

# **282 MONTHLY CHRONICLES**

**APRIL 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 April 2026. Chris Rivers has still not been paid. Company has stated this will be a \$60,000 Dollar fix to system.

The company states as of April they have fix for the system. They are currently testing the fix to see if it works. Possibly putting system into effect Saying they may get this resolved by June.

### **Grievance #66-24 Stackhouse overtime**

Arbitration is being scheduled. Company offered an agreement. This agreement was not in the Union's favor, we believe it would hurt the membership. Union still trying to settle grievance before arbitration.

### **Donald Giles Termination**

Arbitration needs to be rescheduled; the company had a conflict and had to cancel the arbitration scheduled in April.



## **Pension Plan:**

### **RTS:**

March \$76,364,236 = Loss of \$5,089,404

Pension meeting 4/3/2026

### **LL:**

March report \$6,875,109 = Loss of \$378,403

Pension meeting 4/3/2026

## **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**

Discussion still on the Table

**April 9, 2026**

Ken Hebert talked about safety topics of the quarter. The need for operators to perform their post check on the bus, especially when doing schoolwork. There have been many weapons found on the bus lately. Please do your post trip and put in time sheets if it puts you past your time to be done.

Ken also talked about Homeland security visiting the properties to check on the security of each property and if employees are following protocols on non-badged individuals. Please do not let anyone in restricted areas without an RTS badge.

## **Bus Headlights**

There have been some concerns about 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 they fail to produce light to a certain distance they will be readjusted. Union still waiting for an update to see how this is working.

The company has informed the union that there will be normal maintenance on head light to sand and clean foggy headlights which cause low visibility.

## **School Passes**

The Union has raised concerns about school passes and the use online service. The Union believes that passes should work like other RTS passes. The only thing the driver needs to know is if the pass is valid or not. Company agrees this is the best method to reduce conflict between students 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.

November 13th: Chris Rivers inquired why student passes lost the ability to display: Flex, 1-hour, or School when students tap on. Having that functionality would reduce



interactions and potential conflicts between bus operators and students until the new and expanded solution is implemented. He was not clear if it worked on the validator or only the farebox. Neha to investigate why. January 22nd: Chris Rivers asked whether RTS has followed up with RCSD again. Marvin meets with RCSD regularly. Neha will follow up to see if it has been brought up. A Driver reported Edison was telling students they didn't need a pass. RTS met with the principal and advised they required a badge.

April 2026 there are no updates.

### **Bus Shield**

The driver shields on the new buses are full shields. Drivers have noted that there are a lot of smudges and the shield is becoming increasingly dirty. The Union requests that the shields be cleaned every night to help avoid the build up or dirt and oil. The company agrees to modify the cleaning process to add a nightly cleaning of the shields.

## **Contract Negotiations**

### **RTS Seneca:**

Waiting on company to review contract before printing

### **RTS Ontario:**

Came to a Final tentative agreement. Need to be voted on by membership

### **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.**



RLC COPE interviews meeting on 3/30/2026

RLC Joe Marrelle event on 4/2/2026

State of the city meeting 4/15/2026

### **RTS OPS:**

#### **Discussions on Grievances:**

Grievance Answers have been coming steadily. Lots of members are getting paid what was owed to them

See where your grievance is at in the process

[Grievance](#)

#### **5-S program**

Garage in disarray. 5-S program to be reimplemmented. Dobson and Winburn to do walk through. To assess the garage and come up with action plan

Dobson has not set up a process to get the garages cleaned and in order. They will be going through all garages to make sure they are cleaned and safe.



### **Vending Machines**

Members have brought up concerns about the quality of the food provided. Union asked for more healthy choices and to have more oversight when food has gone past expiration dates and spoiled

The company has noted that the foods that are spoiling are healthier foods. The Union asks for a list of healthy food the vendor provides and poll members on what to bring in.

Coffee vending machine will be removed and replaced with a Bunn coffee system.

