

TRUSTEES REPORT

Bill Brown

BI-ANNUAL AUDIT

In August, we did the bi-annual audit. Looking at our expenses, a couple of things really stood out . . . the amount of lost time and utilities we pay each month. We commend our President on trying to limit the amount of lost time each month, but Union business still must be done.

We took a closer look at the utilities and noticed our gas/electric bill is very high each month. We asked Mr. Bob Bower (the heating-cooling teacher in the trailer) if he could recommend some help. After we started climbing and looking around, we found we have some problems with insulation – we don't have any! Our heating and cooling ducts have no insulation on them. The attic has no insulation and the walls have very little. We also found some air leaks in the walls and some ventilation problems which I'm happy to report have been repaired. Hopefully, this will show up positively on the utility bill each month. I would like to thank Bob Bowers for his help.

We also found some electrical and

concrete problems and just generally the outside could use a little cleaning up.

I would like to take this time to thank all who came out to work on the Hall on Sunday, before the Membership Meeting. Our Local is located on a highway in which thousands of people pass by each day. The work that was done Sunday will reflect on this membership. The appearance of our Local sends a message that we are very professional, and that we care.

Another day has been designated for us to continue working on the Local – Sunday, October 19th, before the Membership Meeting, starting around 8:00 a.m. I would like to invite all to come out and help. We have some more painting to do, some more weeds to cut, and other things depending on how much help we get. Trust me, you'll have some laughs, making some new friends and helping make *your* Local a nicer place. Afterwards, stick around for the Membership Meeting. This is *your* Local and you have a voice in it.

Remember to vote in November – it's *your* right.

In Memoriam...

The leadership and staff at UAW Local 735 extend their heartfelt sympathies to the family and families of the following deceased members. They will be missed.

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| Daniel M. Adams | 3-22-08 | Beverly Signorelli LaVoince | 8-26-08 |
| Leonard J. Aytes | 3-13-08 | Lloyd Lening..... | 5-17-08 |
| Joseph Badila | 1-13-08 | Lucille Liss..... | 4-23-08 |
| Eugene Baj | 2-10-08 | Steven MacIntyre | 3-04-08 |
| Sheldon Chusid..... | 3-13-08 | Robert H. Mack..... | 3-13-08 |
| Kenneth B. Clarke | 2-19-08 | Ed Maijka | 9-30-08 |
| Francis J. Cox..... | 1-16-08 | Van Buren Maroney | 4-26-08 |
| Margaret Crawford..... | 5-10-08 | James P. Megyesi..... | 3-13-08 |
| Lucjan W. Cwiek..... | 4-04-08 | Paul W. Muscoe | 5-14-08 |
| Richard E. Farr | 7-11-08 | Jerome J. Nowicki | 3-06-08 |
| Robert J. Forrest | 2-14-08 | George Odette | 7-16-08 |
| Myrtle R. Freese..... | 5-17-08 | Peter L. Quick | 4-12-08 |
| Charles Friedman..... | 3-21-08 | Shaheed Salahud-Deen... .. | 1-17-08 |
| Roy Gowen..... | 4-12-08 | Glen L. Schlough | 1-07-08 |
| Paul Grace | 3-22-08 | George Shandilis | 5-26-08 |
| Irving R. Grenke | 4-19-08 | Clifford E. Sims | 3-08-08 |
| I. Hall..... | 5-02-08 | Eva Syak..... | 3-28-08 |
| Charles L. Hammond | 4-20-08 | Lee Trueman | 1-16-08 |
| Hubert Hensley | 2-11-08 | Russell O. Vaughan | 5-21-08 |
| G. Henton | 6-05-08 | John T. Westlake..... | 9-25-08 |
| W. James..... | 4-21-08 | William Wilson..... | 5-07-08 |
| Leslie N. Jones | 4-18-08 | Merrill E. Wolff..... | 1-14-08 |
| Richard Karbo | 3-26-08 | Joseph Woodson..... | 9-30-08 |
| William J. Karczewski | 1-05-08 | Robert M. Wontkowski | 4-02-08 |
| Robert L. Keith..... | 1-15-08 | Lloyd T. Yancy..... | 3-05-08 |
| Raenell Kenyon | 6-11-08 | Hazel Young | 1-07-08 |
| Florence Kessler | 3-14-08 | Nicklois J. Zarr..... | 3-04-08 |
| Phillip D. Kessler..... | 5-27-08 | Edward A. Zmich..... | 5-10-08 |
| E.J. Kindall..... | 1-12-08 | | |

WHY OBAMA? WHY NOW?

by Barbra Long, Trustee Chairman

Billy Brown, Trustee

Elizabeth Sammut, Trustee

We are supporters of the 2008 campaign to elect Senator Barack Obama President of the United States of America. I have followed Barack Obama from the very beginning of his national career. Very few people knew of this new Illinois Senator before 2004 outside of his local supporters. As he delivered a rousing speech during the 2004 Democratic National Convention, he was electric. He has the ability to move people. He has the ability to make you believe that we all matter.

