



CTA Bus Light Maintenance Team Wins APTA Awards!

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Executive's Message

With so much attention being drawn lately to CTA's budgetary problems and others relating to summertime construction projects, it's easy to lose sight of areas where CTA's standout professionals make us leaders in our field.

We can all share special pride in the results of the 1991 APTA Maintenance and other Roadeo contests. The bus maintenance competition was particularly meaningful because Chicago was host to this year's APTA-sponsored event.

Just outside Soldier Field, where the Bears demonstrate their own brand of expertise on fall weekends, CTA's Phil Murnane, John Murphy and Tom Smith captured the top prize in August as the best maintenance team in North America.

We put lots of effort into making participants in the 1991 APTA International Bus Maintenance Roadeo feel at home. But we didn't let playing the good host keep us from outperforming all 33 guest teams.

And it's not only the APTA contest winners we're proud of. Competition within CTA reflects a high degree of professionalism, dedication and teamwork throughout the agency.

In the Rail Maintenance Roundup, for instance, we can't help but salute the first-place showing of Art Arduini, Jack Dorsey and Ernest Link, who were part of a team from Rosemont.

Another of this year's prizewinners is Robert Richardson, of North Park garage, who captured CTA's Bus Roadeo championship for the fifth time in a row.

The Lake-Dan Ryan motor-conductor team of Lawrence Washington and Harold White took top honors in the Roundhouse 18 competition, while William Reilly, of O'Hare terminal, was Top Notch 10 winner among ticket agents.

In reaching for the top, each of these winners demonstrated the spirit CTA looks for in all its employees: the determination to be the best.

Whether we're serving our riders operating a bus or train, cleaning a station platform, working in a shop or at the Merchandise Mart, we can all make our individual effort count, and build greater public confidence in the agency.

We don't have to be in a featured contest every day to have others notice that we're hustling. If we do the job we're expected to do, the results will speak for themselves, and the applause will be heard in many ways.

Alfred H. Savage, Executive Director

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CTA's winning Bus Light Maintenance team of (from left) **John Murphy**, **Philip Murnane**, and **Tom Smith** proudly display the trophy awarded CTA after the three topped other contestants in the maintenance competition. On hand for the occasion were (standing l to r) **Donald J. Sturenfeldt**, senior manager, Bus Maintenance; **David Hillock**, deputy executive director, Maintenance; Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**, **Dominic Vermet**, vice president, Bus and Coach Sales, Detroit Diesel Corporation; **Michael Hennessy**, APTA Roadeo chairman, and **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations.

CTA Hosts Fourth APTA Maintenance Competition

The Chicago Transit Authority hosted the Aug 16-18 American Public Transit Association's Maintenance Roadeo.

Thirty-four transit properties, including CTA, participated in the fourth annual APTA maintenance event, the first ever CTA hosted APTA competition.

CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus** said the competition brought pride and prestige to all of its participants. "Most of all, to participate in the Maintenance Roadeo individuals must work as a member of a team. No competition in this industry relies on teamwork as much as this does. Teamwork is also an important factor in providing quality public transportation," Burrus said.

Governor Jim Edgar said of the APTA Maintenance Roadeo, "Safety on our cities' roadways is of utmost importance. Programs such as this that test driving maneuvers and troubleshooting are extremely valuable. They benefit not only the passenger, but also the pedestrian and the other driver."

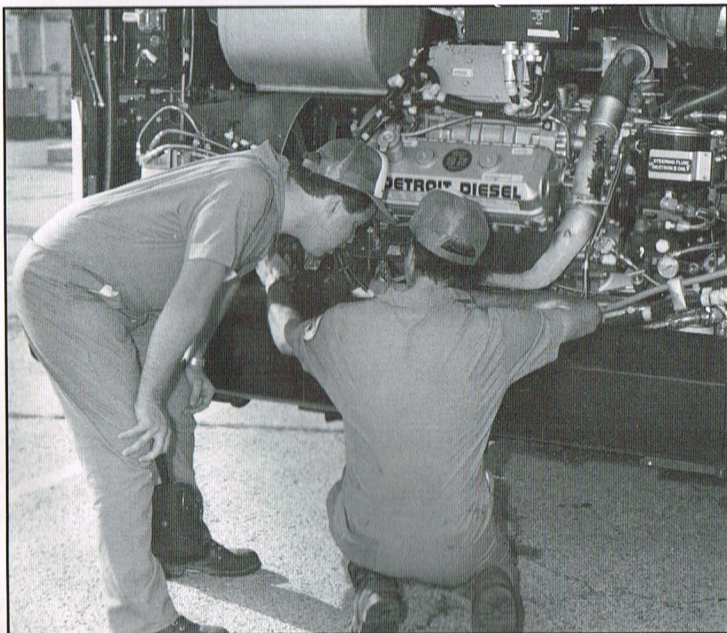
In addition to the maintenance competitive events, the itinerary for the weekend provided guests with an opportunity to get a close look at the City of Chicago. Activities included an evening cruise from Navy Pier aboard the Anita Dee II. Guests were also treated to "A Taste of Chicago" style lunch at Soldier Field, site of the competition.

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American Public Transit Association officials, maintenance contestants, and their guests representing 34 transit properties from across the U.S. and Canada joined CTA on an enjoyable cruise aboard the Anita Dee II. The outing was part of the entertainment planned for the APTA International Bus Roadeo maintenance program.

CTA Bus Maintenance Team Wins APTA Competition



Maintenance teams work to beat the clock troubleshooting an engine in the APTA International Bus maintenance roadeo power-train part of the event. Contestants were given 10 minutes to find the problem that prevented the engine from starting.

CTA's Bus Maintenance Roadeo team has won the 1991 American Public Transit Association International Bus Maintenance Roadeo. The event was hosted by Chicago Aug. 16-18, and conducted in the south parking lot of Soldier Field.

The Bus Light Maintenance team of **Philip Murnane, John Murphy, and Tom Smith** led 33 other APTA teams with 590 points to take the coveted honor of being recognized as the best bus maintenance team in North America. The trio has represented CTA in the International bus maintenance competition since 1988.

Presentation of awards to winners of the fourth annual APTA bus maintenance Roadeo was made by **Michael Hennessy**, the 1991 APTA Roadeo chairman. Hennessy is superintendent of maintenance at 103rd street garage.

