

Shop Chairman's Report

May 2009

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SUB COUNCILS

Greg, the Shop Committee, and I were at Sub Councils in Cleveland, Ohio. Our own Local President was elected to the position of Recording / Financial Secretary on Sub Council 4. We brought back copies of local union reports that will be attached to the locations of plants where we are going to have Paragraph 96 moves. On these reports you'll find phone numbers to the local union hall and the products that they make, work schedules, and layoff information. We also inquired about the status of the NEPC website, they said it probably won't come on line until after the July shutdown period. Gary Bernath went over the Chrysler Agreement, which we were told our agreement will mirror on the economic portions. The economic portion changes include no overtime until after 40 hours, a 4-10 hour work schedule, suspension of the jobs bank, performance bonuses, cost-of-living, and TAP for the rest of the agreement. There is no cut in pay or benefits. Sub pay will pay out as follows:

100% sub pay for 52 weeks, 50% for second 52 weeks, with 20 or more years seniority.
100% sub pay for 39 weeks, 50% for second 39 weeks, with 10 years but less than 20 years seniority.

100% sub pay for 26 weeks, 50% for second 26 weeks, for less than 10 years seniority.

The Chairman at Flint MFD told me that they need production people on July 20th. He is anticipating that they will need more people than the 68 that are slated to go. So, if you really want to get to Flint, file for an Appendix A move through NEPC. At this time the moves to Springhill and Mansfield are being held up by the International Union. It was also reported out that there could be another SAP.

LOCAL UNION ELECTIONS

Our local elections are going to be held from 5 am May 27, 2009 to 5 am May 28, 2009. When voting please consider who is running and their reason for running. You will have people running that just want a position for the super seniority who have no idea or interest in doing the job. I am asking that you support candidates that know how to do the job and want to represent you, the membership, to the best of their ability.

PRODUCTION

Because of the additional down time built into the schedules, production at our location will be done by the end of May. After this we will start dismantling the 60/40 and 600 doors and PP-3.

In solidarity,
Steve Rop,
Shop Chairman