



## And so you asked

By Jon Hunt • ATU Local 757 President

The picnic was a hit. We had good attendance. However, I would like to see more next year. Please drop me a line at [president@atu757.org](mailto:president@atu757.org) and let me know how we can improve for the future. Your picnic committee will be taking a look at all of your suggestions and making the necessary changes. I can't say enough good things about all of our volunteers. Thank you to all who helped out. If you were unable to attend this year, I hope you can make it to the next one.

We have a few events lined up for our outlying properties. Please check with your officer for updates on the schedule. Now that we have the gear, we will be doing more property visits. If you have an upcoming event that you would like to see your officers at, please let us know. Snow cones, anyone?

I have been out doing property visits this month, and if you haven't seen me yet, you

will. I have a survey that I've been asking members to fill out. We want to hear from you. You've heard me say it before: I'm not the union — we all are, collectively. Please give us your input.

We are starting to update our Web site. When you get a chance, please stop by and take a look and let us know what you think.

The high cost of fuel has been a double-edged sword for the transit industry. While ridership has surged, transit agencies, which are running at capacity, are also being squeezed by the increased cost of diesel fuel. With the massive number of commuters switching from driving to transit as the price of gasoline climbs towards \$5.00 per gallon, and perhaps beyond, transit services should be expanding and ATU membership should be growing in size as a result. However the

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## Officer Reports



**Merlo Transportation**  
As reported by  
**BRUCE HANSEN**

Sorry for missing last month's article. TriMet seems to be up to its old games, implementing policies and procedures and expecting us to abide by them. They don't seem to want to address the real issues, such as the CSI policy and the hours of service policy, and they seem afraid to sign off on an agreement for accident and appeals and reviews committee.

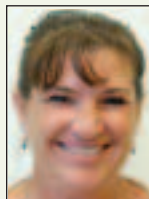
We have filed a grievance for unsafe buses on the 2100 series buses. We have requested information that they don't want to totally disclose to us.

They are also launching missions for 100 percent compliance for calling all stops. Since they have been unable to become 100 percent compliant with ASA system, now they will put the responsibility on the operator. Who does this surprise? Anybody?

If you have any issues, please contact your shop steward or your union Executive Board officer.

I would like to hear from employees who have been here for longer than 10 years why they think this job is no longer fun. Please e-mail me your story. All stories and e-mails will remain anonymous. Please email to [Bhansen\\_merlo@hotmail.com](mailto:Bhansen_merlo@hotmail.com)

Remember to always be safe and remember to drive the schedule and don't let the schedule drive you.



**Laidlaw PPS**  
As reported by  
**ANNA TOMPTE**

Hello, my brothers and sisters. I know you are having a great summer with picnics and backyard barbecues. We had a blast at the annual ATU 757 picnic, and yes,

too much sun makes for a great sunburn, and I got that too!

I want to remind you to read your contract and to look for those things you want to see changed or deleted. I need your feedback so we can prepare for negotiations that are just a year away. Please cite the page, paragraph, your name and phone number so we can coordinate and understand what we need to change. I cannot emphasize enough that this is YOUR (our) contract. A good place to start looking is Appendix A — "Classification and Wages." Hint: new wages take effect Sept. 1, 2008!

We all should have received the "Important Dates to Remember" letter from the office, so if not before then, I will see you there for bid day Aug. 25 and the first day of school — Wednesday, Sept. 3.

I look forward to seeing you for another school year. Until then the stewards and I are here to serve you — just ask!

Lastly, I want to acknowledge the following First Student drivers who volunteered their time to help clean up the Union office: Debbie Levine, Bertha Parrilla, and Kyle Newell.



**Lane Transit District**  
As reported by  
**CAROL ALLRED**

We are in the process of grieving a termination for a failed post-accident drug screen.

We were denied at Step II and are in the process of scheduling Step III. By the time you read this, Step III will have been completed. Let's hope we have gotten the member back to work and made whole in Step III and do not have to begin the arbitration process.

This grievance will be precedent setting. In the past, employees who have failed a drug screen have been given a second chance. This is the first post-accident failure we have had.

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## VP's Report

By Sam Schwarz • ATU Local 757 Vice President

The weather for the picnic at Blue Lake Park was great. I would like to thank all of the volunteers that made it possible. It isn't easy to put on a function of that size without a lot of help and dedication. Over 200 man hours went into just the purchasing of supplies and picking up the prizes and setting up the games and food. Thanks to our officers and volunteers, it went well.

At TriMet, meetings were held without informing the union of these meetings. Several of our members have concerns, and rightfully so. After all, this is not a secret organization. There is a perception that once the company makes up its mind to do something, the union's hands are tied. This is just not true. Before anything takes place, the union would

bring it to the members.