John Murphy who drove the bus maneuver course, accumulated the highest overall individual score in the driving event with 240 points. The Support Services repairman completed the course in six minutes, four seconds.

Each member of the CTA team was rewarded with a \$1,000 U.S. Savings Bond, an individual plaque, and an all-expenses paid trip with a guest to APTA's 16th annual International convention in Toronto Ontario, Canada. The convention is set for Sept. 28-Oct 2. In addition, officials of the Detroit Diesel Corporation will present the winners and

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Deshler-Davies of Channel 7 Host Maintenance Awards

Channel 7 television personalities Steve Deshler, and his wife, Janet Davies, were evening headliners at CTA's July 26 Maintenance awards program in the Palmer House.

Deshler, Channel 7's weather forecaster, and Davies, a features reporter, teamed as master and mistress of ceremonies for the eighth annual Bus and Rail Maintenance competition recognition night. The two set a lively pace for the evening with good natured fun and loads of appreciation for the service CTA provides daily.

Ms. Davies, who told the Palmer House audience that she rides CTA to work each day, began the evening with an introduction of the bus maintenance competition video. Later she and Deshler took turns introducing the five winning teams in each of the competitions.

The three-man Support Services bus maintenance team of **Philip Murnane, John Murphy, and Tom Smith** were again named champions in the 1991 Bus Maintenance Roadeo.

Each member of the winning team received a customized Seiko watch, and represented the CTA in the fourth annual International Maintenance Roadeo at Soldier Field, which was sponsored by the American Public Transit Association. The event was held Aug. 16-18.

Second place honors went to the North Park team of **Jose Guerrero, Ronald Vick, and George Leyva**. In third place were Kedzie honorees **David Patrick, Bryan Grabowski, and David Maynard**.

Taking fourth place was the 77th Street team of **John Ward, Duane Dooley, and Hosea Johnson**, while fifth place honors went to **Chris Nelson, Jeff Mimms and Lorenzo Ballard**, of South Shops.

Members of the second place team in both the bus and rail competition received a \$300 savings bond and a \$150 gift certificate. Likewise, third place winners received a \$150 savings bond and a \$100 gift certificate. Members of the fourth and fifth place teams received a \$50 gift certificate. Members of all five teams in both competitions also received appropriately engraved plaques, or trophies, and sports jackets. Bus Maintenance Roadeo Chairman **Mike Hennessy** said the first and second place teams finished with scores of 713, and 688 while the third and fourth place teams finished with scores of 624 and 620. Members of the fifth place team rounded out with a score of 599.

Awarded first place honors in the Rail Maintenance Roundup was the Rosemont team of **Ernest Link, Art Arduini, and Jack Dorsey**. Members of this unit will be the CTA's guests at the APTA International convention in Toronto, Canada set for October. Each person on the first place team also received a Seiko watch.

Second place honors went to the Rosemont team of **Joe Witek, Ernest Lorenz, and Joe Nicosia**. In third place were **Javier C. Garcia, and Joseph Lamch** of 54th Avenue terminal. Other rail maintenance winners were: **David Mazurek, Julie Velinske, and Lawrence Baker**, Howard Street terminal, fourth place; **Steve Grace, Joe Gragido, and Richard Jefferies**, 98th Street terminal, fifth place.



Television news personalities Steve Deshler(left), and his wife, Janet Davies, of WLS, Channel 7, assisted by Bus Maintenance Roadeo chairman **Michael Hennessy**, presented trophies to CTA's top teams in the annual Maintenance competition. First place honorees were **Philip Murnane, Tom Smith, and John Murphy**.



Prizes for second place in the Bus Maintenance Roadeo, presented by Deshler and Davies, are held by winners **Jose Guerrero, and Ronald Vick**. Missing was team member **George Leyva**.



Third place honors for Bus Maintenance were awarded to (from left) **David Maynard, Dave Patrick, and Bryan Grabowski**. Deshler and Davies also made the presentations.

Richardson Wins Rodeo Prize for Fifth Year



Veteran winner **Robert Richardson**, of North Park garage makes it look easy as he collects his fifth Bus Rodeo first place trophy. He is congratulated by **John Perkins**, superintendent of Bus Instruction, and a member of the Bus Rodeo committee.

"Many of my co-workers said that if I didn't compete this year, they wouldn't have anything to shoot for," said North Park bus operator **Robert Richardson** as he accepted the Bus Rodeo championship trophy for the fifth consecutive time.

The 20-year bus operator, who will represent CTA once more at the 1991 APTA International Bus Rodeo set for Toronto, Oct 2, took some good natured ribbing from Executive Director **Alfred Savage** and deputy executive director **Elonzo Hill** for his vow last year that he would not compete in another bus rodeo.

Master and mistress of ceremonies for the August 2 program were three-time Emmy award winner **Bill Campbell**, of WLS-TV, Channel 7, and **WBBM**, Channel 2 general assignment reporter/weekend anchor **Elizabeth Vargas**. The event was held at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza Sauganash Ballroom, where CTA management recognized the 58 top contestants in the Bus Rodeo, Ticket Agent TieUp, and the Roundhouse 18 rail contestants. Appropriate prizes were awarded to the champions and runners up.

The championship garage trophy was awarded to North Park Superintendent **John Baxter**. Other bus rodeo awards were presented to **Michael Matas**, Forest Glen, second place; **Henry Harper**, Limits, third place, and **Jesse Chin**, North Park, fourth place. Archer garage, with superintendent **Edward Schamb**, was cited as the garage with the highest percentage of participation in the 1991 Bus Rodeo.

Making the trip to Toronto as CTA's winner of the Top Notch 10 competition for CTA ticket agents, will be **William Reilly**, of O'Hare terminal, who topped previous two-time champion **Josephine Bien**, of Kimball terminal. Ms Bien finished second, and **Pamela McKeel**, of Harlem terminal, was in third place. Accepting the chairman's plaque was O'Hare superintendent **Dennis Closs**.

In the Roundhouse 18 competition, Harlem motorman **Lawrence Washington**, and 95th street conductor **Harold White**, who was also the 1990 first place conductor, took the 1991 Roundhouse 18 championship. Accepting the chairman's plaque for their respective terminals

were superintendents **McRayfield Caldwell**, of Harlem terminal, and **Alex Wilson**, 95th street. Among guests at the awards program were recently retired 95th street Superintendent and Mrs. **Ardis Morris**.

