

## **282 MONTHLY CHRONICLES**

**January 2026**

### **Arbitrations:**

**These are the upcoming arbitrations, and results of recent arbitrations that have been voted on my membership**

#### **Chris Rivers (RTS) OT/Spread pay GR# 64-24**



Scheduled for 6/8/2025. Arbitrated has ruled in Union's favor. Ruled on 9/23/2025. As of January 2026. Chris Rivers has still not been paid. The company has also not made members moving forward from ruling whole in this matter. Union has reached out to arbitrator to extend his involvement with case. Union asking to arbitrator to push company to make this top priority and make all whole. Company has stated this will be a \$60,000 Dollar fix to system. Saying they may get this resolved by June. The Union finds this unacceptable!!

### **Pension Plan:**

#### **RTS:**

Lorrain Pickney retired

#### **LL:**

Nothing to report



### **Membership Organizing:**

We encourage all non-members to join and to participate. Your voice matters at 282, we want to know what's on your mind. Call 585-232-7230 for more information or stop by 22 Fourth Street Rochester, NY 14609 to join

**NON-MEMBERS**



### **Joint Safety Committee**

**January 8, 2026**

Discussion still on the Table

### **MDT Messaging and Emergency Button**

Union has requested new hot buttons to be placed in the touch screen portion of the radio. Drivers have noted that some time the PRTT and RTT buttons don't work leaving drivers without the ability to contact radio. Company is agreeable to making a fix

Company still working out a plan to have emergency buttons in country property buses. At this time no system can be implemented in existing buses but looking to putting them in new orders. The plan for existing buses will be to put an emergency button on the tablet.



### **Seatbelts**

The company has stated that there is a huge problem with drivers not wearing seatbelts.

This is the law, please wear your seatbelt when driving the bus. They state they will be serving progressive discipline for noncompliance of the law.

Please wear your seat belts and we want everyone to go home safe to the families every night.

### **Bus Headlights**

There have been some concerns of not being able to see at night on certain buses. The union asked members to put safety hazards to pinpoint the buses in question. Because of these safety complaints, certain buses will not be placed on certain blocks. Also, during bus inspection. The headlights will not only be tested if they are functional but the distance that they produce light. If failing to produce light to a certain distance they will be readjusted

### **School Passes**

The Union has raised concerns about school passes and being used on line service. The Union believes that passes should work like other RTS passes. The only thing the driver needs to know if the pass is valid or not. Company agrees this is the best method to reduce conflict between student and drivers. Company has reached out to school district to program passes based on block and if student is valid to ride. The Union and company are looking for the district to have this ready by next school year.



## **Contract Negotiations**

### **RTS Seneca:**

Met with company on 1/16/2026. Came to a tentative agreement.

Met with the members of Seneca on 1/16/2026. We had discussion on the agreement and then it was unanimously voted to approve. Waiting for the commissioner to approve the agreement.

### **RTS Ontario:**

Met with the contract committee on 1/16/2026

### **RTS Monroe:**

Nothing to report. Contract expires in December 2026.

Books available at Union Hall

On website [HERE](#)

### **RTS Access:**

Waiting for the Company to print contract books.

**Cope:ATU supports Labor and Union positive candidates.  
Please have your local politicians  
reach out to us if they support our  
interest, we will support them.**





## **RTS OPS:**

**Discussions on Grievances:** Who and when will they be answered. Some level 2 answers are coming in. The Union is asking that they be top priority or that they outside contract the process out.

**PODS:** Company states that they are still in the process of getting someone to update this issue.

**Walmart:** Having issues with the owners at Walmart about where to have buses. The Union is asking that we don't enter these places. The parking lot is unsafe to drive through, putting drivers at unneeded risk

## **RTS AD-HOC**

**Board Rules:** The Union and company are working on cleaning up the Board rules. With recent contract changes, new and old agreements being amended and the board rules need to be refreshed.

**Relief Picking:** The Union and the company are looking to update the pick process, where relief work is picked at the end of the pick. This will lead to more choices for senior drivers to pick relief work. Also, this will mean there will be more work to pick from at the end of pick instead of during the pick.

**Day/ Night Board:** The Union and the company have contacted other properties and union that have day night boards. Looking to put a new board together and bring it to the membership. If members are agreeable to the terms that are worked on. The board will be implemented for 1 or 2 picks. If members and company like the new board, it will possibly be kept and put in next contract.

**NEXT REGULAR**

**MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 19<sup>TH</sup> & 21<sup>ST</sup>**