At Canby, we are still arguing over the wording in the contract, which we believe clearly states that the dispatchers are bargaining unit members. The management in Salem is trying to run Canby long distance, and it appears as though Ken does not have the ability to make a decision without an approval from higher up.

The winter signup took place at TriMet July 14.

We are trying to coordinate a paratransit meeting in August in hopes of coming up with a plan to better serve our paratransit members and identify problems that may arise in the future.

Congratulations to all the most recent retirees and the new members just coming on board.

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The four outside pages are news from and about your Union. The other pages are produced by the Northwest Labor Press, and are about the labor movement as a whole.

# August Meetings

## Charter

Charter members meet 7:30 p.m. Monday, August 18, in the Machinists Building, 3645 SE 32nd Ave., Portland. Charter day members meet 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 19, at Schoppert Hall, 1801 NE Couch, Portland.

## Salem Transit/WHEELS

Salem members meet 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 19, at the West Salem Branch Public Library 395 Glen Creek Road, Salem.

## Lane Transit

Eugene members meet 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 20, and Eugene day members meet 10 a.m. Thursday, August 21, at the Woodworkers Local Lodge, 1124 South A St., Springfield.

## Rogue Valley Transportation

Medford members meet 7:30 p.m. Thursday, August 21, at the Hampton Inn, 1122 Morrow Rd., Medford.

## C-TRAN/C-VAN

Vancouver members meet 7 p.m. Sunday, August 24, at the Laborers Hall, 2232 NE Andresen, Vancouver, WA.

## Tillamook County Transportation District

Tillamook members meet 1:00 p.m. Sunday, August 24, at the Odd Fellows Hall, next door to the Bay City Fire Hall in Bay City.

## AMR Northwest Josephine County, LAMAR Advertising and Valley Transit-

See your liaison officers.

PLEASE NOTE: ATU members are invited to attend any of the above-listed meetings.

# Hunt

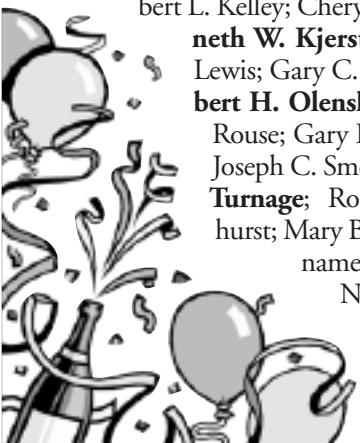
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opposite is happening. Due to the increased price of diesel fuel, layoffs and service cuts are occurring at transit systems throughout the United States. ATU members can help turn this situation around by urging U.S. senators to pass legislation that will provide fuel subsidies to transit agencies. We must act quickly. The Senate will only be in session for a limited number of days between now and the end of the year.

On July 16, the ATU launched an online advocacy campaign urging the U.S. Senate to pass legislation providing fuel subsidies to transit systems. Please participate by e-mailing your senators and asking them to support this legislation. Go to [unionvoice.org/campaign/gasprices](http://unionvoice.org/campaign/gasprices). Protect your job and strengthen your union. Fight back against high gas prices.

# Retirees' Corner

The following retirees will celebrate birthdays in August: Noreen F. Adams; Leanell O. Adams; James D. Allred; Richard L. Anselm; David C. Astin; Luther T. Avery; Lois V. Barbour; **Kenneth K. Barnes**; Donald L. Bateman; Mark R. Bevington; Loann Bonstein; Elizabeth A. Broker; Michael D. Burdette; Irvin G. Ching; Doris Y. Cushman; Melvin J. Freauff; Neil K. Gibson; Patsy A. Griffin; William B. Hill; Paul T. Hoglund; Robert I. Hoover; William C. Houg; William J. Hunt; Joree Jackson; Herbert L. Kelley; Cheryl I. Kelly; Dennis P. Kester; Thalia A. Kindel; **Kenneth W. Kjersten**; Jesse C. Kraut; John W. Larson; Thomas B. Lewis; Gary C. Marino; Robert L. Meadows; Julie A. Miller; **Delbert H. Olenslager**; Jody P. Olmstead; Kenneth J. Olsen; Albert Rouse; Gary L. Ruff; Douglas S. Serniotti; Fredric B. Simmons; Joseph C. Smolen; Jack T. Stewart; Edgar J. Trout Jr.; **Richard E. Turnage**; Rollyn M. Turner; Victoria J. Vicari; Patricia Whitehurst; Mary B. Williams; David C. Yule; Lonnie J. Zimmers. The names of the 50-year members are in bold type.