Meanwhile, motorman **Levi Wardell**, of Kimball, and conductor **Michelle Gardner**, of 95th street, placed second in the Roundhouse 18 competition. The award for highest terminal participation in the Third Rail RoundUp was accepted by Superintendent **James McClain**, of Howard street. **McRayfield Caldwell**, Harlem terminal, accepted the plaque for the highest participation in the Ticket Agent TieUp. Members of each second place team received a \$500 savings bond; third place \$250 savings bond, and fourth place, a \$100 savings bond.



Harold White, 95th Street terminal, is named champion conductor in the Roundhouse 18 competition. It was his second consecutive championship trophy. White is flanked by Mistress of ceremonies **Elizabeth Vargas**, **WBBM-TV**, and **Bill Campbell**, **WLS-TV**, master of ceremonies.



Lawrence Washington of Harlem terminal is the proud winner of the first place trophy as top motorman in the Roundhouse 18 competition. Sharing the moment with him are (from left) **Arthur Hubbard**, Third Rail RoundUp, and Ticket Agent TieUp co-chairman; **Elizabeth Vargas**, **WBBM-TV**; **Bill Campbell**, **WLS-TV**, and **James Zepp**, also Third Rail RoundUp and Ticket Agent TieUp co-chairman.



William Reilly, of O'Hare terminal was named the 1991 Ticket Agent TieUp champion. It was Reilly's second year as a contestant. He is flanked by (from left) **Elonzo Hill**, deputy executive director, Operations; parents, **Thomas Reilly**, director, Bus Personnel, South; Mrs. **Bridget Reilly**, and Executive Director **Alfred Savage**.

It's a New Day On Lake Street



Lake Street operator **Eddie Smith**, the senior operator at Kedzie garage, says the comfort of the new TMC 4900-series buses is like sitting in an easy chair.



4900 series TMC buses have now replaced the 3700 series Flexibles that operated on Lake street for 22 years.

The end came suddenly on Lake Street. An era passed, but there were few mourners.

On June 24, after 22 years of service, the last 3700-series buses made their final trips and faded into history.

It was a long time coming. For years, the old Flexibles plied their way through the construction zones and between pillars holding up the "L." It was a miracle they survived so long. More like a tribute to the ingenuity and resourcefulness of the maintenance crews at Kedzie and South Shops.

But when the 11th of 15 new 4900-series TMC buses was ready for service, that was all that was needed to retire the 96-inch-wide Flexibles that had been specially designed to pass each other under the Lake Street "L."

The new TMCs are also 96 inches wide, six inches narrower than the similar-looking 4400-series buses that were going into service throughout the city with lifts for disabled riders. The 15 buses on Lake Street were delivered without that feature because of their size.

"It feels great," said veteran Lake Street operator Eddie Smith, who was determined to stay on the job long enough to enjoy the new equipment.

"It's like sitting at home in your easy chair," he said, referring to the comfort of the new buses, with their adjustable steering wheels.

By the time he had finished his first trip, he was ready to relax and enjoy the new "toys." Having driven the drafty old Flexibles through so many frigid winters, he was no longer reluctant to look forward to fall. With 36 years of service approaching in mid-September, Smith is the senior operator at Kedzie, and figures he was owed some comfort as he neared retirement. Appropriately, the new buses all went into service in time for his birthday at the end of July.

"This is the best present anyone could ask for," he said.

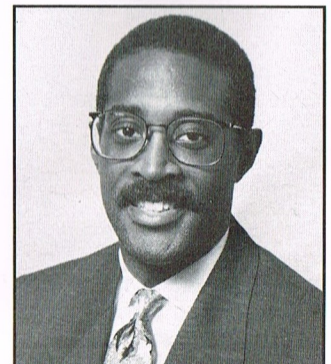
Brian Marshall Heads Youth Foundation

CTA Management Development and Training coordinator **Brian Marshall** has been named executive director of the Emmett Till Foundation, a community organization dedicated to youth development.

Marshall said the purpose of the organization is to reach out to disadvantaged youths with the hope of giving them a new start.

The foundation is named for the late Emmett Till, a 14-year old Chicago youth who died at the hands of a lynch mob in rural Money, Miss. in August 1955. Marshall who was named to the post by Mrs. Mamie Till-Mobley, mother of Till, said the foundation presently sponsors the Emmett Players, a group of youngsters between the ages of seven and 17.

Marshall said the group holds study sessions after school to discuss the arts, community building, and other elements pertinent to success.





Transit Memories

In 1959, CTA ordered 100 propane powered buses from the Flxible Corporation which were to be numbered in the 8400 series. The new buses, which were five feet shorter than a standard bus, were the first CTA vehicles ever equipped with power steering, and were meant to be used on lightly patronized lines.

Bus 8499 which was delivered in 1960, represented a cross between two distinct bus designs, combining the body of a standard 40 foot Flxible propane bus with one that sported the "new look" front end and fluorescent lighting. In place of the standard under-floor propane power plant, a diesel engine and transmission were mounted in a spacious rear engine compartment.

Many features found on subsequent CTA bus deliveries were first tried on this vehicle. On several occasions, bus 8499 was even fitted with experimental propane engines as CTA continued to weigh the merits of propane versus diesel. Since none of the experiments were successful, the bus was eventually returned to diesel power.

Archer garage was the original home of Bus 8499, but the vehicle was reassigned to 77th street garage in 1963, where it was in service daily until 1974 before being retired to CTA's historical collection at Lawndale.

Bus 8499 was later used for an occasional charter trip sponsored by the Chicago-based Omnibus Society. In 1980 it was returned to active status for a short time with service on route 89, Northern Illinois University, and route 32, west 31st. More recently, it has been used at special events to provide fingerprint identification kits for children.

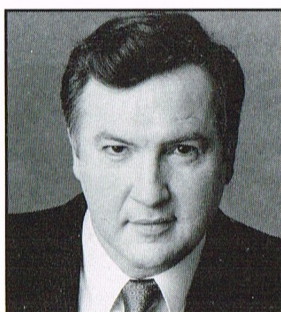


North Park Operator Finds Satisfaction In Musical Talent

As a part-time bus operator, **Raymond Mount** is a part of Chicago's great people moving force that plays a major role in the lives of Chicagoans who must coordinate busy schedules daily. He is accustomed to the daily action that most bus operators experience.

As an opera singer and commercial voice-over/narration talent, Ray Mount is part of the world of arts and entertainment which also moves people, but moves them along an emotional path to a different kind of action.

