

372 Newsletter

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Veteran's Committee

There will be a Gate Collection at the plant on all three shifts on Wednesday-November 11, 2009. Also there will be a laying of the wreath at 3:30 pm. Proceeds benefit the VA Hospitals and Centers.

Veteran's Committee 2

The CCW classes presented by our local Veteran's committee, scheduled for the dates of January 23 & 24, 2010 is filling up.

If you would like to take part in these classes and range time, you must pay your \$50.00 registration fee by December 15, 2009.

The total cost, including the \$50.00 registration fee, is \$125.00. You may register at the local or please contact Chairperson Kent "Duke" Fowler in the plant at 313-956-9503.

Problem Solving/Kaizen Board Reviews

If your teams are having issues on items not being addressed on your boards and they have exceeded 30 days, please contact your Steward or Committee person. The Co-Chairs will start attending select board meetings in the departments where the least amount of support is being given to our operators.

Christmas Ideas

There are a number of discounts available on goods and services through the Chrysler Employee Purchase Plan.

If you are on Dashboard Anywhere, go to the marketplace tab. You will find discounts on some of the following items:

Apple-Mac, Dell Computers, Bally's, Powerhouse, Costco and Ticketmaster to name a few.

Schedule Update:

Next week's schedule for the 3.3-3.8 and 4.0L lines shows no change in production volume. Currently, the only downtime tentatively scheduled is for December 14, 2009 for one shift on the 6-line.

However, there is the potential that Windsor Assembly may take some overtime out of their schedule before the end of the year, if so that will adjust our schedule on the 6- line accordingly.

Chrysler's 5 year plan

Chrysler's 5-year plan did not address specific product placement in specific plants, as was the hope. While this was a disappointment, we will be reviewing the information contained in the 6 hour presentation which was given on November 4, 2009. We will get some highlights on their presentation next week. We will review and distribute the info at some point next week.

A few of the items addressed at the news conference for the 5 year plan included:

- The Dodge brand will sell three Fiat cars: a sub-compact hatchback, compact sedan and midsize sedan. These are expected to replace the Caliber and Avenger.
- Viper will end in July 2010. With an all-new sports car in the works with a projected intro date of 2012.
- Jeep will get three Fiat-based models in 2013, including a new version of the Liberty. The Patriot and Compass will end in 2012.
- The Nitro will be repackaged to appeal to a different lifestyle (age) group of customers.
- Minivans will get upgraded interiors and exteriors.

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BORDERS

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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.