### **Medical Company**

There have been some concerns about the length of time to get a return to work physical. Company states they know there have been issues and that they are working them out with the provider. If you have issues with Well-Now, please contact The Union

### **Transit Center & 1372 Lines**

Union has asked when the line in the TC will be repainted. Company has put a program together to repaint line at TC and 1372 starting in April. This will become a standing resolution moving forward to keep property safe and clean.



## **RTS AD-HOC**

### **No meeting this month**

#### **Board Rules:**

The Union and company are working on cleaning up the Board rules. With recent contract changes, new and old agreements are 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 unions 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.

As of February, The Union has offered a proposal to change the board to a time slot board.

This will be picked by seniority each week. You can choose from hold-work, or the time slots the company deems necessary for the week. The 2 thirteen-hour extras will rotate in the morning slots and the afternoon slots. With every driver having the ability to get an extra all day. All other board rules apply except the automatic showups. This is a concept not the totality of what was proposed. Come to the union Hall or meeting to see full proposal



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**ROCHESTER RED WINGS**

**PICNIC @ THE RED WINGS**

**DATE:** June 13, 2026      **GAME TIME:** GATES: 5:30 PICNIC 5:45

**FOR TICKETS:** 22 FOURTH ST, ROCHESTER OR CALL 585-232-7230

**COST PER TICKETS:** ADULTS \$20; KID \$15 4-12; 3 AND UNDER FREE

**NEXT  
REGULAR  
MEETING  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> &  
23<sup>RD</sup>**



## **Non-Members Non-Voters**

### **Ontario**

- T154 Debra Vaughn.
- T103 Tamara Clover-Love
- T198 John Adams.
- T210 Samuel Burgos.
- T214 Troy Notebaert.
- T220 John Onorato.
- T238 Zachary Notebaert.
- T257 David Snaith.
- T258 Casey Baker.
- T263 Duanne White.
- T267 Charles Hurd.
- T268 John Johnsen.
- T136 Tamar Breedlove
- T272 Kimberly Gardner.
- T275 William Meyers

### **STS**

- N174 Theodore Popadopoulos.
- N184 Richard Scott.

### **Access**

- S774 Kevin Plummer.
- S780 Richard McGuire

### **RTS**

- 3726 Esther Duncan RTS/FT.
- 3741 Antonio Gonzalez RTS/PT.
- 4068 John McNamara SVO/PT.

- 3977 Harold Orr SVO.
- 3978 Larry Richardson SVO.
- 3973 Elizabeth Bermeo SVO.
- 4178 Cheyenne Brown- Wallace SB.
- 3266 Brittany Marks Planning.
- 3272 Daniel Kenyon Planning.
- 3469 Patricia Williams Mechanic Secretary .
- 4042 Kimberly McCoy CS.
- 3751 Janice Griffin CS.
- 3102 Hector Torres CS.
- 2875 Sonia Padilla CS.
- 3940 Lorraine DeJoy CS.
- 4136 Egypt Taylor CS.
- 4393 Nancy Fernandez CS.
- 4141 Jerome Hawthorne CS.
- 4365 Makisha Settles CS.
- 4417 Latifia Green CS.
- 4470 Lisa Griffith CS.
- 4460 Karen Kerr CS.
- 3703 Wayne Gaskin SB.
- 44783 Noorkey Aliyou RTS/FT.
- 4480 Abdirashid Aliyou RTS/FT.
- 4473 Nia Speights RTS/FT.
- 3393 Richard Boudreaux RTS/FT
- 2836 Shawn Cole RTS/FT.
- 3245 London Fitzhugh RTS/FT.
- 4006 Twasha Harriell RTS/FT.



- 4555 Kelvin Torres RTS.FT
- 4436 Ivan Hincez RTS.
- 4551 Robin Hill SVO
- 3657 Jose Flores RTS/FT.
- 4092 Ronnie Armstrong RTS/FT.