When Mount is not behind the wheel of his bus, he is behind a microphone, a camera, or on a local opera stage whenever possible. "I am especially fond of Puccini's La Boheme but opera roles, while they do come along, are few. The odds of making a living at it are amazingly slim, so I've begun concentrating a little more on commercial voice-overs and narration because that really pays the rent," he says. Mount has been the voice for Chicago Magazine, Deutschmacher Deli Products, Sportmart, Crestline Windows, Sealtest, financial institutions, and car dealerships to name a few. He has also had roles in corporate films for GE Nuclear Energy and Kodak.



Screen Magazine credits him with regional opera company experience. Mount was a voice at Northwestern University; he has performed in 67 operas as well as some musical comedy in his 17 years of touring.

As a CTA bus operator, Mount has worked the 145 Express morning run for the last five years. He says he has had the opportunity to meet and work with some of the finest people ever assigned at North Park garage. "If it is true that we are who we are in life partly due to the people we know and work with, then I have been truly

blessed working at North Park," he said.

North Park superintendent **John Baxter** calls Mount a gentleman. "He is serious about his business, and he is a good employee," said Baxter.

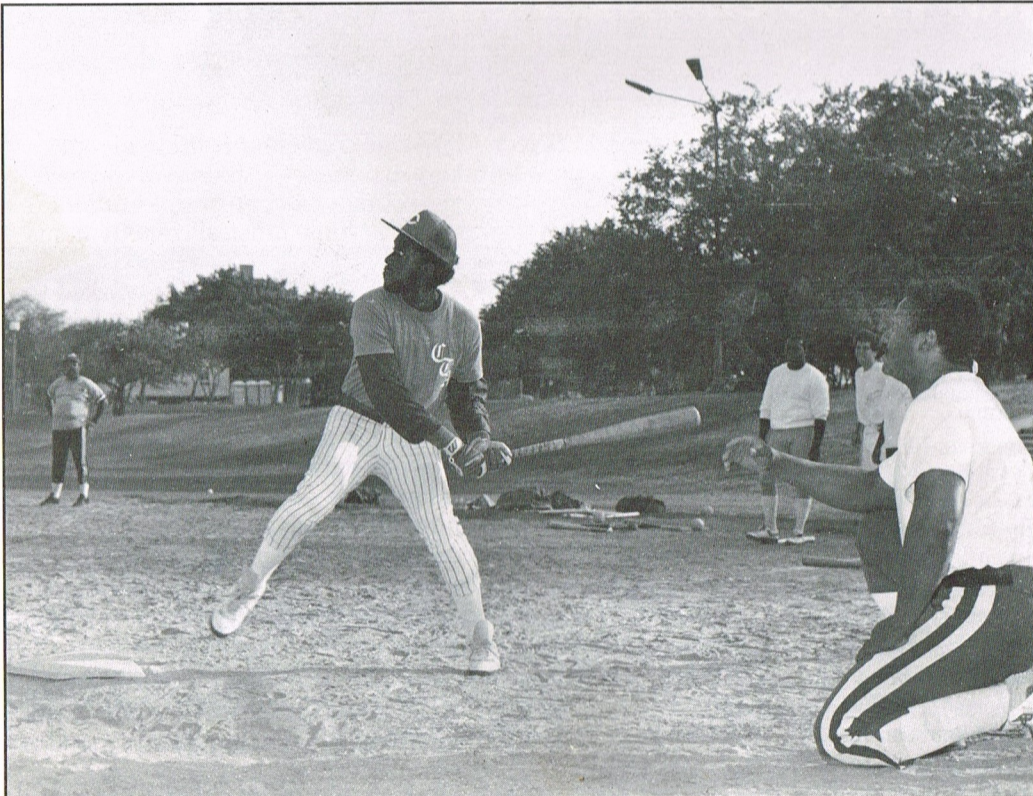
Although it is unlikely that the worlds of opera and voice-overs would normally come together, the talent and sense of enterprise of this CTA bus operator has made it happen, and **John Baxter** is proud because the operator comes from North Park, the garage of champions.



Softball Team Makes Respectable Showing In First Tourney



Larry McNeil crosses home plate as CTA battles the Chicago Board of Trade in the Tournament of Champions.



"I think probably we would have been victorious if only we had played as though it was just another game. Some of us were a little up tight because we knew it was a tournament game," said Affirmative Action coordinator **Ellis Kendrick**, a veteran CTA softball team member.

Kendricks was speaking of softball's Tournament of Champions which is played annually in Grant Park, a round robin contest that pits the best of the city's industrial softball league teams against the best. It was the Authority's first tournament berth after 11 years of participating in the industrial league.

CTA was edged 15-13 by the Chicago Board of Trade. The odds were greatly in favor of the Board of Trade for most of the seven inning game as CBOT led 11-2. In the fifth inning it seemed as though Trade's options might expire as CTA got serious and the game got hot. The Authority came roaring back 12-11.

However, the Board moved further ahead as it took advantage of CTA errors. "In the last few minutes we really defeated ourselves because, we just couldn't seem to relax," said Kendrick. "We had guys make errors who had not goofed at all during the regular season." The CTA team ended the 1991 regular season 12-0 which qualified it for the Tournament of Champions.

Team manager **Jim Price** said, "It was a good, close game. Sure its easy to say 'close only counts in horseshoes and hand grenades,' but it was our first tournament, and we were excited about it, because we wanted to do well. In fact, I think we did very well, and we certainly had fun. Maybe next year we will have just the right combination to do greater things," he added.

Price said with experienced players already on board, who will perhaps be joined by others next year, it could easily make the championship difference. Team tryouts will begin early next spring, Price said. For additional information concerning CTA's softball team, employees should call **Ellis Kendrick**, on extension 3522.

Walter Lewis keeps his eye on the ball as he concentrates on adding to the CTA score.



Softball Team (cont'd.)



Members of CTA's Industrial League softball team are (from left): **Ellis Kendricks, Eddie Chorak, Lamar Springs, Walter Lewis, Sam Ellis, Roy Bailey, Maurice Martin, Larry McNeal, Mike Ester, Eddie Watkins**, team manager **Jim Price, Gary Rubenstein, James Terry, Larry Opiela, Joe Jackson, and Joe Milbrook**. Team members not shown are: **Jim Fiorito, and Ken Bell**.