Next month's regularly scheduled ATU 757 Retired Member Chapter meeting is Wednesday, August 6, 2008, at 9:30 a.m. at Westmoreland's Union Manor, 6404 SE 23rd Ave. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at 9 a.m.

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Since the accident has not even been ruled preventable, we feel this operator should have been given a second chance like every other operator in the past.

I would like to thank Brian Pasquali, your Extra Board liaison, for all of his tireless help and assistance with this grievance. He has spent hours of his own time researching, making phone calls, and writing the grievance, and has just been the biggest help to me.

Brian is also working on some other issues that are ongoing. When you see Brian, please thank him. He has shown his dedication to you by jumping right in and helping. Brian really believes in the union cause and all of you.

Most of you know that if you are late to work on the day before, the day of, or day after a holiday, you lose your holiday pay. If you are ill and bring a doctor's note, you do not lose your pay. But, no note, no pay.

On July 4, an operator was late because they reported to the incorrect station for a relief. They were at work, just in the wrong place. We think it is time to grieve this issue.

Many people in the past have lost holiday pay due to a late around a holiday. One person got stuck on their way to work when there was an accident on the freeway; another had a flat tire; and I could go on and on. To deny someone holiday pay when they were actually at work seems to be extremely unjust.

Things beyond our control happen on our way to work. Even if you leave home with plenty of extra time, you can't control accidents, flat tires, and other things that happen on the highway of life.

We think it is time for the District to quit trying to balance their budget on the backs of union members. Oh yes, they are still trying to do that three years after the strike. We sent a loud and clear message to them then. It looks like they have forgotten the message.



**TriMet Light Rail Transportation**  
As reported by  
MICHAEL T. OLIVER

The sign-ups are not over yet. Keep checking the bulletin boards; we have two or three scheduled for August. You are responsible for knowing when they happen, and you are also responsible to be there or be square. Update any new address and phone number with your S/A, if they don't have a current number, you don't get OT.

We shall be getting nine new LROs this month. They will do re-cert then line training and then they are ours. Oh, what a relief it is. And then reality sets in: Four or five LROs go to Controller Training and we are not ahead and not even even-Stephen.

Burn-in of the Type 4 are upon us, and the Extra Board at Ruby will have the responsibility, but we must all qualify in order to operate them. They are not compatible with what we have now, so I'm betting they will stay at Ruby and concentrate on the Green line.

More complaints are coming in on the position of the camera/mirrors now being installed in the Type 1, 2, and 3 cabs. We need them down

low and on the console. Where they are positioned now it makes for neck cramps and sore heads. Help.

Congrats to the new assistant manager at Elmo, James Brown. It wasn't that long ago that he was my line trainer, and he won't forget where he came from. Stop in to say hi and welcome. Welcome also to our new liaison officer at Elmo, C.J. Henderson. He has been the shop steward for the last two years and should do an admirable job replacing Jason. Reach C.J. at 503-649-5834. Reach me via e-mail at mtgbo2002.msn.com.



**TriMet Powell Maintenance**  
As reported by  
DAVID KAY

The ATU picnic appeared to be a success. Most of the feedback I am hearing is positive. Please let your officer know what your thoughts are.

We have had several issues pop up since I last wrote. A contracting out issue came out of facilities and was settled with our members being paid at pre-grievance. A disciplinary action was reduced to a verbal warning, and work continues on a holiday/vacation bid issue that occurred over the 4th.

It was relayed to me by Mike Grove that the facility security upgrade that was scheduled for this month is now on hold, for most likely about a year.

Well, we finally managed to do it! Powell maintenance crews managed to set a record for the highest mileage between road calls that the District, and for that matter quite possibly the nation, has seen. We were just short of 34,000 miles. This involved great effort by all of our brothers and sisters in every function here at Powell, and is truly something of which to be very proud. A good friend had a sticker on his toolbox years ago that speaks to this: "We are professionals and this is the big time"

Great job all!

**MV Transportation**  
As reported by  
DENNIS TONG

On July 2, after six straight hours of negotiating between representatives of the ATU and MV Transportation, four memoranda of understanding were agreed to and included in our collective bargaining agreement. Each of the MOA address issues that have sought resolution through the grievance process or were the subject of complaints filed with the Bureau of Labor and Industry. To summarize:

1. Operator retraining will be paid at their regular rate of pay.
2. New policy based on operator seniority provides for make up of lost time due to route reduction by scheduling.
3. New policy provides strict guidelines for the company's use of operator monitoring technology.
4. New policy regarding operator meal and

rest periods is a realistic response to the unpredictability of paratransit scheduling.

