

# 372 Newsletter

Issue 2

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## Plant Schedule

The plant schedule, as of this writing, is to run full for the weeks of 4/6/09 & 4/13/09. The tentative plan for the week of 4/20/09 shows 4.0L & 1<sup>st</sup> shift, 3.3-3.8 Assembly lines off. Machine Shop departments will be scheduled on or off based on floats. **This is a tentative schedule at best, due to supplier issues at Windsor Assembly Plant.** *See related article below.*

## Parts Shortage Shuts Windsor Assembly Down by The Canadian Press:

**WINDSOR**-Chrysler officials are confirming a temporary interruption in production at its assembly plant in Windsor and they're warning the production at other facilities could be affected. The plant which makes minivans has been hit by a parts shortage and employees were sent home Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. Chrysler officials said in a statement, production at the Windsor plant has been "temporarily suspended" because of a supplier-related parts interruption issue. The parts shortage is due to an interruption in supplies from manufacturer H.E. Vannatter in Wallaceburg, where 100 workers were laid off on Monday. Sources say Chrysler is seeking to relocate production of the parts to the company's casting plant in west Toronto.

**We will keep you updated on latest developments.**

## Cedar Point Tickets

We will have tickets for Cedar Point, good for July 12 through July 18, 2009. We will notify you when you can start picking your tickets up at the local. The price will be \$21.00 per ticket.

We are also in discussion with Local's 892 & 3000, about making their weeks of June 29 & August 17 available to our membership.

## Updated info on Special Packages

The March 27, 2009 deadline for IPR, SER & VTEP packages saw 200 brothers and sisters submit their applications. 137 from production and 63 from skilled trades. Congratulations and Good Luck to all!

You are still eligible to sign up and submit your application for all three of these packages. As we wait to hear the terms of any modifications to our Collective Bargaining Agreement.

## Fight To The Finish

We have tickets available for the Fight to the Finish, Mixed Martial Arts show at The Palace Of Auburn Hills. Courtesy of UAW Region 1A

The doors open at 5:30pm, with action starting at 7:00pm on Saturday, APRIL 18. Five title fights in five different weight divisions will be on the line. Also, Ken Shamrock will be at the event meeting his fans and signing autographs, selling his line of MMA apparel and taking pictures.

Tickets are **Free-General Admission, \$10.00 Reserved** or **\$20.00-Cageside/VIP**.

Please see Marge at Local 372. Limited supply on a first come, first serve basis.

## Memorial Day Parade

This year's Memorial Day Parade will be on Saturday – May 23. Please meet at the Local at 8:00am. The Parade will start at 10:00am.

**Please see the Veterans Committee for further details.**

## Still no word on modifications to contract

We have still not received notification on any changes to our National Agreement. Notwithstanding any comments made by President Obama during his news conference this week, we are being informed the only item left to negotiate between the International UAW & Chrysler is the mechanics of funding the VEBA.

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## **SIDEBAR ARTICLES**

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**Please contact one of our officers with any suggestions for any future newsletter articles or updates.**

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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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### 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,

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

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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.

