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Operator of The Quarter



Operator of the Quarter Darryl Valdez. Read more about Mr. Valdez on page 4.

Let's Get Going With Rapid Transit



J. Roger Morton
President and General Manager

I started my transit career in 1974 when I took a job with the City's Department of Transportation Services. Back then, Honolulu was actively pursuing a rail rapid transit system under the leadership of Mayor Frank Fasi. The City was on track to develop an elevated, grade separated system similar to the San Francisco BART system which opened in 1972. Unfortunately, Fasi was not re-elected, and Honolulu gave up the 80 percent federal funding that had been offered to pay for the system.

By the mid-1980's Mayor Fasi was back in office and Honolulu was again poised to develop a rail system. By then, I was working for MTL, Inc., and the cost of the rail system had doubled and the federal share had gone down to about 50 percent. At that time about ten more North American cities had developed some form of rail transit to complement their bus systems. Unfortunately, the

City Council declined to raise taxes to pay for the City share and the project was scrapped again, and the federal money allocated to Honolulu was redistributed to other cities with rail programs.

Following the election of Mayor Hannemann in 2003, the City began actively planning for a rail transit system. The cost of the system had doubled again and the Federal share was down to about 30 percent. Forty years ago, we were one of the few U.S. cities planning to build a new rail system. Since then, over 20 North American cities have developed rail transit systems. These systems work hand in hand with the local bus systems and make the total transit system work better for the public. We can't afford to drop the ball again. We all need to support a grade-separated rail backbone system for Honolulu.

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The City plans a grade-separated, elevated system for good reason. Unlike many mainland cities, we just don't have the space for an effective street railway system. A street railway system would get hung up in traffic and provide no real benefit over an articulated bus. With an elevated system, rail would have its own route and would zoom over grid-locked traffic.

In an integrated bus/rail system, some of our bus routes will be reconfigured to provide an integrated transit system for the entire island, but bus service will not decline. Under the City's plan, bus service will expand when the rail system is implemented. According to city reports, bus miles would be about 6 percent greater with rail, and the fleet would continue

to grow over the next twenty years. Ridership on TheBus would also increase over today's levels, but the combined passenger trips on an integrated bus/rail system would soar by 47 percent more than by bus alone. Rail is not a threat to our bus system; rail will allow us to make our great bus system even better. After almost a half century of study, it's time for all of us to get on board and support the rail transit program.

Roger Morton
J. Roger Morton

The New Articulated Hybrid Bus Dedication



The City received the first of twenty new Hybrid Articulated 60' Heavy-Duty Transit Buses manufactured by New Flyer of America, and purchased with monies from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Mayor Mufi Hannemann and Senator Daniel K. Inouye were on hand for the dedication and blessing, which took place on Thursday, April 1, 2010 in front of Honolulu Hale.

Stuff TheBus 2010



The City kicked off the Stuff TheBus program with a press conference and a food drive of their own. Once again, the City departments stuffed TheBus and donated non-perishable food items to the Hawaii Foodbank.

Million Mile Bus Award Ceremony

On Thursday, February 18, 2010, TheBus/City & County of Honolulu was presented with a certificate of achievement by Cummins, Inc., the international manufacturer of engines for buses and other large scale vehicles.

TheBus currently has two buses that have traveled over one million miles without an engine overhaul or replacement. TheBus is the first transit system ever to operate a bus for

more than a million miles without an overhaul required and has achieved this with two buses. Cummins attributes this to the good preventative maintenance program at TheBus.

Allison Transmission and Gillig Corporation also presented TheBus with certificates of recognition.



Photo Left (Left to Right): **Richard Hardy, Former VP of Maintenance, Oahu Transit Services, Inc.**
Nathan Reyes, Owner, Matt's Transmission
Roger Morton, President & General Manager, Oahu Transit Services, Inc.
Kirk Caldwell, Managing Director, City & County of Honolulu
Herb Barboza, VP of Maintenance, Oahu Transit Services, Inc.
James Burke, Chief, Public Transit Division
Ed Johnson, Territory Manager, Cummins, Inc.
Jerry Anderson, Regional Sales Manager, Gillig Corporation
Wayne Yoshioka, Director, Dept. of Transportation Services
Jay Miller, Manager, Technology & Educational Support, Cummins West, Inc.
Mark Lopez, Engine Sales & Support, Cummins West, Inc.
Michael Lindo, General Manager, Cummins West, Inc.

