



## **Martz Bus Holds 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bus Roadeo**

On Tuesday June 27 Martz Bus held its first Bus Roadeo in the parking lot of the Mohegan Sun Arena in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Preliminary Roadeos were held over the past two months at the Martz Bus locations in Pennsylvania, Maryland and Florida with the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place winners at those events being invited to the Championship round.

The Finals started off with a 10-question written test. The drivers then walked the 5-event course which included: left hand turn; left hand reverse; serpentine, off-set street and diminishing clearance. Each driver then picked a number out of the hat to determine the order of competition.

Drivers were given the opportunity to adjust their mirrors prior to being judged on their pre-trip inspection. Once they completed their pre-trip the drivers took to the course where they were judged on successfully completing each event without being penalized for knocking over the cones which all had tennis balls atop to alleviate interpretation.

Time for the course portion was kept as a secondary criterion in the event of a tie. Prizes for the winners – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Trophy and \$300 gift card; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Trophy and \$200 gift card; 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Trophy and \$100 gift card and 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> place Plaques and \$25 gift card.

Tony Hess from Pennsylvania took home 1<sup>st</sup> Place with a score of 420 (out of 500) and a time 6:52 while Robert Rittenhouse of Pennsylvania finished tied with Tony at 420 points but finished with a time of 7:15. Greg Drozdowski from the Martz Florida facility finished 3<sup>rd</sup> while the other contestants included Earmon Smith (4<sup>th</sup>) Maryland; Mark Patsos (5<sup>th</sup>) Florida and Steven Smith (6<sup>th</sup>) Maryland.

“This event focused on our drivers competing in a controlled environment demonstrating their skills at safely maneuvering a Motor Coach Bus. Safety is the very essence of our company’s existence,” said Sal Caccavale Corporate Director of Safety and Training for Martz Bus. “This was a chance for all our competitors from the regional events to the finals to show how well they can safely operate their motor coach. We (Martz) are really pleased with this being our first event.”