AJ All Stars Take Title in Grant Park

The CTA A.J. All Stars Volleyball team, coached by Planning/Programs analyst **Arliss Jones**, of the Operations Division, finished the regular season with a 24-0 record, but was upset by Amoco Corporation in the playoffs.

The spunky first year team bounced back not only to win the the Grant Park Recreation Association Women's Volleyball League consolation prize, but took the Volleyball Super Bowl I championship. The recently created Super Bowl included championship teams from the Red, White, Blue and Green divisions.

The All Stars, representing the White Division, earned the championship title with their speed, agility and execution of volleyball skills. All Star team members were: **Pam Jones, Grace Munson, Donna Murphy, Susan Cheek, LaTonya Lockhart, Lynn Crestfield, Tony Jordan, Joyce Morgan, Karen King, and Marilyn Lloyd**.

Tony Andrews, of West Shops, a CTA employee for 25 years, was elected president of the Chicago Metropolitan Bowling Association. He is also president of the Chicago Metropolitan Area Young American Bowling Alliance.





CTA Board Member **Arthur Hill** (left), presents **Mrs Jeanne Ludmann** with a special certificate of recognition in observance of her 50 years of CTA employment, and a proclamation from Mayor Richard M. Daley which declared July 18 "**Jeanne Ludmann Day**" in Chicago. The Treasury department cashier coordinator also received five long stem roses, one for each decade of her employment. Others participating in the special recognition ceremony as the CTA Board convened were **Daniel Leffers**, deputy executive director, Finance; **William Buetow**, manager, Treasury, and CTA Chairman **Clark Burrus**.

Donald Yabush, retiring media coordinator of CTA's Media Relations department, got to keep the old manual typewriter on which he wrote many stories during his 17 years in the department. The machine is expected to get much more action as Yabush undertakes the task of writing a book. Presenting him with the gift at a reception in his honor are (center) **William Utter**, senior manager, Marketing, and **Ernest Sawyer**, deputy executive director, Administration.



Employee Assistance Program Provides A Vital Service

The long established CTA Employee Assistance Program works well and provides beneficial service for employees, family members and, other significant individuals in the lives of Chicago transit workers.

EAP manager **Michael Stroden** says CTA has one of the best programs offered by any organization, especially in the transit industry. "Confidentiality is assured our clients at all times," said Stroden who developed and nurtured the program from its inception in 1974.

Although attention is largely focused on EAP's involvement with people who experience alcohol and substance abuse, its staff of professional counselors are also able to provide guidance for people with legal, financial, and marriage and family problems. Employees with psychiatric, or other emotional problems may also find help through the Employee Assistance Program.

"We want to encourage individuals who are having any of these problems to seek assistance early before things get out of hand," said Stroden. "Our goal is not only to help find solutions to the problems our employees experience, but we want to keep them working; and the sooner people begin dealing with their problems, the better are chances of keeping them in the workforce. We're proud of our staff, and we're proud of the service we provide to CTA employees and their families," he added.

Stroden and his staff of certified counselors are located in room 781 of the Merchandise Mart. The group includes **Carol Cardy, Thaddeus Williams, Vince Barba**, and confidential office assistant **Margaret Lau**. Appointments may be made by contacting the office at 312-222-6114/6115.

Military Group Forms

CTA employees who are active, or retired members of the armed forces reserves, or national guard are invited to join the CTA Armed Forces Reserve Organization, a group especially tailored for the CTA citizen soldier, sailor and airman. Contact **Antonio Daggett**, Ex. 4642.

Lawndale Garage, Wilson Shop Take Six-Month Safety Honors

Lawndale Bus Garage and Wilson Rail Shop were winners of the Zero Accident Program (ZAP) Light Vehicle Maintenance competition for the first half of 1991. Both maintenance facilities had a remarkable record of only two employee injuries on duty during that six month period.

Seven Heavy Maintenance Shops reported no employee injuries on duty in the same six month period. Those included in Bus Heavy Maintenance are the Blacksmith Shop, Vehicle Wiring Shop, Unit Rebuilding Shop, Engine and Axle Shop, and the Radiator Repair Shop; and in Rail Heavy Maintenance, the Electronic Repair Shop, and the Paint Shop.

Eight other Heavy Maintenance Shops finished an eyelash behind with only one employee injury on duty during the six month period. They include the Rehab Area, Sheet Metal Shop, Upholstery Shop, Mechanical A Shop, Electrical Units Rebuilding Shop, and the Machine Shop; in Heavy Rail Maintenance, the Armature Shop and the Air Conditioning Shop.

These 17 Vehicle Maintenance facilities were rewarded with catered luncheons and participated in raffles at their respective locations which offered many valuable prizes, including several 19-inch television sets. The 77th Bus and Racine Rail Maintenance Shops finished in second place, and qualified for coffee and rolls as runners up in their respective light maintenance categories.

A summary of employee injury on duty experience for all light Bus and Rail Vehicle Maintenance shops during the first half of 1991 explains how the winners were selected:

ZAP Awards for January — June 1991 Number of Injuries on Duty

	Jan Mar	Apr Jun	Total	Total Hours Worked	OSHA Incidence Rate
Bus Garages:					
Lawndale (1st Place)	2	0	2	61,950	6.46
77th (2nd Place)	5	4	9	120,321	14.96
103rd	6	3	9	99,284	18.13
Kedzie	7	3	10	109,939	18.19
Forest Glen	6	5	11	109,308	20.13
Limits	4	3	7	62,708	22.33
North Park	2	12	14	122,441	22.87
Archer	8	4	12	100,366	23.91
69th	7	10	17	117,850	28.85

	Jan Mar	Apr Jun	Total	Total Hours Worked	OSHA Incidence Rate
Rail Terminals:					
Wilson (1st Place)	2	0	2	55,441	7.21
Racine (2nd Place)	0	2	2	31,277	12.79
54th	2	1	3	36,558	16.41
98th	0	4	4	44,972	17.79
61st	2	1	3	30,216	19.86
Howard	3	0	3	29,563	20.30
Kimball	2	2	4	33,646	23.78
Desplaines	2	5	7	40,454	34.61
Rosemont	5	5	10	49,188	40.66
Harlem	4	5	9	43,393	41.48
Linden	1	1	2	5,348	74.79