Operators are responsible for updating central dispatch about their progress on the route manifest and exercising their best judgment about when and where to take safety/rest breaks. Operators who filed grievances or called BOLI to seek remedies to these issues should be commended. I extend special appreciation to Local 757 Vice President Sam Schwarz for providing sage counsel to our members and me while working to find the right solution to our workplace problems.

Thanks to the persistence of our Operator-Management Safety Committee, chaired by Jan Petersen, maintenance is finally responding in a more timely manner to those equipment defect reports. When writing up equipment defects that affect the safe operation of the vehicle, please place a copy of the report in Amber's and Jan's mail box.

At last month's safety meetings, operator Sally Mounts was recognized, monetarily rewarded by the company, and received a letter of commendation for the lifesaving actions she took while on route: Using the bus fire extinguisher, she doused the fire that was consuming a man who was running from his home in Southeast Portland.

Tighter schedules often lead to fatigue and inattention. Get the rest you need, take the breaks to refresh, and keep the priorities straight: Safety, Service, Schedule.

Enjoy your collectively bargained paid vacations this summer!



**Portland Public Schools**  
As reported by  
RANDY SHAW

Without any volunteers, I raised almost \$200 at the school bus drivers' fundraiser yard sale, held July 12 and 13. I had to close down for a while on the 13th to help with the ATU picnic, but made a few dollars when I got back. I would like to thank everyone at the school district who donated items to sell.

A special thank you to my fellow ATU officer at Tri-Met Light Rail, Michael Oliver, who took the time to read my article and donate. I would like to thank my Pepper stand-in at the picnic this year as well. My doctor would not let me hang out with Pepper, as he said he is not good for my health right now. I had surgery on the 16th. As soon as I feel better, I will try to make it up to Pepper. For a mascot, his feelings get hurt easily. He thinks just because he is a possum people do not like him.

The District listened to the drivers and will be moving up August in-service and bid to give us more time before school starts. So watch your mail for a follow up memo from the District. The District and I talked about their schedule change, and I agreed to go back to the way we have always done it. If this affects you for bid day, send me a proxy.

I am getting excited about the startup of a new school year. I don't know if it is just me, but I would like to take off work a couple more months.

I have talked to the new Driver Fund Committee, and they are going to head up Pepper's school supplies for kids program. If each driver would buy supplies for one student and bring

them to August in-service, Pepper will deliver them, along with the supplies he buys. We can help that many more kids with a good startup.

I have been working on a new program for a number of years, and management is going to try it. With the disbandment of our athletic program, we are starting job sharing. It will be a part-time position. We will start with one route and see how it goes.

I want to try something else new for 2008-2009 school year. Since John Appleton, our driver supervisor, is so determined to make this a fun place to work, let's help him this year instead of fighting with each other and management. Who knows, it may be fun. Join the Drivers' Committee and work with John and the other drivers instead of against us.

Remember, I am here to help if you need me, so don't hesitate to call.



**TriMet Powell**  
As reported by  
ROSE JORDAN-FAIRLEY

I truly apologize for not submitting an article for last month's *ATU Local 757 Bulletin*. We've experienced some good days of summer, wouldn't you agree?

Things are going rather well at Powell Garage. We've had two terminations, and we're moving forward to decrease these types of actions. I'll continue to push each of you to check your time loss.

I was given the opportunity to attend several conventions to gain knowledge and become stronger in helping members to fight discipline issues. I would like to report to each of you that I'm excited to share my experience.

The theme was "Sharing the knowledge and sharing the victory" which says a lot in and of itself. I'm going to be contacting each officer at the properties to join me in getting information out regarding a forum for a caucus. I look forward to getting this event kicked off, so keep your ears and eyes open looking for a continued good summer.

I will be on vacation August 1-9. Direct all calls to the union office.

**TriMet Center Transportation**  
As reported by  
SANDY GUENGERICH

Hi, everyone. I hope you all keep an eye on sign-up. We have sure had a lot. If you have any questions, please let me know.

I had the great pleasure of going to the ATU International Women's Caucus in Savannah Georgia. This was the 22nd Women's Caucus. I was very inspired and strengthened by how many women believe in what the union stands for and by the power of the idea that people can make a difference in their jobs. I also got to meet with Jackie L. Jeter, chairperson of the women's caucus, who talked about getting more women involved in the International election process.

And one last thing I want to remind you of is to vote, vote, vote this year. We need change.

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Thank you to all our picnic volunteers! Your dedication and hard work made the 2008 ATU picnic at Blue Lake Park a huge success.



