

372 Newsletter

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SCHEDULE UPDATE: Management informed us late Tuesday afternoon and again Wednesday of their interest in eliminating the 2nd shift 3.3-3.8 line, starting the week of April 20, 2009. We are **totally opposed** to eliminating a shift and creating a single shift operation with excessive overtime, in order to meet daily build schedules. Frankly, the shortsightedness of forcing excessive overtime on an existing shift while eliminating one is yet another example of not having a competent plan of action. Absent a plan, Trenton Engine wants to go back to what they know best, with little success, forced overtime! Not only has this proven not to be in the best interest of this membership, it has been to the detriment of this plant and company. It is merely the lazy, easy way to manage. Guess what? Surprise, surprise; it requires the least amount of bargaining unit employees. Will there still be a need for **2 plant managers** for facilities that sit less than 50 yards from each other? Or a need for **5 high priced Manufacturing Managers** between the two plants? Apparently so, since we haven't seen a reduction in manpower in those areas, to coincide with their 1 shift operation proposal. Is this **COST EFFECTIVE?** Seriously guys what's next? Planning on buying a jet for the plant; I hear they have some good deals on used ones. Absent a resolution on this matter at the local level prior to Tuesday, we will be involving the International Union and Corporate.

Veteran's Committee Update : Due to a lack of participation, the CCW class hosted by Local 372's Veteran's Committee, has been canceled for the date of April 18, 2009. **Please see Kent Fowler or Phil McKnight** if you have any questions regarding any future classes hosted by the Veteran's Committee.... **Refund checks will be mailed to your home address.**

Memorial Day Parade: The Veteran's Committee is looking for participants to walk with them during the Memorial Day Parade....Please see Kent or Phil

General Holiefield's 2nd Annual Bowling Event

This event will be held Saturday May 30, 2009 from 12:00pm-4:00pm at Imperial Lanes in Clinton Township.

The cost is \$25.00 per bowler; each team will consist of 5 bowlers. This includes 3 games, shoe rental, pizza, salad and soft drinks. If you are not interested in bowling, but would like to take part in the pizza, salad and soft drinks, the cost is \$15.00. The deadline for participation in this event is May 15, 2009.

Please contact the local for a registration form and further details.

Bowling for Babies-TEP vs. MEP

Trenton Engine members will also be challenging Mack Engine in a bowling tournament on Saturday May 30, 2009 @ Taylor Lanes.

Registration is 6pm-7pm. Bowling time-7pm-10pm.

The cost is \$20.00 per person, which includes: 3 games, shoes, t-shirt and 2 slices of pizza. Forms must be turned in by Friday-May 8, 2009. Teams will consist of 4 person teams. **Please see Bonnie Mills** in the PQI office. **All proceeds benefit the March of Dimes for Babies Fundraiser.**

Cedar Point Update

There was a typo in last week's newsletter. It was reported the tickets are good July 12 through 18. The **correct dates are July 13 through 19.**

We will also have tickets available to our membership for the dates of August 17 through 23, Courtesy of Local 3000.

Special Package Update

The Local received a letter from UAW Vice-President, General Holiefield. There is an updated deadline for submitting your application for one of the three special packages. The deadline for those who have been undecided will now be April 27, 2009.

PLEASE SEE YOUR REP FOR A COPY OF HOLIEFIELD LETTER.

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SIDEBAR ARTICLES

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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,

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.