Retiree Corner

Evon Konanui,
Paratransit Operator,
retired on 12/4/09.
Ms. Konanui had
17 years of service.



Rudy Villanueva,
Second Class Diesel
Mechanic, retired on
3/1/10. Mr. Villanueva
had 30½ years
of service.



Sanford Kameekua,
Bus Operator, retired on
4/1/10. Mr. Kameekua
had 15 years of service.



Timothy Earhart,
Paratransit Operator,
retired on 12/16/09.
Mr. Earhart had
17 years of service.



Charlotte Fujieki,
Information Clerk II,
retired on 3/2/10.
Mrs. Fujieki had
25 years of service.



Brian Meyer,
Utility Worker, retired on
4/1/10. Mr. Meyer had
37 years of service.



Melvin Castro,
Bus Operator,
retired on 1/1/10.
Mr. Castro had
28 years of service.



Gary Tamanaha,
Lead Mechanic,
retired on 4/1/10.
Mr. Tamanaha
had 35½ years
of service.



Jonathan Porlas,
Bus Operator,
retired on 4/1/10.
Mr. Porlas had
35 years of service.



Alexander Lono,
Bus Operator, retired on
2/1/10. Mr. Lono
had 36½ years
of service.



Michael Mitchell,
Bus Operator, retired on
4/1/10. Mr. Mitchell had
18 years of service.



Sidney Ching,
Bus Operator,
retired on 6/1/08.
Mr. Ching had
9½ years of service.



Transit Transfers's

Barry L. Rice Jr., Lead Trades Person, was promoted on 12/7/09. Barry was previously a Journeyman Trades and has been with OTS, Inc. since 11/25/94.



Daryl K. Murai, HEM - Tire Repair, was promoted on 2/16/10. Daryl was previously a Mechanic Helper and has been with OTS, Inc. since 7/8/85.



Charles R. Lee, Assistant Superintendent, Maintenance - Pearl City Division, was promoted on 12/16/09. Charles was previously a Lead Mechanic and has been with OTS, Inc. since 1/4/88.



Lloyd H. Sugihara, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 2/26/10. Lloyd was previously a HEM – Air Condition and has been with OTS, Inc. since 6/1/94.



Terrence Teruya, Radio Shop Foreman, was promoted on 1/1/10. Terrence was previously a HEM - Electrician and has been with OTS, Inc. since 7/22/91.



Guy K. Takamori, Lead Mechanic, was promoted on 3/1/10. Guy was previously a HEM – Air Condition and has been with OTS, Inc. since 5/16/97.



Guillermo S. Colon, Maintenance Support System Manager, was promoted on 2/16/10. Guil was previously a Technical Equipment Coordinator and has been with OTS, Inc. since 11/10/80.



Blossom H. Hooke, Chief Dispatching Supervisor, was promoted on 3/16/10. Blossom was previously a Dispatching Supervisor and has been with OTS, Inc. since 4/17/79.



Operator of the Quarter

“You make the job,” says, Darryl Valdez, our Operator of the Quarter.

That was back in early 1978, when Darryl graduated from driver training class along with Stephen Ventura, Marie Chan, Neal Tomimatsu and Masao Toyama.

“Why did I join TheBus? Well, I wanted to learn the roads, and I was curious how it felt like to be behind the wheel since I used to take TheBus when I was younger. I used to have a 29 inch waist back then too,” Darryl chuckles.

The best route in Darryl’s career, he says was the 1L because “there was no stress, but too bad it only lasted one sign-up (got bumped off).” Darryl currently drives the B CityExpress! and the 2 WL.

Darryl also likes the brand new 900 series buses because they’re comfortable, and have good seats, “like one expensive Cadillac.”

“Be patient, be polite and be focused. If you stay focused to what you are expected to do in your job, you won’t have time to worry.”

In his spare time, Darryl’s passion is playing guitar, and is part of a new jazz blues band called Four50.

Married for 34 years, Darryl and wife Holly have three children ages 33, 31, 27 and two grandkids.