## Secy-Treas Report

By Evette Farra • Financial Secretary-Treasurer

This is the season for picnics, kicking off the season with the Retirees' picnic on July 9. I had a great time listening to their stories of the past and their leisurely plans for the future. The ATU 757 annual picnic on the 13th was a hit. If you've done any kind of entertaining at home, you know how much time and planning it takes to make it a success. Ramp up the scale to about 3,000 attendees to feed and entertain, and ... well, you have a colossal undertaking. Jeff Hunt headed up the picnic committee and they all did a good job. It took a lot of volunteers to make this event happen; from setting up and running the different areas, to tearing down and packing everything up in the late-day heat. Thank you to all of you who helped out.

It is simply not possible to put on this picnic without union members there, volunteering their time and energy. Members who enjoy attending these annual events but have never volunteered, please consider helping out next year. It is a fantastic way to meet members from the other properties.

I was in charge of the softball and, initially, wasn't even sure we would have enough interest to have even one game, let alone three! Our games were four innings each and were very popular with the members who either played or watched. I would love to incorporate softball into all the annual picnics and have a tournament with a trophy. The

winning team would keep it (along with bragging rights) for a year. Thanks to all who played and for your patience. We had a great time.

There are five more weekend picnics scheduled in the next five weeks, and I am looking forward to all of them. It will be my first opportunity to meet some of our newest members in Bend and Walla Walla, as well as some, like Medford, who have been members for quite a while.

I have been getting calls from some of TriMet's TEI members concerning the new waiver that they are required to sign. I am looking into waivers from the employee fitness industry as a whole to see how they compare. If members are interested in getting a group rate at an outside facility like 24 Hour Fitness or Ballys, I would REALLY like to hear from you. I know that our members at C-Tran have gotten a group rate.

I am hoping that everyone is taking an opportunity to sit and talk with the representatives from Allstate. They are scheduled to be at every ATU 757 property over the next several weeks. Allstate is offering a short-term disability coverage package that could benefit most of you, and right now is a great time to get in and take advantage of their offered incentives. I wish I had had this coverage when I got hurt a few years ago. Remember: No one plans to get hurt, but you can have a plan if you do get hurt or fall ill.

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**TriMet Merlo Maintenance**  
As reported by  
JEFF HUNT

The picnic was a big hit this year, with the smallest number of complaints I have ever seen. We had a big job to accomplish, as this year we did all the cooking ourselves, plus games, snow cones, and cotton candy. It was only possible due to the volunteers. If not for them going above and beyond the call of duty and pushing themselves through the heat of the day and over the hot grill it would have been a different picnic. Once again I would like to thank all the volunteers for doing such a great job. It really meant a lot to me to be able to work with great people like you.

I would love to hear your feedback on this year's picnic, good or bad, so we can make changes if necessary.



**TriMet Center Maintenance**  
As reported by  
CHAD MATHER

The fare inspectors were told at a meeting there would be no more of them hired in the future. Management says supervisors can do the inspecting. They keep talking about offering the inspectors a chance to be merged into the ranks of the supervisors. I don't know how this could be accomplished, and right now we have a contract that the fare inspectors are part of, so in my opinion, they're not going anywhere. Management is doing a lot of talking on this subject, but as of yet they have presented no plan. They keep talking about hiring as many as 34 new supervisors, and yet as of today they will not pro-

mote the people who been trained as supervisors but are currently working as operators.

In Step 3 hearings in July, we got a last-chance notice reduced to a letter of reprimand. On the issue of training new road supervisors, the hearing resulted in a split, so we will attempt to move that to arbitration.

We have filed a grievance on behalf of station agents who have been denied compensation for using their private autos to travel between garages for signs and other business.

We have also filed a grievance on behalf of customer service personnel. We feel they should be offered overtime for the Grand Floral and Starlight parades. If the District is asking for volunteer customer service people for these events, they should exhaust the ranks of bargaining unit folks who would do it on overtime first.

We have all joked from time to time when we're talking about one of our managers on a recorded line that we should watch what we say. Well, believe it or not, one of our own is facing discipline for calling a friend in Dispatch and complaining about a co-worker. So all of you be careful about what you say on a recorded line. Big Brother is watching you.



**TriMet Salaried Employees**  
As reported by  
JIM FOWLER

The picnic was a great success. I have heard a lot of positive comments. I personally want to thank the people who worked in my area: David Lingle, Eric Himphill, Greg and Linda Durham. You all were key to getting people fed.

The senior mechanic/assistant supervisor grievances were supposed to be heard on July 16. TriMet conveniently did not send the correct people to make the settlement. The mediator has directed TriMet to have the correct people present and to schedule it as soon as possible. Call me if you want or need specifics.