

282 MONTHLY CHRONICLES

May 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

As of May 21, 2026, The company has fixed the software in the Trapez to start pay board drivers correctly during the week. This means you should be receiving overtime over 8 hours in the day and spread for over 10.5 hours in a day. Still waiting on information for when payouts for past 2 years will come



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:

April report \$80,946,324 = Gain of \$4,582,088

Pension meeting 4/13 & 4/27

Congratulations to newly Retired:

S. Prystakjo

S. Trivigno

LL:

April report \$7,349,077 = Gain of \$473,968

Pension meeting 4/13 & 4/27

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

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SVO Wheels

Problems have been noted with wheels or loose lug nuts on OD vehicles. Neither Jay Corey nor Chris Dobson were aware of the problem. Chris Winburn suggested adding nut flags to OD vehicles. Going forward, new vehicles will use the same size flag as RTS Access vehicles. John Trott will try to get more information on the incident. Post Meeting Follow-up: Lug nut flags have been ordered. Maintenance will install a few vehicles each day



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.

May 2026 there are no updates. Union continues to press the matter. Jay will follow up with IT to see if progress is being made.

Contract Negotiations

RTS Seneca:

Waiting on company to review contract before printing

RTS Ontario:

Contract meeting 4/17

Contract review 5/6

Final Tentative agreement made 5/12/26

Contract meeting with membership 5/23/26

Contract Vote June 5 and Ontario Building 6am-6pm



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 memorial service event on 4/28

Senator Gillbrant RLCB meeting 5/1

Mayor's event 5/2

RLCB & RGALF annual meeting 5/9

RLCB COPE meeting 5/12

Roc faith leader driver roundtable meeting {{ [Round table](#)}}



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 reimplemented. 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 clean and safe.

May 13, 2026, Corey states that progress is being made, but things are moving slower than originally anticipated

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.

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Company states that new products have been placed in the fridges, vendor will update on status of product being sold. Dobson says that they will try to put a poll together on the UKG app.

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



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.

May 13, 2026

Line in the TC and 1372 still need to be completed. April was a extremely wet month. The company states that they will have completed soon.

Drivers Compartment Complaints

Company states that they are getting complaints in the service building about excessive garbage being left in driver's compartment. Please make sure to clean up after yourself.

Electric Charges

Charges 11-20 are being serviced. They are still looking for a fix for charges 1-10

Hydrogen Retrofit Project

The company is researching a possible boil off attachment. This will help reduce the pressure build up and keep the random steam blowoff from occurring

Transit Center Doors

The company has installed one new bus sensor at TC. The hope is this will better identify when a bus is parked and allow for the door to open and close more effectively. The company will continue to monitor and eventually replace all sensors



RTS AD-HOC

12pm

Still looking to negotiate on the problems with 12pm show-up jumping the seniority of the 1pm show-up

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.

Slot 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 show-ups. 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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The union and company continue to discuss these issues. We are now discussing the time slots having the assigned work the day before, but instead of the top seniority of the board getting assigned work, it would be assigned by time out and if it fits in your cycle. Still have lots of discussion on this matter.



ATU
FAMILY Picnic!

JUNE 13

GATES 5:30

PICNIC 5:45

AT INNOVATION FIELD

TICKET PRICE

\$20 ADULT

\$15 KIDS
4-12 YEARS OLD

3 AND UNDER FREE

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT
UNION HALL
22 FOURTH ST

OR CALL
585-232-7230

NEXT

MEETING

Elections

6am-6pm

Union

Hall

6am-6pm

Ontario



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
- T277 Mackenzie Mott

STS

- N174 Theodore Popadopoulos.
- N184 Richard Scott.
- N190 Kim Craig

Access

- S774 Kevin Plummer.
- S780 Richard McGuire
- S913 Joseph Ofray

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 Hinchez RTS.
- 4551 Robin Hill SVO
- 3657 Jose Flores RTS/FT.
- 4092 Ronnie Armstrong RTS/FT.