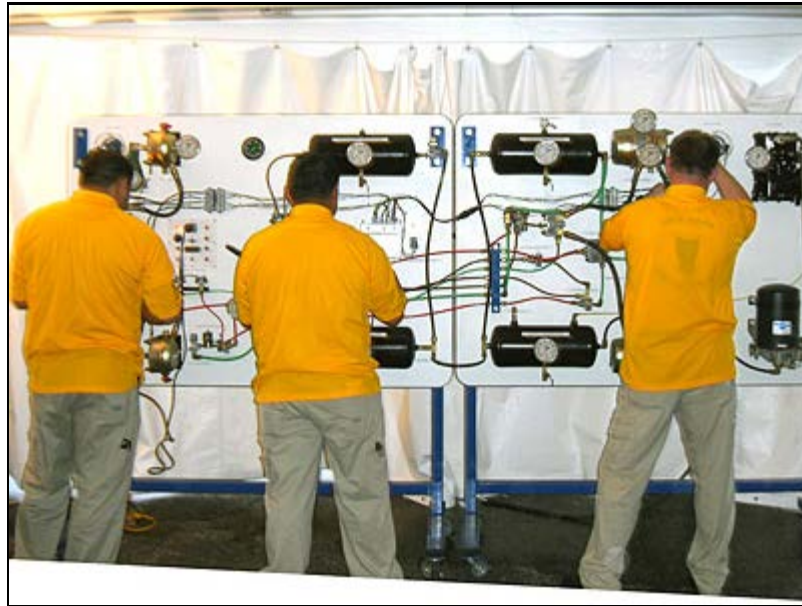
The Metro maintenance team of Frank Forde, Daniel Galindo, and Enrique Perez, along with Division 3 Operator Joe Acosta, beat out scores of competitors from transit agencies across the country and Canada. Thirty-eight bus operators competed in the operator contest for 40-foot buses. Twenty-five teams competed in the maintenance contest.

The State of Florida (Broward County & LYNX) won the Grand Champion Award. The Grand Champion award recognizes the bus operator and maintenance team that has the highest combined score.

Frank Gonzales of the Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (Houston, TX) was named best driver in North America, beating out 38 other competitors to win first place in the 40-foot bus competition.

Twenty-five teams competed in the Maintenance Competition, which tests mechanics' abilities to troubleshoot mechanical problems and fix them quickly. The State of Florida (LYNX, Orlando, FL) also won first place in the

maintenance competition.



Metro maintenance team shows the skill that shared the coveted Brake Board trophy, signifying the fastest team to correct the electrical portion of the grueling ABS brake board event.

*Photo by  
Marco  
Pedemonte*

The maintenance team of Forde, Perez and Galindo are assigned to Arthur Winston Metro Division 5; Operator Joe Acosta, competing for the first time, is with Metro's North Los Angeles Division 3.

Metro teams have consistently placed high in the annual competition and won the prestigious Grand Champion award at the 32nd International Bus Roadeo held in Nashville, Tenn. in 2007 and the 34th International Bus Roadeo in Seattle, Wash.

The Arthur Winston maintenance team has represented Metro at the international competitions every year since 2003, with the exception of 2004.

*-- from Gayle Anderson*