

# 372 Newsletter

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**February 5, 2010**

## UAW Region 1A Bowling Tournament Reminder

The 55<sup>th</sup> Annual UAW Region 1A bowling tournament will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Thunderbowl Lanes, located at 4200 Allen Road in Allen Park. Tournament times will be 1:00pm or 5:30pm. This tournament is open to members of UAW Region 1A, their spouses and retirees only. The entry fee is \$125.00 per team. Checks or money orders should be made payable to **UAW Region 1A**.

## Emergency Contact-Phone Number

If you have a family member that needs to get information to you or have them contact you while at work; please have them call **313-956-9133**. This is the number to the main security office.

In order for Security to inform your Supervisor of the message, **your family member will need to know your current department number and your CID number**.

## Schedule Update:

There are no changes to report for next week's schedule. Please see your Committee Person or Steward about any potential weekend work.

## Chrysler Gets Extension to Save SHAP, 1200 Jobs.

Chrysler is negotiating to buy the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant from its bankruptcy estate and potentially save 1,200 jobs that were expected to be eliminated at the end of 2010.

Company officials issued a statement; they are actively negotiating the acquisition of the Sterling Heights Assembly Plant with OldCar Co., but are requesting a two week time extension in order to finalize the agreement.

## White Shirt Day

In order to honor the General Motors sit-down strikers in Flint, MI, who gained UAW recognition after a 44-day fight during the winter of 1936-1937, we are asking all members to wear white shirts on February 11, 2010.

For more than 70 years UAW men and women have marked Feb. 11 as the historic day in 1937 when GM agreed to recognize the union and negotiate a first contract.

White Shirt Day celebrates workplace empowerment. The shirts represent equal respect and treatment for all blue-collar workers, and the unity and strength of UAW members.

This day has been celebrated since 1948 when a member of UAW local 598 suggested White Shirt Day to mark the end of the sit-down strike. He wanted workers to wear the white-collar attire traditionally worn by managers to show the company they were just as important as management.

## Toll-free Customer-Care Phone Numbers

Taking a page out of Fiat's customer-care approach, Chrysler opened dedicated brand-specific toll-free customer-care phone numbers in the United States for each of the company brands. By establishing dedicated toll-free phone lines for each brand, it is expected to create a more efficient way to service our members and get prompt resolution to any issues they may have. Such as warranty claims, dealership complaints, manuals & more.

800-CHRYSLER (800-247-9753)

877-IAM-JEEP ( 877-426-5337)

800-4ADODGE (800-423-6343)

866-RAMINFO (866-726-4636)



## **SIDEBAR ARTICLES**

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## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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### INSERT SYMBOL

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### 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,

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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.