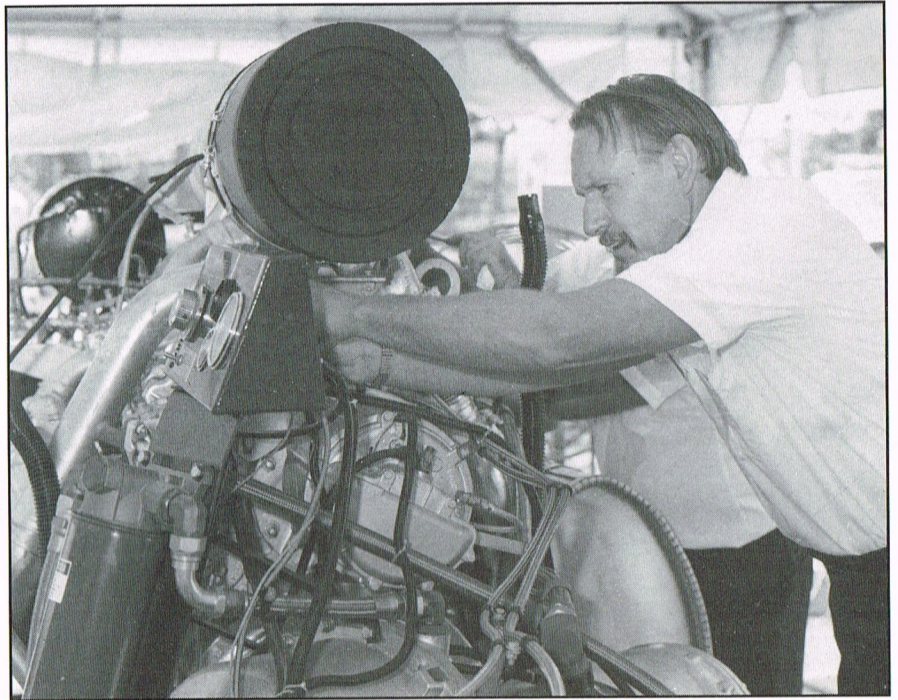
OSHA Incidence Rate + Number of IOD's X 200,000 divided by total hours worked by all employees at each facility.

APTA Competition (continued from page 3)

Michael Hennessy, superintendent of maintenance at 103rd Street garage, and chairman of the 1991 CTA Bus Maintenance Roadeo, was also chairman of the APTA International Maintenance Roadeo. "We could not have asked for a smoother operation than this event," said Hennessy. "Of course a lot of time and effort went into making this a memorable occasion for the CTA and our guests, but we had plenty of outstanding assistance," said Hennessy.

CTA organizers of the APTA event included: **David Hillock**, steering committee chairman; **Donald Sturenfeldt**, oversight committee chairman; **Georgetta Griffin**, administrative recording secretary; **Walter Frye**, transportation; **Virginia McGraw**, registration/orientation; **Linda Grysbeck**, reception/banquet; **Dennis Milicevic**, vendor participation; **Henry Gauthier**, **Bruce Kujawa**, and **Thomas Wilson**, site committee.

Others were: **Ralph Malec**, and **Terrance Muellner**, APTA Maintenance events; **David Maiden**, CTA Maintenance events; **Lynn Small**, Marketing; **John Kurtovich**, budget, and **Willie Wong**, equipment purchase/rental.



A CTA maintenance team troubleshoots an engine in the APTA International Bus maintenance roadeo.

Office Automation Phase Two Approved By CTA Board

The Transit Board has approved Phase II of the Office Automation project which will amount to about \$4,500,000. Over the next two years, OA II is scheduled to provide microcomputer technology (PC's) to several large projects, among them the Accounts Payable/Purchase Order and Inventory Management System (AP/PO/IM), the Bus Timekeeping, Extraboard, and the Pick System, the Graphic Scheduling System (G/Sched), and the M.I.S. Application Development Cycle.

In addition, planner, analyst, supervisor and secretarial staff will receive microcomputers to better perform their daily administrative tasks. The needs for this equipment have already been collected and an equitable allocation of units has been developed and distributed to CTA managers.

The equipment description, vendor information, implementation schedule, training classes, and departmental support procedures will be distributed as soon as the procurement documents are completed.

CTA Bus Maintenance Team

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their guests with an all-expenses paid trip to the Motor City next summer to attend the Detroit International 500 Speedway race.

CTA Executive Director **Alfred H. Savage**, and Deputy Executive Director for Maintenance **David Hillock** were presented with the trophy awarded to the transit property represented by the winning bus maintenance team.

A jubilant Deputy Executive Director Hillock said the Bus Maintenance championship is the first major APTA event ever taken by Chicago. Hillock also announced that APTA has been officially requested to sponsor a similar maintenance event for rail personnel. "We're asking that APTA explore the possibilities for such an opportunity because we think it is important that all aspects of maintenance be considered." Hillock added that CTA will send a Facilities Maintenance individual challenge team to Cleveland, Ohio next year.

Meanwhile, second place honors in the competition went to the team from the nation's capital, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, which had 552 points. The Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, Cleveland, Ohio, finished third with 548 points.



Staying Healthy

Bronchial asthma may be onset by several conditions. The exact cause is unknown. The wheezing attacks may be acquired or inherited, stated **Dr. Milton J. Sneider**, CTA medical consultant.

The stress on the bronchial tree caused by viral respiratory infections, exercise, emotional upsets, changes in barometric pressure or temperature, inhalation of cold air, gasoline fumes, fresh paint, cigarette smoke, or exposure to allergens (pollens) may bring on an attack.

Asthma attacks may occur suddenly without a known cause or they may occur gradually. The severity or duration of an attack depends on the cause and the effect of immediate good treatment.

Asthma patients suffer from constriction of bronchial passages which causes wheezing and shortness of breath. In most cases, bronchial dilators provide immediate relief by relaxing the muscles and help open up the lung passages.

Most asthmatics, through experience, know what to do when an attack occurs. Results of their treatment vary from good to poor. Thus, researchers are constantly looking for newer methods of treatment. Studies have shown that certain inhalants when taken in the dosage that was recommended are very beneficial and safe. If overdosed, the results could be tragic. These drugs are called Beta Agonists. Although there is a tendency to panic during a severe asthma attack—don't overdose. Follow your doctor's advice.

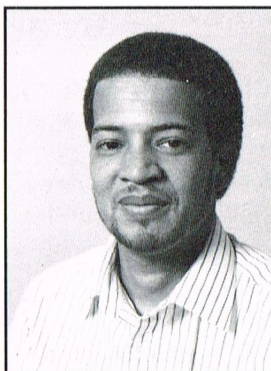
Home Show Discount Coupons Available

Discount coupons worth \$1 off the \$5 admission charge to attend the fall Home and Energy show are available to CTA employees at most work locations.