Photo Above: **Operator of the Quarter Darryl Valdez.**

American Diabetes Association Walk and Chili Fundraiser

Naomi Shishido Secretary, Planning & Marketing

On Saturday morning, March 20, 2010, the employees and friends of Oahu Transit Services, Inc. (OTS), formed a team to walk 2.3 miles around Kapiolani Park for the "Step Out to Fight Diabetes" 11th Annual Walk.

In addition to the walk, the OTS team had a hotdog/chili fundraiser at the Kalihi and TheHandi-Van facilities, which had a great turnout! Volunteers cooked the hot dogs, made awesome chili and many of our staff gave their time to help serve. The OTS fund drive generated over \$2,000 thanks to those who purchased their lunch and donated to the cause!

The American Diabetes Association in total raised over \$400,000 and over 3,200 walkers participated. All monies raised actually stays in Hawaii.

Special thanks goes out to all who helped with cooking, selling, volunteering, donations, and team efforts. We are looking forward to another successful year next year!

Thank you to all Walkers

Guil Colon	Jerry Teves	Jason Laquihon
Bruce Sagawinit	Lynn Nakamoto	Jeff Laquihon
Brenda Fischer	Dani Suzawa	Jill Ching
Kenny Fischer	Leilani Purcell-Tausa	Jared Laquihon
Cory Tom	Lorna Kaneshiro	Marion Laquihon
Naomi Shishido	Shari Isobe	Dominador Lopez Jr.
Jon Nouchi	Richard Isobe	Christina Duenas
Jenny Schwartz	Brennan Tom	Suzanne Lacuesta
Lori Nakanishi	Robril Tincang	Marion Laquihon Jr.
Shelley Ann Uyehara	Ginger Nagamine	Piilani McFadden
Tita Kim	Jerry Teves	Davina Pelen
Tim Ho	Lynn Nakamoto	Barbara Chang
Tracy Tanahara	Dani Suzawa	Dana Minami
August Rodrigues	Leilani Purcell-Tausa	Darlene Kawelo
Joyce Charlton	Lorna Kaneshiro	Samantha Picar
Lowell Tom	Candy Luna	Chanelle Togia
Shari Isobe	Millie Downey	Joelle Hussey
Richard Isobe	Shon Kihewa	Peter Bermudez
Brennan Tom	Shania Kim	Winona Bermudez
Ginger Nagamine	Kurt Ramos	Robril Tincang
Gary Nettles	Mercy Laquihon	Karlos Tincang



CHILI MAKERS:

Marilynne Nascimento	Artie Ohelo
Nathan Akiyoshi	Paula Ignacio
Dwight Higa	Tom Enomoto
Susan Kawasaki	Sarah Tajima
Rome Acopan	

PUMPKIN CRUNCH DESSERT:

Marie Chan

RICE COOKERS:

Kay Duarte
Raelyne Kamaka

HOT DOG BUNS:

Bruce Sagawinit

Gene Teves and his hard working
Maintenance Crew



ALSO A BIG MAHALO TO:

Dean Kobayashi	Guil Colon	Mona Silva
T.K. Hannemann	Chris Ueoka	Elena Paongo
Ran Suen	Tim Ho	Valerie Ancheta
Mel Higa	Peter Bermudez	Nuki Baker
Kristin Subia	Agnes Loi	Richard Mole
Joelle Hussey	Thelma Manuel	
Jessie Furtado	Lilia Visitacion	

In Memory of . . .

Lovena P. Mahelona passed away on December 8, 2009. Mrs. Mahelona was employed with MTL, Inc., on August 11, 1973, as a Bus Operator in the Transportation Department. She retired on November 1, 1990, with 17 years of dedicated service.

Raymond J. Abregano passed away on February 15, 2010. Mr. Abregano was employed with LBC/HRT Co. Ltd., on January 27, 1967, as a Bus Operator in the Transportation Department. He retired from OTS, Inc., on April 1, 1994, after 27 years of dedicated service.

John W. Wong passed away on February 21, 2010. Mr. Wong was employed with HRT Co. Ltd., on February 27, 1950, as a Bus Operator in the Transportation Department. After more than 45 years of as a Bus Operator, he transferred to the Maintenance Department. He retired from OTS, Inc., on November 1, 1999, with more than 49 ½ years of dedicated service.

Earl H. Hirata passed away on March 20, 2010. Mr. Hirata was employed with OTS, Inc., on August 1, 1994, as a Lead Mechanic in the Maintenance Department. He retired on September 1, 2009 with 15 years of dedicated service.

