

372 Newsletter

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Phoenix Rumor Clarification

There has been no agreement of sending people back from the Phoenix plant. We are in the mode of populating the plant, not reducing. If the Company made a decision to only operate two crews, seniority would prevail. However, the plant is only scheduled to build 440,000 engines a year with three crews. If we do not have sales for three crews to operate then we would all be in significant trouble as employees of this company. There has been no talk of not running all three crews.

There are two seniority lists; one for Tech Specialists (machine shops) and one for Production Specialists (assembly). The November '93 seniority date cutoff that has been speculated about recently in the plant is for assembly only. We were recently successful in retaining 18 jobs in assembly that management wanted to outsource and are currently working on identifying jobs in assembly and machining that we maintain belong to Trenton Engine employees. Also, with potential buy-out options being offered through the end of the year, we do not have a specific date identified as the cutoff. There is also the matter of who belongs on what seniority list. This is currently being handled by the International Union and Corporate HR; however, we have been in contact with our Regional Rep about this matter.

Local 372 Website

Our website is up and running. However, we still have to get the various officers and committees to fill their various spaces on the site. If you have any suggestions or ideas to improve our website, please contact your committee person or drop a note off at the local. You can access the web site @ www.uawlocal372.com. Once you are on, follow instructions on how to get your personal username & password. For first time users please use the following: **Username:** member / **Password:** buy1usa

Schedule Update:

Next week's daily rate for the 4.0L assembly is expected to remain at 258 engines a day.

The 3.3-3.8 motor line will be running on both shifts at their regular production rate.

Also, 2nd shift 633 will be back from their one week layoff.

All other Departments on both shifts are expected to run full.

Note: The plant is requesting a 15 week scheduling/volume report for our 3.3-3.8 & 4.0L lines from the corporation. With the company reporting their 5-year plan on November 4th, 2009 this will help us report out the tentative schedule for the remainder of the year. We are hopeful this report will be available by midweek. As of this writing, the only downtime is tentatively scheduled for one shift off just prior to the Christmas shutdown for the 6-line.

Chrysler's 5 year plan

Chrysler will announce its 5-year product plan next Wednesday-November 4, 2009. Although it has been reported by the electronic and print media that several Dodge and Jeep vehicles will not be part of Chrysler's future plans, it does not mean the Dodge and Jeep name plates are being discontinued. In fact, the Jeep, Dodge and Chrysler nameplates are being counted on to help drive sales in foreign markets where Chrysler Minivans, Dodge Trucks & Jeep Wranglers and Cherokees have otherwise not been made available.

If the locals are given advance notice from the International Union or the Corporation about the 5 year plan prior to November 4th, we will report it out to the membership.

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Use the Header and Footer toolbar to open the footer, and replace the sample text with your own text.

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It is a good idea to place a small symbol at the end of each article to let the reader know that the article is finished and will not continue onto another page. Position your cursor at the end of the article, click Symbol on the Insert menu, choose the symbol you want, and then click Insert.

BORDERS

You can use page borders and text box borders to change the appearance of your newsletter. Borders on text boxes help keep different articles separate, and can set off sidebar articles from the rest of the page. To change a text box border, select it, double click its edge and choose the Colors and Lines tab in the Format Auto Shape dialog box.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: I would like to change some of the text box shading to improve the print quality. Can that be done?

A: Yes. To change the shading or color of a text box, select it and double click its borders to open the Format Text Box dialog box. Click the colors and lines tab and then choose the new color from the Color drop-down list in the Fill section.

Q: What's the best way to print this newsletter?

A: Print page 2 on the back of page 1. Fold in half and mail with or without an envelope. For best results, use a medium to heavyweight paper. If you're mailing without an envelope, seal with a label.

Q: I would like to use my own clip art. How do I change the art without changing the design?

A: To change a picture, click on the picture, then point to Picture on the Insert menu and click From File. Choose a new picture, and click Insert.

Inserting and Editing Pictures

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You can replace the pictures in this template with your company's art. Select the picture you want to replace, point to Picture in the Insert menu, and click From File. Choose a new picture and then click Insert. Select the Link to File box if you don't want to embed the art in the newsletter. This is a good idea if you need to minimize your file size; embedding a picture adds significantly to the size of the file.

To edit a picture, click on it to activate the Picture toolbar. You can use this toolbar to adjust brightness and contrast,

Choose a new picture, and click the Link to file box if you don't want to save the art with the newsletter.

change line properties and crop the image. For more detailed editing, double-click on the graphic to activate the drawing layer. ■

Q: How do I change the text and borders that appear at the bottom of every page?

A: Click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to navigate among headers and footers, insert date or time, or format the page numbers. To change the text in the footer, select it and type your new text. To change the border, click Borders and Shading on the Format menu.

Q: Can I save a customized newsletter as a template for future editions?

A: Yes. First make any changes you want to this newsletter, then click Save As on the File menu. Choose Document Template from the Save as type drop down list (the extension should change from .doc to .dot). Save the file under a new name. Next time you want to create a newsletter, choose New from the File menu, then choose your template.

