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General Motors Vision Statement: GM's vision is to be the world leader in transportation products and related services. We will earn our customers' enthusiasm through continuous improvement driven by the integrity, teamwork and innovation of GM people.

Upcoming Events at the Grand Rapids Transition Center

Resume & Interview Skills Workshops

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Center
Room 2/2A
When: June 4, June 11
Noon to 2:00 p.m.
Who: All GRMP Employees

No Worker Left Behind Orientation

Where: Grand Rapids Metal Center
Room 4/4A
When: June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon
June 10 from 3:15 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Who: All GRMP Employees
*This orientation is the first step in pursuing the
NWLB benefits.*

Sign up for any of the above sessions at the Joint Transition Center. Visit the Transition Center Website:
www.transitionselfhelpcenter.com

UAW Local 730 Election Results

Shop Chairman - Marty Green

1st Shift District 1 Committeeperson - John Wiedmayer

1st Shift District 1 Alternate Committeeperson - Greg Michalski

2nd Shift District 6 Committeeperson - Russ Bolthouse

2nd Shift District 6 Alternate Committeeperson - Curt Jenison

800 Emergency/Information Number for Grand Rapids Metal Plant

1-877-743-4909

Please make note of this number. In case of an emergency or announcement there will be a recorded message regarding the impact at our facility. You can call anytime 24/7 to obtain current plant status.

Volt is Sporty Fun, In Test Spin-The Detroit News *by Mark Phelan*

General Motors drove a stake through the notion that environmentally friendly electric cars can't also be fun and sporty in a brief test drive of the company's Chevrolet Volt. A fast, smooth blast from zero to 70 m.p.h. around the GM Tech Center in Warren proved the car can be electrifying as well as electric-powered.

The Volt is on schedule to go on sale in November 2010, GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz said. GM has about 35 test vehicles on the road equipped with the electric motor and lithium-ion batteries that will power the Volt. Those cars have the body of the 2011 Chevrolet Cruze compact, which uses the same architecture as the Volt. GM plans to put 80 Volts with the production car's sleek and futuristic body on the road beginning in June. *Story continued on page four*

Safety Message - Defensive Walking

Facts:

- Data gathered throughout the corporation has shown that we must do better in helping to prepare our pedestrians and mobile equipment operators in safe interactions on the plant floor.
- While most incidents occur due to a combination of contributing factors, there is one factor that, if improved, could significantly reduce the number of incidents regardless of other influences.
- That factor is the skill of **defensive walking**.

Why Defensive Walking?

- In the United States many workplace fatalities occurred when pedestrians are struck by mobile equipment.
- Thousands of serious, life-changing injuries occur each year when employees are struck by moving vehicles in their work environment.

Components of Defensive Walking:

- **Always watch where you step.**
- **Anticipate mobile equipment.**

Over the last many years there have been a surprising number of pedestrians who have simply walked out of an area and right into the side of the fork truck or its load. Always remind yourself to pay attention and anticipate mobile equipment that will be using the aisle. It is the pedestrian's responsibility to anticipate traffic.



- **Always make eye contact with drivers of mobile equipment.**
- **Avoid distractions.**

Talking on a cell phone or with a fellow employee, eating, drinking - these are samples of distractions that can lead to disaster when walking where mobile equipment traffic exists.

- **Obey STOP signs.**

Pedestrians should never assume they have the right of way.

- **Show extreme caution at all intersections and corners, especially ones that are “blind.”**

These areas are especially susceptible to tragic pedestrian/vehicle interactions. Hilo drivers' visibility is often limited.

Take 2 Moments. Stay Alive.



What If ... GM Enters Chapter 11?

A new section on Socrates answers that question. “We all know that June 1 is an important date for General Motors, and there is speculation in the media that GM may file for bankruptcy protection on or before June 1. Although the company has not made the decision on whether we will complete our reinvention in or out of court, or when that might occur, if it does, we want to answer a few questions you might have,” the introduction to the site reads.