Bus Operators Of The Month

KALIHI DIVISION

January 2010

1. Ferdinan Agasid
2. Randy I
3. Ronald Kiyota

February 2010

1. Russell Akamine
2. Joseph Char
3. Antonio Villanueva III

March 2010

1. Daniel Constancio Jr.
2. Marino Manipon
3. Douglas Rego

PEARL CITY DIVISION

January 2010

1. Leslie Garcia
2. Hannah Rogers
3. Roger Smith

February 2010

1. Jarry Gomes
2. Dennis Meyer
3. Jessie Okimoto

March 2010

1. Bennie Ann Keliikuli
2. David McAngus
3. Benson McKenna

Operator Safety Awards

December 2009

	Years
Terry Caberto	24
Iameli Kaio	24
David Keaweehu Jr.	28
Pamela Self	30

January 2010

	Years
Susan Bega	21
Edward Kama Jr.	20
James Reis	29
Richard Wai	29

February 2010

	Years
Dennis Meyer	32
Derrick Tanaka	27
George Wong	21

March 2010

	Years
Ernest Busboso	27
Randy Fernandez	28
Randal Noguchi	22
Keith Souza	26
Robert Vierra	25

OTS Employees Participate In Chinese New Year Parade

Oahu Transit Services Employees Tuhon Marc Behic, Guru Kevin Look, Guru Lorenzo Tadena, Escrimador Charles "Chucky" Sullivan, and a dozen more Pulahan fighters took part in the Chinese New Year Parade and Festival on February 6, 2010 in Downtown Chinatown.



Outstanding Employee of the Year Awards

Ralph Faufata Vice President, Transportation

The Outstanding Employee of the Year Program was implemented by the Transportation management team to recognize three employees who exemplify outstanding work performance by going “beyond the call” for the riding public and their fellow employees.

The title is awarded to one operator from the Kalihi division, one from the Pearl City division, and one employee from the Support Sections which includes Central Control, Training, Dispatch, Road Supervision, and the Clerical staff in Transportation Administration and both Kalihi and Pearl City division offices.

The Division Superintendents nominate five operators and one clerical employee from their respective division. The Field Operations managers nominate one employee from each of the four Support Sections. Final selection is made by a selection committee comprised of the Employees’ Communications Committee (ECC), the Recognition Committee, and all Transportation managers via secret ballot.

The 2010 recipients of this award received 2-night accommodations at the Sheraton Princess Kaiulani Hotel, one additional vacation day, free reserved parking for one year, and an awards bowl and certificate.

The Outstanding Employee of the Year award recipients are:

OPERATOR JERRY TEVES from the Kalihi Division – Jerry became a Bus Operator on August 5, 1976. He is an active member of our Employee Communications Committee, and has been instrumental in resolving many concerns of operators. Jerry’s philosophy is to work with the Company by offering solutions rather than complaining.

OPERATOR JUANITA (NITA) “KUMU” AKUI from the Pearl City Division – Nita became a Bus Operator on August 1, 1984. She has compiled a commendable work record, but most importantly, her willingness to contribute her time for activities within the OTS ‘ohana continues to be an inspiration for all. Nita is the epitome of the Aloha spirit and her continued willingness to ensure the workplace environment is enjoyable has not gone unnoticed.

DISPATCHER DEAN FUKUDA – Dean was hired as a Bus Operator on September 10, 1974. He was selected as a Temporary Dispatcher on August 16, 1987, and became a Permanent Dispatcher on September 1, 1990. Dean is very professional in his duties and treats everyone with respect. He is known to go beyond the call of duty and is always willing to assist his fellow employees. Dean gives this word of advice to all his peers: When playing golf with the managers, LET THEM WIN or they won’t invite you back!



Photo Above (left to right) : Dispatcher Dean Fukuda, Operator Juanita (Nita) “Kumu” Akui, Operator Jerry Teves.

