



# AutoKnow

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## Current GRMP Activities

- Thanks to everyone involved in preparing the factory floor for the next phase of plant closure. Great job – everyone's help is really appreciated.
- Work continues on PP-3 press removal.
- Although we stopped building production parts on 5/29/09, we have continued to ship parts. That activity is also winding down and the last productive parts will be shipped out next week.
- The remaining occupants of the center office complex have vacated and moved to offices in the front of the plant. The intent is to close the center office complex (blockhouse) for energy conservation purposes.

## Upcoming Events at the Grand Rapids Transition Center

### Resume & Interview Skills Workshop

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Plant  
Room 2/2A

When: June 25  
Noon to 2:00 p.m.

Who: All GRMP Employees

Sign up for the above session at the joint Transitional Self-Help Center.

### Future Classes to Be Scheduled

More classes for resume writing and interview skills, as well as No Worker Left Behind orientations will be scheduled after the July shutdown. Please note the Transition Center will NOT be open during the July shutdown, June 29 – July 10, 2009.

Visit the Transition Center website: [www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com](http://www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com) for current information, and be sure to check out the Tribute section for some interesting historical information about the plant. There is also a link to the AutoKnow on the Transition Center Website.

### New Shop Committee

Congratulations to the new UAW Local 730 Shop Committee. The following officers were sworn in on June 16, 2009:

**Marty Green** – Shop Chairman

**John Wiedmayer** – 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Dist. 1 Committeeman

**Russ Bolthouse** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Dist. 6 Committeeman

**Greg Michalski** – 1<sup>st</sup> Shift Dist. 1 Alternate Committeeman

**Curt Jenison** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift District 6 Alternate Committeeman

Thanks to outgoing Shop Committee members **Steve Rop, Nancy Fopma, Mike Carlson, Doug Lail** and **Bill Czeher** for their years of dedicated service.

### UAW Local 730 Picnic

The annual UAW picnic will be held on Saturday, June 20 at Douglas Walker Park, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. All current and former UAW members and their families are invited to attend.

### REMINDER: Paychecks Will Be Mailed Home During Shutdown

Don't forget, ALL paychecks for weeks ending June 28 and July 7, 2009 will be mailed from the Flint processing center to your address of record, so make sure your address is correct. This is the same as last year and means that whether or not you are working during the shutdown break, you will receive your paycheck in the mail. This would be a great time to sign up for direct deposit, if you haven't done so already.

## Organizational Changes

The following organizational changes were recently announced and are effective July 1, 2009. Please take the time to congratulate the following people:

**Scott Dorenbecker**, Manufacturing Engineering Superintendent, will transfer to the Wentzville Assembly Center as Engineering Manager in the Manufacturing Engineering organization. Although this change is effective July 1, Scott's last day worked in Grand Rapids was 6/12/09. **Paul Mercieca**, Quality Manager, will assume Scott's responsibilities.



Scott Dorenbecker



Paul Mercieca

**Liz Gutierrez**, currently Supply Chain Director in Grand Rapids, will transfer to the Marion Metal Center as the Supply Chain Director reporting to Bob Jarema. Replacing Liz will be **Noel Kurtz**. Noel will assume Liz's responsibilities along with continuing as Office Manager on a temporary basis.



Liz Gutierrez



Noel Kurtz

**Tammy Tu**, Production Supervisor, will be transferring to Marion Stamping in a manufacturing support position.



Tammy Tu

## Spartan Stores Discount for GRMP Employees



Spartans Stores, in appreciation of the contributions of the Grand Rapids Metal Plant employees, is offering a "Michigan Proud" card. This card provides a 10% discount at any Spartan Store (Family Fare,

D&W Fresh Market, Felpausch, Glen's Market, Glen's Fresh Marketplace or VG's Grocery) and a 3-cent per gallon discount at any Family Fare, D&W Fresh Market, Felpausch or Glen's Quick Stop Fuel location. "Michigan Proud" cards are available to all hourly and salary employees in the Transition Self-Help Center, and they're good through September 7, 2009. Stop in to pick yours up today and start saving!

## Take Two for Safety Reminder

Employees performing daily tasks, tasks that are high risk, or jobs not performed frequently, have the potential for encountering safety hazards. The time for identifying these problems and implementing corrective actions is before starting the job assignment. The supervisor and employees should "Take Two" minutes to review the assignment focusing on safety. Some of the questions that should be asked before work begins are:

- Is there a SOP for the job? Does it require one?
- Have employees performed this job before? Is it a high-risk job?
- Do workers know the location of fellow workers during the task?
- Have all workers discussed the safety plan as a team?

**Take Two Moments. Stay Alive.**