Barack Obama's message is inspirational not only to us, but to our nation and the world beyond. From his upbringing as a youngster born in Hawaii, to the years he lived in Indonesia with his mother and sister, to his years as a community activist in Chicago, his background and experiences are varied. He grew up exposed to many cultures while all the while trying to find his place in this world. His varied life experiences offer proof that we Americans are not a monolithic people. We all have our own backgrounds that make up the people we become and the character we possess.

Barack Obama's message of change speaks not only to the change we need in our government, but to the change we Americans need in our hearts. When you hear that Hillary Clinton supporters would rather vote for John McCain instead of Barack Obama, it makes you question why. How could this be? The truth is, both Obama and Clinton's position on the issues are so very similar. How could a voter who supports Clinton one day turn around and support McCain the very next day?

There is a significant difference between Barack Obama and John McCain.

Barack Obama will protect our jobs:

- Obama is committed to protecting

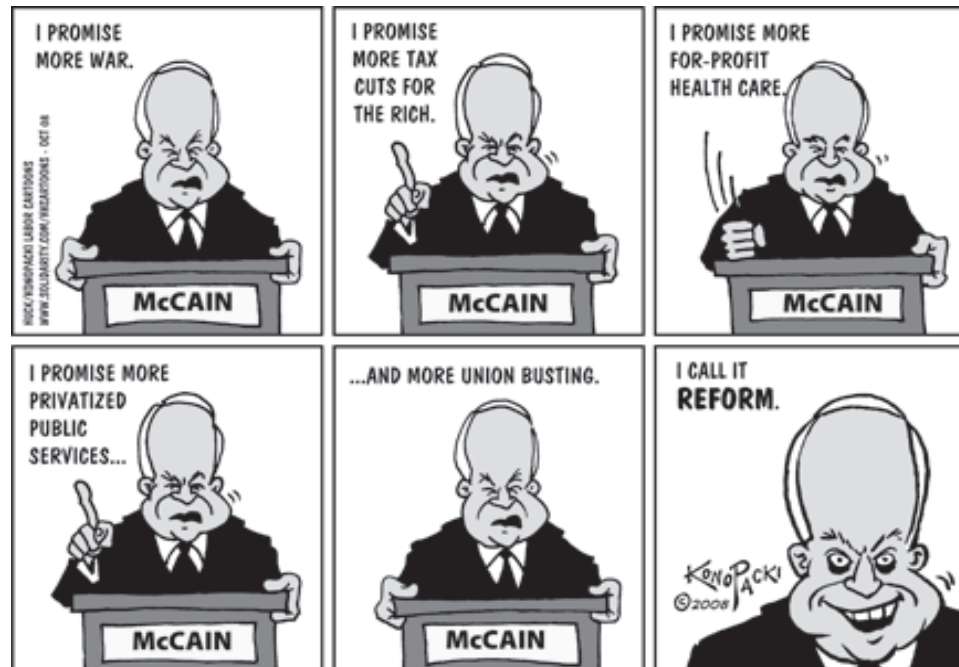
workers trying to form unions, McCain has voted to block public sector workers' right to bargain and allowed permanent replacement of striking workers.

- Obama has pledged to re-negotiate NAFTA, McCain said NAFTA is a good idea.
- Obama strongly supports the Second Amendment, which protects our rights to bear arms.
- Obama opposed CAFTA, McCain voted yes for the treaty signed by President Bush, (S. 1307).
- Obama does not support the U.S./Korea Free Trade, McCain supports the U.S./Korea free trade negotiated by President Bush, that put thousands of American workers out of work.
- Obama opposes giving tax breaks to companies who send our jobs overseas, McCain voted to keep the tax breaks in place for companies that ship our jobs overseas.

We, as a nation, need to ask ourselves two serious questions: Would we really let the color of a candidate's skin dictate whether or not we're willing to support that candidate for President? Could this be the day when Dr. Martin Luther King's dream comes to life, when people are truly judged by the content of their character and not by the color of their skin? Let's look at the issues at hand and make our decision based on those issues that are important to us. We've come too far as a nation to continue to harbor those old feelings of racial and color bias that were so prevalent in the past.

Pray for Change every day. Barack Obama represents the change we need as a nation to move us, the working families, forward. Election Day is November 4, 2008, vote for candidates that support working families. Vote the Obama/Biden ticket.

We, the Trustees of Local 735, wish you and your family a blessed and happy Thanksgiving!





Employee Spotlight

Brother Kyle Jackson, YTO, PC&L

Most of the membership of UAW Local 735 has 30 years or more and are eligible for retirement. There are, however, Brothers and Sisters that are in the middle of their career and we hope that they will be with us for some time.

Kyle Jackson is our future. He is a single parent and a father of 4; 1 son and 3 daughters, ages 12 to 23. Kyle hired in at the RTO operation on October 6, 1997. He worked in manufacturing machining; pump covers, pump bodies, valve bodies and bell housings. Kyle also worked in some sub-assemblies. When RTO closed, Kyle found himself transferred to GM Poletown Assembly. While at GM Poletown, Kyle received an offer to come back to Willow Run. He made the decision to come back to his "home" plant.