New OTS ‘Ohana

Employee	Title	Date of Hire
JACE FAUFATA	Service Attendant	12/28/09
DAVID KAYA	HEM - Electrician	01/04/10
BLAINE LUM	HEM - Electrician	01/04/10
DAWN IKEI	Clerk Steno I	01/19/10
GEOFFREY ELENO	Paratransit Reservationist	01/25/10
AMBROCIO TORRES	HEM - Running Repair	01/25/10
CRAIG TSUJI	HEM - Running Repair	01/25/10
RAFAEL RIOS	Paratransit Mechanic	02/01/10
CONSTANTIN BENEMERITO	HEM - Running Repair	02/01/10
NATALIE KAAI	Paratransit Reservationist	02/08/10
NOLAN CADELINIA	Paratransit Mechanic	02/22/10
ARNOLD RESPICIO	Paratransit Storeroom Clerk	02/23/10
ALIKA ISHIHARA	HEM - Electrician	03/01/10
REGINALD MALDONADO	Temporary Service Attendant	03/01/10
JEFFERY-LEE ENOKA	Paratransit Fueler/Cleaner	03/20/10

2009 Holiday Bash

Pearl City Facility



And The Bus Roadeo

Kalihi Facility



Spotlight on Paratransit

Patricia Nielsen

Vice President, Paratransit Services

Paratransit continues to move forward on the road to “making a difference in the lives of persons with disabilities by providing excellent transportation services driven by the Spirit of Aloha.” I just want to highlight a few happenings from our ‘Ohana as we spring into Spring:

- October 14, 2009, was the official opening of the new TheHandi-Van Eligibility Center located in The First Insurance Center at 1100 Ward Avenue. The new process includes an in-person interview by a highly qualified professional who will determine the individual’s eligibility for our service. Our staff continues to support this project. (Reminder: Should someone you personally know need information regarding eligibility, please call the Center at 538-0033.)
- In an effort to obtain the best quality, as well as increased functionality of the Paratransit vehicles, the City and OTS leased two different vans from two different dealers; the ARBOC van, and a vehicle made by International (perhaps you’ve noticed them on the road). We have been evaluating these vans for future procurement opportunities.

The latest news is the City will soon release a bid for 38 regular high-floor vans and 10 low-floor vehicles. These will replace our high mileage vehicles, some of which have between 100,000 - 200,000 miles.

- In late January, we underwent a Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Complementary Paratransit Compliance Assessment. (A lot of words, but it was a thorough review of TheHandi-Van service, inside and out.) We were one of the last Paratransits in the country to be reviewed for ADA compliance. The three-member assessment team looked at all areas of our operations. The team was tasked with thoroughly reviewing our service in all areas of operations, specifically looking for discriminatory patterns/practices related to compliance with the 1990 passage of the ADA, a Civil Rights Law. In their exit interview with the City and OTS Management, they highlighted a couple of capacity constraints (violations) that need our immediate attention such as on-time performance and length of time on the vans. On a positive note, the team stated we were one of the friendliest sites they’ve ever reviewed. They felt the Spirit of Aloha in word and deed.
- Two additional outside transportation providers have entered in contract with us to provide supplemental complementary Paratransit service. The intent is to support our efforts to: improve on-time performance; shorten trip lengths; target specific service areas based on the availability of vehicles; potentially affect our deadhead; and less wear and tear on our vans. The two companies are Silver Cross Transportation Company and Hawaii Medi-Cab Company.

Paratransit Class 37

Graduated April 9, 2010



Bottom Row (left to right): **Keoni Rosa, Austin Inouye, Ryan Diez, LaDrakeus Martin.**
Top Row (left to right): **Kimberly Sataraka, Benedict Wong, Shyla Lopes, Michael Maldonado.**