The show will be held at Harper College, Roselle and Algonquin roads in Palatine, Sept 27-29. Ideas on decorating will be presented, and products and services for beautifying the home will also be discussed.

Seminars on home improvement, decorating, landscaping and room additions will also be available to those attending the show. For additional information, contact Joyce Shaw, 664-7200, extension 3345.

Data Analyst Provides Hope At Work and Elsewhere



Henry Ward Beecher, the 19th century clergyman and lecturer, once wrote, "The world is to be cleaned by somebody, and you are not called of God if you are ashamed to scrub."

Conrad Joseph, a CTA rail maintenance data analyst, is not ashamed to scrub. When he's not at his usual post in the Control center, he is sharing his time with inmates at Pontiac Prison or the Cook County Correctional center, where he is involved in a prison ministry—scrubbing away the ugly images of life, and painting brighter pictures of hope.

He and his wife, Theresa, have also opened their home to three foster children, ages 16, 12, and 11, who also require their special attention. Likewise, the Josephs are the natural parents of a 17-year-old daughter and a 15-year-old son.

Joseph, who joined CTA in 1983 as a rail service repairman, began his prison ministry a year later when he and his family affiliated with the Christian Reform Church. Since then he has been active with the Moody Bible Institute.

"I never thought I'd be involved in something so meaningful as this," said Joseph, who recalls that his commitment to prison ministry began during a chance encounter with a stranger he met while both were waiting for an elevator. "I was on my way to church here in the Loop which happened to be on one of the upper floors in a downtown building."

It turns out that as Joseph headed for the 'upper room' that Sunday, his chance encounter with the stranger, a grass roots disciple of ministering the needy, was an opportunity that also led him to a life of dedicated Christian service.

"We attempt to make a difference in the lives of these inmates by listening, and by educating and showing that we care. The first nine months were perhaps the most difficult for me because I started counseling a man who was on death row for the murder of three children. However, as time went on, it got easier."

In his activities outside of CTA Joseph brings hope to those incarcerated and accused of crimes against society. On the job he brings hope to rail service personnel when there are in-service problems with their equipment. The information he provides by way of his video digital terminal helps rail crews to troubleshoot, and keep service moving.

CTA Car Repairer Was Transit Guide Photographer

A story in the August issue of Transit News about the recent Richard Kunz transit guide, *Overhead and Underground*, a Guide to Chicago's Rapid Transit, failed to mention that Howard street car repairer **Louis Gerard**, an employee of 20 years service, was the photographer for the publication. Gerard has maintained a long-time interest in CTA and its predecessors, the Chicago "Insull roads" (North Shore, South Shore, Chicago Aurora, and Elgin), and most other electric rail operations in North America.

Gerard was born and raised in Chicago and has been photographing CTA and other electric railways for more than 20 years. He also collects vintage Lionel electric trains.



August Anniversaries

35 Years

Emile Domer,
Bldg & Grnd, North

Robert Heinlein,
Oper Comm & Power

Arliiss Jones,
Safety & Tech Svcs

Frank Ramirez,
O'Hare

Anthony Ritrovato,
Claims

James Roche,
Consumer Affairs

William Sparks,
Racine Mtce

Leroy Wilson, Jr.,
103rd Street

30 Years

Robert Buergermeir,
Mech Mtce North

John Church,
North Park

Leon Gary,
69th Street

Ben Jefferies, Jr.
Bus Instruction

President Laura,
103rd Street

Robert Mischke,
Converter & Differentl

Terrance Muellner,
Light Mtce, North

Lawrin Riles,
Bus Instruction

Bernard Williams,
Oper Comm & Power

Alex Wilson,
Rail Pers., South

25 Years

Lorenzo Ballard, Jr.
Engine Shop

Orbin Bell,
Archer

Nathaniel Bradford,
69th Street

Eugene Cannon,
Archer

Thurman Collier, Jr.,
Paint Shop

Tyrone Culbreath,
103rd Street

Eugene Daniels,
Bus Service

Antonio Demarco,
Shop Service

Copeland Edwards,
Ashland, 61/95

Edward Farmer,
Forest Park

Robert Graham,
Rail Instruction

Tim Green,
Bus Pers., South

Charles Hunt,
Archer

Gilbert Jones,
103rd Street

Wayne Luster,
Limits

Gardenio Mata,
North Park

Willie Murry,
Howard/Kimball

Emanuel Porter,
Archer Mtce

Clarence Prescott,
Bus District B

Charles Price,
Ashland, 61/95

Ernest Randle,
77th Street

Wilburn Richards,
Ashland, 61/95th

Rita Ritrovato,
Operations Review

James Schumpp,
Comm Maintenance

Bobbie Sernek,
Bus District B

Biagio Tudisco,
Racine Mtce

James Vaughn, Jr.,
Lawndale

Howard Walker,
Lawndale

Stanley Warchol,
Vehicle Wiring

Lovell Washington,
Kedzie

Floyd Wilder,
69th Street



In Memoriam

Alexander F. Barr,
84, Forest Glen

John H. Bassett,
71, Ashland

Charles Brown,
66, Kedzie

Earsker Burgess,
46, Archer

William Cavanaugh,
85, 69th Street

Francis X. Clark,
88, S&E

Calvin H. Claussen,
79, Beverly

Enoch C. Cox,
70, Archer

George N. Davis,
77, Howard Street

Patrick J. Doyle,
80, Signal

Sidney J. Engelhardt,
86, Kedzie

Ann M. Fay,
95, Agents West

Kathleen Forbis,
75, West Section

Anthony M. Gallo,
87, South Shops

Peter Gaza,
73, Kimball

George Gustafson,
91, Archer

Melvin Gardner,
51, 103rd Street

Howard J. Hoeppner,
73, Near South

Albert J. Hymel,
79, 69th Street

John J. Jearas,
80, Limits

Martin R. Johnson,
90, CTA Police

Joseph Kemnec,
75, Archer

Andrew K. Kohlstedt,
78, 69th Street

Walter Kulikauskas,
78, Vehicle Mtce

Raymond W. Kura,
69, South Shops

Joseph Lee,
83, West Section

John H. Mack,
72, Trackman

John Maloney,
91, Trans. Pers

Alonzo Mays, Jr.
55, Agents West

William J. McCarthy,
64, Beverly

John P. Miller,
88, Forest Glen

Marius E. Miller,
84, Beverly

Lowell A. Mulligan,
88, Kedzie

Clyde B. North,
88, Gen. Office

Norbert J. Ouimet,
74, Kedzie

**Constantino
Paonessa,**
71, West Shops

Charles W. Parrish,
75, 77th Street

Charles F. Pearson,
79, S&E

In Memoriam (cont'd)

William R. Pochordo,
74, Trans. Pers.