Hourly and salaried employees alike can stay informed by using the “What if . . .” site and the “Answer Me Now” site that are found on the Socrates home page. You can log into Socrates from your home by using your GMID and visiting <http://mygm.com>



Many of you may be new to mySocrates. If you are, read on to find out what’s available to you. mySocrates is a global GM communications effort. By logging in you are instantly connected to GM around the world and have access to important and valuable GM information. Through mySocrates you can also access and manage your personal information. Update your home phone and address, emergency contact information, and check your pay stub or pay history by just a few click of your mouse.

It’s simple to do:

1. Using your browser, visit <http://mygm.com>
2. Log in with your GMID and password
3. Click on the myServices tab
4. Select the *Personal* option.

There you will find all the online self-service applications available to you. Locate what you are looking for and when finished simply hit the complete button. Your information will instantly update - no paperwork, no waiting, no hassle. *But wait . . . there’s more!* You can access your information anywhere, anytime from any computer with Internet access. The convenient accessibility will save you time and ensure your information is always up to date.

Take control, manage *your* information online . . . start today! Visit <http://mygm.com>



Answer Me Now

Dealing with Stress

What happened with the bond exchange?

General Motors announced the expiration of its exchange offers for \$27.2 billion of its unsecured public notes and the related consent solicitations that were commenced on April 27, 2009. No further tenders of notes will be accepted and any notes previously tendered pursuant to the exchange offers will be promptly returned to the tendering holders.

The exchange offers expired at 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 26, 2009, at which time the principal amount of notes tendered was substantially less than the amount required by GM to satisfy the debt reduction requirement under its loan agreements with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, to meet the debt reduction objectives under its viability plan, or to meet the minimum tender condition of the exchange offers as required by the U.S. Treasury. Since these conditions, as well as certain other conditions, have not been satisfied, the exchange offers will not be consummated.

Due to the foregoing, GM has also cancelled the meetings of note holders with respect to each series of non-US dollar-denominated notes which were scheduled to take place on May 27, 2009 in relation to certain amendments proposed in connection with the exchange offers. The GM Board of Directors will be meeting to discuss GM's next steps in light of the expiration of the exchange offers.

Did you know that eight in ten Americans say the economy is a significant cause of stress, according to the American Psychological Association's 2008 Stress in America survey? Throw in the added anxiety of the current situation with General Motors and, closer to home, our own facility, it can affect anyone's quality of life and health.

It is possible to deal with these types of issues and even redirect stress in a positive way to help get through these challenging times. We have services that can help, and they are free of charge.

Hourly and salaried employees and their families can contact Angie VanArnam, UAW-GM Employee Assistance Rep, for comprehensive resources. Angie is available on site, by phone at 616-246-3151, or by e-mail at Angie.VanArnam@gm.com

Salaried employees and their dependents can contact the GM Work Life Plus program. The program consists of resource and referral services, counseling and support services. The program is free, confidential and accessible 24 hours a day/365 days a year. Call 1-800-280-6507 or go to <http://worklifeplus.gm.com>

We all recognize that these are challenging times. Please take the time to utilize the resources available, whether it is for your own well-being or that of someone you work with.

Volt . . . continued from page one.

The test vehicle ran with smooth, quiet power, but driving it felt reassuringly like getting behind the wheel of any new car. That's a key goal for the Volt program, GM electric vehicle chief Frank Weber said.

"People must understand that you don't have to give anything up to drive an electric vehicle," Weber said. "This is something you will really like and enjoy."

The test car's electric motor provided immediate torque for acceleration most sporty small cars would envy.

The Volt is designed to cover about 40 miles on electricity stored in a lithium-ion battery pack that runs down the center of the car. For longer trips, a 1.4-liter gasoline engine will kick in to sustain the batteries. Unlike hybrids, the engine never drives the wheels. The onboard generator frees the Volt of the drawback that crippled previous electric cars: limited range.