Paratransit Safety Awards

November	1st Yr. Award	<i>Georgette Chun Gaylen Paio</i>	<i>Gary Kaneshiro Gary Yamashita</i>	<i>Russell Lopes</i>	<i>Roy Murakami</i>	
	3rd Yr. Award	<i>Lani Capua</i>	<i>Leslie Llacuna</i>	<i>Laverne Pitre</i>	<i>Michael Woodward</i>	
	6th Yr. Award	<i>Alexander Visarra</i>				
December	1st Yr. Award	<i>Wanda Ko</i>	<i>Rachel Martinez</i>	<i>Sidney Nadoza</i>		
	2nd Yr. Award	<i>Rannie Agag</i>	<i>Rutherford Lee</i>			
	3rd Yr. Award	<i>Domingo Perez</i>				
	4th Yr. Award	<i>Kawe Williams</i>				
	5th Yr. Award	<i>Jesse Kobylanski</i>	<i>Martin Luckhaus</i>			
	6th Yr. Award	<i>Stanley Souza</i>				
	7th Yr. Award	<i>Gordon Abbott Norman Cabalo Andrew Miller</i>	<i>Afaese Afaese Randall DeGuzman Alan Viernes</i>	<i>Violet Ahia-Young Fetausiai Iose</i>	<i>Ramon Anagaron Reginamae Martin</i>	
January	1st Yr. Award	<i>James Jeremiah</i>	<i>Harry Kurihara</i>	<i>Noel Tabuno</i>		
	2nd Yr. Award	<i>Rose Andrade</i>	<i>Benjamin Calamayan</i>	<i>Shannon Itagaki</i>		
	4th Yr. Award	<i>Afioga Leui</i>	<i>Wendy Naile</i>			
	5th Yr. Award	<i>Jeffery Kwon</i>				
	7th Yr. Award	<i>Desiree Carlbom Charlene Lawelawe Nina Schneider</i>	<i>Theresa Gomes Joan Perez Joselito Suga</i>	<i>Lavone Ikeda Wendell Pinero</i>	<i>Keolanui Kaina Carol Samski</i>	

Simply The Best!

Honolulu Magazine's "Best of Honolulu 2010" edition hit the newsstands in March. Our very own Information Technology staff was extremely honored to find that TheBus HEA was picked as the Best Technological Advance.

Congratulations to our designer Chad Muranaka for this innovation, to the entire IT staff for their network/technical support and to the Service Development team for their data support.



Photo above: Bottom Row (left to right): Viviana Zheng, Karen Tam, Agnes Loi, Bob White, Chad Muranaka. Top Row (left to right): Jeff Tupa, Clayton Smith, Guy Moriwaki, Peterly Ridore, Steven Nakanishi. Missing from picture: Nick Awana.



Photo left: Best of Honolulu Magazine 2010, Best Technological Advance Award.

2010 OTS Family and Friends Shorecasting Fishing Tournament

Cory Tom Planning & Technology Analyst, Planning & Service Development Department

Sunday, February 14, 2010, marked the official weigh-in for the first annual OTS Family and Friends Shorecasting Fishing Tournament. The event, which doubled as a family picnic was held at Ala Moana Beach Park. OTS Fishing Committee members arrived early to set up on the grassy lawn right next to the Ewa Concession stand. By 11:00 a.m., everything was starting to come together. Prizes which included special gifts donated by Gerald Wan, Jed Wakui and Junior Godoy were on showcase. A sample of the awesome entertainment to come could be heard as Jeff Teves and Albert Kaai warmed up their instruments and voices. The aroma of beef stew, smoked pig and teriyaki meat being prepared by Iron Chef's Craige Naipo and Jerry Teves filled the air. All that was left was to wait and see what our 57 fishermen and fisherwomen had caught during the three-day tournament.



Photo Left:
Cory DeGuzman
with the tournament
winning 16.1
pound ulua and
with father
Randall DeGuzman
(Paratransit Operator).

At 11:15 a.m., the event officially began with Weighmaster Kalani Lum weighing in an oio (bonefish) brought in by Wendell Ching. Soon afterwards, a nice sized awa awa (ladyfish) was weighed in by Manuel Perry followed by Wade Andrade's tasty kala (unicorn fish). Let's not forget about our Tag and Release Category. Clay Tam and Neal Kanemoto from the DAR Ulua Tagging Project were on hand to collect entries and hand out prizes donated by the project. Garey Lester, a tag and release regular, recorded the most entries with 3 omilu (bluefin trevally). Teen Chayse Andrade also added an omilu he chose to tag and release instead of keeping it. All these catches placed in their respective divisions and yielded prizes that included Nitro/Daiwa Poles, a Penn Reel, and a traditional fishing Gata Gata fabricated by Jed Wakui.

Then there was Titan Nahinu in the Menehune division. His mom, Dacha, took him fishing at the pier where he was able to catch his very first fish. Well it was actually a Samoan crab, but it was unique since it was caught on a rod and reel. The

look on his face said it all as this proud fisherman showed off his catch to everyone. Most of all, it landed him 1st place in the Menehune Division and a Daiwa rod/reel combo and Southbend Tackle Kit. Needless to say, now he's "hooked."