Kyle is comfortable with and likes the "Team Concept," so he wanted to come back to us at the YTO operation. Kyle was accepted at YTO, and currently works in PC&L. With the uncertainties in the auto industry and the economic crisis, Kyle hopes to be able to stay at our plant for the remainder of his career. While at RTO, Kyle was active on the CAP Committee and the Election Committee. He is an active member of our union and regularly attends our Membership Meetings. He says that the Regular Membership Meetings are where he gets the most information about what's going on in the plant and upcoming events.

He enjoys sporting events and photography in his spare time.

IN 1997:

- Bill Clinton was President
- At 21 years old, Tiger Woods became the youngest ever golfer to win the Masters
- Mike Tyson was suspended from boxing for biting Holyfield's ear
- Diana, Princess of Wales, is killed in a car crash
- Microsoft became the world's most valuable company, valued at \$261 billion dollars
- Scientists in Scotland reveal the first successful cloning of an adult mammal, a sheep named Dolly
- Yearly inflation rate in the USA: 2.34%
- Average cost of a new house: \$124,100.00
- Average income per year: \$37,006.00
- Average monthly rent: \$576.00
- A gallon of gas cost: \$1.22
- Average cost of a new car: \$16,900.00
- A loaf of bread was \$1.17

Local 735 Student Scholarship Winners

What the UAW Means to My Family...

by Ian Bumgardner

In 1935, within the ranks of the American Federation of Labor, the beginnings of the UAW were formed. Organized by the AFL, the United Auto Workers union's main goal was to better the lives and working conditions of those who labored in the automobile manufacturing business. Even after being suspended by the AFL, the UAW reformed and continued on. Throughout the year, and especially in its early days, the UAW met heavy resistance from the big auto companies, sometimes even resulting in violence. One notable occurrence happened in May of 1937, where Ford "security guards" harassed and beat UAW members, some of whom were women, who were peacefully handing out leaflets. The photographer was beaten, but managed to hide his photographic plates, and eventually show the brutality to the world. Thanks to him, and thanks to all those people, the UAW has survived to this day, to help us and aid us in life.

The United Auto Workers union has done a lot for my family and me. Although it is easy to take for granted, my quality of living would likely be much lower without the UAW, and for that I'm very thankful. First and foremost, it has helped my father keep his job at the GM Powertrain plant. Many families are not fortunate enough to be able to keep steady jobs, as the job market is suffering and unemployment is rising. The Union plays a part in helping make sure that its workers are allowed to keep working and provide for their families.

Secondly, the UAW ensures that my father's wages are kept at a reasonable level. Often, without unions to negotiate contracts, industrial workers' wages can be lowered to pitifully low levels, making them little better than slaves who are forced to work for no money at all. These people must work long hours, usually every day of the week, in order to provide at the lowest level for their families, who they love and labor for. Fortunately for myself and for my family, the UAW has allowed my father to earn enough money to put me through two phases of braces, reparative eye surgery for when my left eye formed a traumatic cataract after a paintball accident, and even to help pay for my education at a university. All these things, and countless more, have all been made possible with the protection that the UAW has afforded me and my family.

I have so many things to be thankful for, and so many people to thank, from those who first started the UAW in 1935, to the ones who currently run it. It's truly a blessing that the Union exists in my life, and it's one I will no longer take for granted.

by Scott Kenyon, sponsored by member Randall Kenyon (father)

Since I can remember, the UAW has been a symbol of pride, strength, and unity within my family. My parents, both members of the UAW, raised me to speak my voice and to influence change. This attitude is reflective of the attitude presented by the UAW. The United Auto Workers allow for every member to have a say in decision making; in this way, it gives a voice to everyone. The UAW has demonstrated an open characteristic, willing to listen to anyone. This environment they create is very noble to exist in. In the ways of being actively involved in the UAW, a sense of pride is established. Stating your own thoughts and ideas to people willing to listen gives personal satisfaction to a speaker, knowing they have made a difference.

Strength is also a characteristic that is important to my family and that the UAW represents. The UAW is willing to work hard to accomplish goals they want done, whether the particular case applies to the whole association, or just one member. It stands for fighting to keep its members motivated, at home and in the workplace and this has made the lives of my family very enjoyable. Awarding us with benefits, rewards, and security, the UAW has used its strength to keep my family secure. I cannot imagine life without the strength of the UAW.

The UAW is also a symbol of unity to my family, because the UAW itself is a family. It fights for every member to be equal, a concept that is important. Helping members who are in need or have suffered losses demonstrate the togetherness and unity the UAW represents. In a family, all members should be taken care of and heard, and this principle is carried over to the United Auto Workers.

So what has the UAW meant to my family? They have been a symbol of pride, strength and unity. Being the child of autoworkers my whole life, it is hard to imagine what life would be like without the association. The security and comfort they provide to everyone is unmatched and has greatly improved the quality of my life.