William F. Ryan,
87, 69th Street

Walter L. Schomburg,
83, 77th Street

John O. Shaw,
89, 77th Street

Mary L. Stanczyk,
63, Agents West

John S. Wisniewski,
74, Forest Glen



August Retirees

Richard Brown, Jr.,
Forest Glen, 32 years

William B. Brown,
Ashland, 25 years

Carl Fields,
District C, 34 years

Harmon R. Fisher,
Kedzie, 25 years

William H. Gerrish,
Howard, 17 years

Alphonso Govan,
So. Shops, 29 years

Charles Q. Hill,
Limits, 37 years

Jean F. Jackson,
95th Street, 27 years

Charles T. Jurkus,
So. Shops, 32 years

Harry T. Lacher,
So. Shops, 21 years

Steve R. Niepon,
Forest Glen, 30 years

Rudolph Pelini,
Forest Glen, 13 years

Disability Retirements

Frank E. Allison,
Oper. Planning,
21 years

Mary O. Cole,
Trans. Pers., 12 years

Mary A. Crenshaw,
Trans. Pers., 13 years

Alvin Dickerson,
Trans. Pers., 25 years

Rena M. McDonald,
Trans. Pers., 15 years

Melvin Tolliver,
Eqpt, Engr/Mtce,
14 years



September Anniversaries

35 Years

Billy Brandon,
Utility

Clarence
Buthman, Jr.,
Computer Operations

Clarence Crawley, Jr.,
Utility

Robert Harris,
Agents South

Willie Redd,
77th Street

Donald Ryba,
Forest Glen

Robert Smith,
Traction Power

30 Years

Samuel Caldwell,
69th Street

John Eiselt, Jr.,
North Park

John Gaudie,
Engine Shop

James Gorczynski,
Bldg Mtce, South

Frederick Jacobi,
South Shops

Muriel Szykowny,
Treasury

Louis Zoko,
Steel Fab. Shop

25 Years

Stewart Ayers,
69th Street

Lucretius Bell,
Howard/Kimball

John Betourne,
Oper Comm & Power

Marvin Chachere,
103rd Street

William Douglass,
North Park

Odell Duffin,
77th Street

Michael Farrell,
Investments

Leon Feagins,
Rail Dist., North

Jerry Feggin,
Dougl/Congress

James Fiorito,
Program Implement

James Gage,
Support Svcs

James Green,
Ashland, 61/95th

Archie Harris,
Forest Glen

Walter Husband, Jr.,
Dougl/Congress

Paul Ivory,
Kedzie

Torry Johnson,
Rail Janitor

Freddie Jones,
77th Street

Richard Langlois,
Howard/Kimball

Sherman Martin,
Lawndale

Herman McCord,
North Park

Danny McDaniel,
77th Maintenance

Frederick
McCollough,
Dougl/Congress

Abraham McKeiver,
69th Street

Arthur Patterson,
Kedzie

Alvin Potts, Jr.,
Bus Relief Area

Paul Raeck,
Converter & Differentl

Ronald Ramsey,
O'Hare

George Rivera,
Bus Relief Area

W. Robinson,
103rd Street Mtce.

Alvin Rushing,
Harlem Mtce

Vince Scurti,
Bus Support Svcs.

Edgar Smith,
Ashland, 61/95th

Howard Stratton,
Howard/Kimball

Willie Tucker,
Ashland, 61/95th

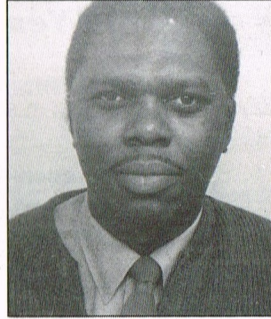
Bobby Wheeler,
77th Street



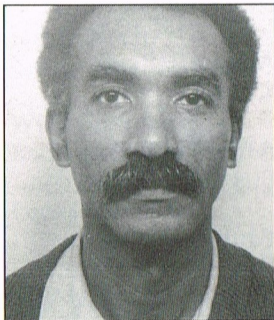
Commendations



Woodrow Williams (Forest Glen garage) won the approval of Geraldine McWilliams, who works on South LaSalle Street, and is a regular rider on his No. 91 Austin bus. "He is most courteous and patient. Not only is he kind to older women, but also to young women, children, men, etc. And he always wears a smile. It is really a pleasure to see a CTA driver with such a positive, outgoing attitude. I say this knowing I can speak for most of the other riders. He is to be commended for a job well done. He makes my day every day."



Lawrence Davis (North Park garage) was appreciated by Dorothy Haas, of Wellington Avenue, who was a rider on his No. 151 Sheridan bus. "At one of the stops in the park, an elderly man using a cane boarded the bus. He walked with some difficulty, and paused to get his fare from his pocket. The driver waited for him to be seated before starting up. His action was quietly thoughtful. I have had a problem trying to get seated on a moving bus, and I am not handicapped. He also answered questions courteously."



Marshall Price (77th Street garage) was called "a wonderful driver" by Juanita Witt, who takes his No. 30 South Chicago bus on her way to work on East Monroe Street. "He sure makes my day. He takes the time to smile and say 'Good morning' to all his passengers. If he sees someone running, he waits for them. He is also concerned about those of us who take the Metra train at 91st and Baltimore. Thanks to him, I have never missed my train. It's little things like that that mean so much to those of us who are up early in the morning."



Charles Howard (Kedzie garage) "has continually exhibited a human concern and courtesy with a pleasant smile," according to Percy L. Hines, who works on South Wacker Drive. "Arriving at the Van Buren and Michigan Metra station early in the morning, it is most comforting to know that he will be there waiting. He makes the same effort for passengers transferring from the "L" at Adams and Wabash, and from buses at State. Other passengers and I extoll the pride, concern and friendliness exhibited by this operator."

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