The catch of the tournament went to Teen Cory DeGuzman. Everyone oohed and aahed as he pulled his fish out from the cooler and onto the scale. It was an ulua (giant white trevally) which weighed in just over 16 lbs. The cool thing was that this was his very first ulua, a notable accomplishment for every fisherman here in Hawaii. The awesome thing is that his very first ulua ended up paying off in a very "Big Way." This lucky guy also scored the grand prize for the biggest fish, a 6'6" short board shaped and donated by Filemon "Junior" Godoy. It worked out great since he is an avid surfer and his dad Randall was especially appreciative by the gesture.

Following the awards ceremony was the door prize giveaway. With the generous donations from all of our sponsors, we were able to raffle off tons of prizes. One lucky fisherwoman, Joylynn Cabuena, won a pearl pendant which was donated by Gerald Wan. It was a perfect gift for that Valentine's Day. Additionally, each keiki entered in the Menehune division were given a "fishing goodie bag" which consisted of a net, line, hooks and floaters. By the end of the raffle, almost everyone who showed up walked away with a prize.



Overall, the tournament was success as everyone pulled together to make it happen. Good Weather, Good Food, and Good Company all made for a Good Time.

Special Thanks to the following OTS Employees for their donation of time and gifts:

*Albert Kaai
Steve Ohelo (and wife Pinky Ohelo)
Craig Naipo
Dean Kobayashi
Dacha Nahinu
Filemon "Junior" Godoy
Gerald Wan
Gene Teves
Jeff Teves and his band Manoa Madness
Jed Wakui
Jon Nouchi
Ross Narikiyo
Ray Feguis (and wife Wanette Feguis)*

Special Thanks to the following individuals/organizations for their donation of time and gifts:

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Clay Tam and Neil Kanemoto of the DAR Ulua Tagging Project
Hanapaa Fishing
Hawaii Teamsters Local 996
Kirk Caldwell, Honolulu Managing Director
L & R Farms
Larry's Auto Parts
Lynne Nakamoto
Mark White Lures
OTS Employees Federal Credit Union
Pacific Ocean Producers
Uncle's Fish Market and Grill*

Mahalo from the OTS Fishing Tournament Committee Members,

*Jerry Teves
Bruce Sagawinit
Donovan Wong
Ian Thompson
Keith "Kalani" Lum
Cory Tom
Linda Mitsunaga*



Photo right: (left to right): Richard Takeuchi, Ryan Yoshida, Lincoln Alvarez, Derwin Yamaguchi, Maureen "Marsha Brady" McCormick, Paul Fernandez, Bobby Salvatierra, Roger Morton.

2010 Rodeo Winners Honored



Photo above: Bottom Row (left to right): Paul Fernandez, Derwin Yamaguchi, Lincoln Alvarez (1st, 2nd & 3rd place Operator Rodeo), Ryan Yoshida, Richard Takeuchi, Bobby Salvatierra, (1st place Maintenance Rodeo); Middle Row (left to right): Jerome Preese, Ralph Faufata, Randy Inaba, Roger Morton, Gary Okino, James Burke, Robert Yu, Herb Barboza, Glenn Moir. Top Row (left to right): Ikaika Anderson, Donovan Dela Cruz, Charles Djou, Todd Apo, Ann Kobayashi, Nestor Garcia, Rod Tam, Dan Ahuna.



Photo above: (left to right): Bobby Salvatierra, Richard Takeuchi, Roger Morton, Ryan Yoshida, Derwin Yamaguchi, Mayor Mufi Hannemann, Lincoln Alvarez, Paul Fernandez, Wayne Yoshioka.



Pacific Century Fellows Program

Jon Nouchi

Director of Planning & Service Development

I am a recent graduate of the Pacific Century Fellows Program.

Reviewing the year I spent in the program, I can honestly say that it was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

According to program founder Mayor Mufi Hannemann, the Pacific Century Fellows Program is intended to “develop leaders with a greater awareness and sensitivity to the people and institutions of Hawaii.” Some of my colleagues in the fellows program were indeed the best and brightest in their professions (including law, finance, government, military, education and private industry) but moreover they were a great bunch of people dedicated to leading Hawaii into prosperous and successful times. I am humbled to be a peer of these fellows and friends.



