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President & Chairman REPORT

Don Skidmore and Ken Figley



Auto Show at the Local in August to benefit the Ann Arbor VA Hospital. The Picnic was great success, we were blessed with beautiful weather and a great turn out. A special thanks to Mike Finch, Committeeperson-at-Large, who played for 5 hours and sounded awesome.

Local 735 stood strong in the Annual Labor Day Parade in Detroit. We had great participation from the

Members in the Parade this year. A special thanks to Mike Anderson for the construction and design of our float this year and to everyone who helped out.

The UAW has always been strong in community involvement, we sponsored a ride for charity, the annual Donnie Skidmore-Brandon Berry Memorial Ride. Thank you to all who volunteered to make this a fantastic success for a great cause. We were able to present a check for \$10,000.00 to Front Line Youth Center in Clinton, MI, thanks to your generosity and hard work.

Thanks to everyone that came out to the Day of Caring. The Local looks a lot better. We'll be doing the same thing on Sunday, October 19th. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations to Kevin English for his victory in the special election for Committeeperson and a commendation to Tony Totty for also running for this important election.

We have had quite a ride! After eight (8) disastrous years of George W. Bush policies, everything has come crashing down. Let's do the right thing and elect Barack Obama so that we can turn this mess around.

Your Leadership has been working hard to position our Plant for new work and to hold on to what work we have. We have made great effort to work out the details of converting the Willow Run Operation to "Team Concept."

On October 22, we are holding an Information Meeting for the General Membership regarding the sale of 5 acres of the Local's property. We established a committee to study this issue and they will be there to explain the necessity and means of this sale. A Broker we have decided on will also be present for questions. We will be prepared to answer all questions. The final discussion and vote on the sale of this property will come at the November 23rd Membership Meeting. Please consider this an official notice. We are moving the ATM at Gate 4 to YTO.

"Gunny" Norm Wilcox and the Veterans' Committee organized a fantastic

LET'S DO ALL WE CAN TO GET BARACK OBAMA ELECTED!

EVENTS CALENDAR 735

If you know of any upcoming events, please contact the Local.

- Oct. 19, 2008** **Membership Meeting**
2nd Day of Caring
- Nov. 1, 2008** **1st Annual Pat Murphy**
Memorial Chili & Salsa Cook-off
- Nov. 4, 2008** **Federal Election Day**
- Nov. 14, 2008** **Veterans' Day** (observed)
- Nov. 23, 2008** **Membership Meeting**
- Nov. 27 & 28, 2008** **Thanksgiving Holiday**
- Dec. 20, 2008** **Local 735 Roller Skating Party**
- Dec. 24-**
Jan. 2, 2009 **Christmas/New Year's Holiday**

ALL EVENTS ARE AT REGION 1A UNLESS OTHERWISE DESIGNATED NOTIFICATION WILL BE MADE REGARDING ANY CHANGES.

SHOP TALK

Liberator Editor Kirk R. Lane



Greetings Brothers & Sisters,

I'd like to take a moment to thank all of you for your positive feedback on our first edition of *The Liberator*. The name change and the content were well received and the staff will continue to strive to meet the approval of our readers. It is the goal of this staff to promote the UAW and unionism to our membership.

The UAW is a powerful organization when its membership speaks as one, especially when it comes to shaping the political direction of this country.

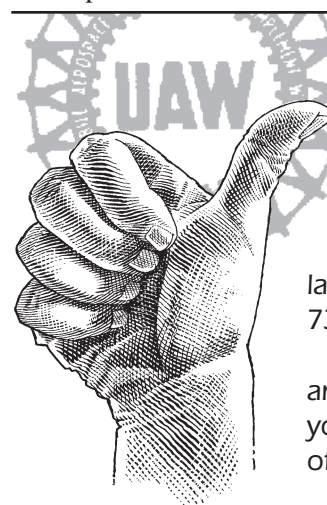
It is imperative that on election day, we take advantage of the time off of work we are granted and get out and vote! Voting gives us the opportunity to elect candidates who are friends of organized labor and supporters of the middle class.

Big business, big oil, and the rich had eight years to grow bigger and richer at the expense of the working people of

this country. Most of the wealth in this country is owned by a very small portion of the population. It is time for the rest of us in the majority of the population to regain control of this country, our country, and stop the erosion of the middle class. We cannot withstand another four to eight years of the policies we've endured the last eight years.

The UAW has provided us with a list of union-friendly candidates, headed by the Democratic nominee for President of the United States, Barack Obama. This list is provided for your convenience on page 15 in this publication.

Although our numbers have declined in recent years, the UAW still has the clout to affect the political outcome of the upcoming elections. Make sure to exercise your right to vote in November and to vote for change.



Knight FM gives UAW a Thumbs Up

We are pleased to announce that the Knight FM labor group has voted overwhelmingly to join Local 735 and accept the UAW as its bargaining unit.

Congratulations to all of our new Union Brothers and Sisters! The Local 735 membership welcomes you and reminds you to join us every third Sunday of the month for our Union Meetings.

United Auto Workers Local 735

The Liberator

ELECTED OFFICIALS

- President.....Don Skidmore
- 1st Vice-President Sterling Mullins
- 2nd Vice-President..... Jeff Dold
- Bargaining Chairman Ken Figley
- Financial SecretaryAlice Britz
- Recording Secretary.....Sharon Jean
- Sergeant-at-Arms.....Jeff Peltz
- Guide Tony Gibson
- Retirees Chairperson..... Ray Bailey
- Shop Committee Larry Dillon, Mike Finch
- Trustees Billy Brown, Barbra Long, Elizabeth Sammut
- Board Member-at-Large..... Gwen Bowman, Gerry Gardner, Ollie Hersin
- District Shop Committee..... Gregg Badger, John Dillon, Bob Howard, Bob Knight

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