During the course of our year as Pacific Century Fellows, we chose to study topics including criminal justice, education, Native Hawaiian affairs, the military, the environment, globalization, emergency preparedness, and, of course, transportation. Each of these themed days offered us an in-depth look at highly specific issues and, more importantly, successes and innovations in Hawaii’s society. The fellows program offered some unique and rare experiences including a morning hike to Mount Kaala, a sail on the Polynesian Voyaging Society’s storied Hokulea, and an embark on the USS Nimitz aircraft carrier where we were “trapped” as we landed and catapulted off the edge for our departure.



In addition to the experiences shared amongst the fellows and our gracious hosts for the themed days, we were given the opportunity to network and interact with “leaders of leaders” -- that is, people who have achieved much in their industries and had much to offer us in terms of learning about what being a leader is all about.

After a year spent walking miles in the shoes of others as we learned about Hawaii’s other careers and industries (and also being given the opportunity to teach the fellows a little bit about TheBus with Roger Morton’s leadership and Robbie Tingcang’s excellent driving skills), I look forward to bringing lessons learned about Hawaii and local-style leadership home to Oahu Transit Services. This program was nothing short of enlightening, and I hope to reinvest some of the knowledge gained as a Pacific Century Fellow to make Honolulu and Hawaii a better place.



Maintenance's New Radio Shop

Guillermo S. Colon
Maintenance Support Systems Manager

On April 15, 2010, the Maintenance Department opened a new Radio Shop. The Radio Shop's mission is to service all OTS vehicles located at all of our operating divisions. With the opening of this shop, The Bus will save money used to maintain the vehicle communication systems. Our Radio Shop will be about more than saving money. It will allow us in maintenance to provide better service and performance to our main customers, the bus operators, by providing a communications system that will work when needed.

Our shop is located in the Unit Repair Facility at Kalihi. The shop has expert radio technicians Kimo Chun and Eric Kemper, who will come under the supervision of Radio Shop foreperson Terrence Teruya, who will report to the Maintenance Support Systems Manager Guillermo S. Colon. We will be responsible for repair, preventive maintenance of the radio, mobile vehicle surveillance system, and other systems that are located on company vehicles. These vehicles are comprised of buses, Paratransit vans, maintenance trucks, road supervisor vehicles, shuttle cars and management vehicles. We will also be working with the City and County on our tower site maintenance.

During the last five years, the communication system has been

maintained by Continental LLC. However, OTS has decided to start maintaining the onboard vehicle systems in-house.

The Radio Shop will be in operation during the night shift from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., and from Sunday through Thursday when all of the buses are back at car house. This will allow us the time to address the communications issues that come up during that day and resolve them before the start of the next bus pull out. This timeframe will also allow time to implement a preventive maintenance strategy to reduce the unscheduled maintenance work.

The goals and objectives for the Radio Shop are:

1. Implement a preventive maintenance schedule for all the vehicles.
2. To reduce trouble call issues.
3. To work with our ITS team to help resolve communications issues.
4. To work with Trapeze ITS to resolve ongoing communications issues.
5. To work with the City and County's communications group.



Photo above (left to right): Guil Colon, Kimo Chun, Eric Kemper, Terrence Teruya.

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Calendar of Events

April

- 11 - **Deadline to submit "Division Transfer" memos to Dispatch**
- 26 - **Regular Run Sign-Up:
Start Time: 2:00 p.m. at
both divisions**
- 27 - **Regular Run Sign-Up:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at the
Pearl City Division
Start Time: 2:00 p.m. at the
Kalihi Division**
- 28 - 30 - **Regular Run Sign-Up:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at
both divisions**

May

- 3 - 5 - **Regular Run Sign-Up:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at
both divisions**
- 6 - **Regular Run Sign-Up:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at the
Kalihi Division**
- 11 - **Relief Run Completion:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at
both divisions**
- 12 - **Relief Run Completion:
Start Time: 9:00 a.m. at the
Kalihi Division**
- 30 - **Effective Start Date for the May
Sign-Up**
- 31 - **Memorial Day Holiday - Sunday
Schedule (AZOn)**

June

- 11 - **Kamehameha Day Holiday -
State Holiday Schedule**

July

- 5 - **Independence Day Holiday -
Sunday Schedule**