

372 Newsletter

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Trenton Engine Idled-Starting Monday-5/4/09

Trenton Engine, along with the majority of Chrysler's manufacturing and power train facilities will be idled for a period of time yet to be determined. The best estimates are 30-90 days. This will depend on bankruptcy proceedings between Chrysler and a few of their bond holders. Should the parties come to an agreement prior to exhausting all legal rights afforded to each party under Federal Bankruptcy laws, the plant idling may not be as lengthy.

As Chrysler has come to agreements with the UAW and CAW, it is not expected or anticipated either union will be affected by the outcome of the bankruptcy proceedings.

While we are off we will be receiving Unemployment Benefits and Sub Pay. We will be receiving our normal Medical Benefits during this time off. With the exception of Dental Benefits, which will stop at the end of the month following the month you are laid off. Since our last day worked will be 5/1/09, dental benefits will last through 6/30/09, if we are off that long.

There will also be one benefit rep working during this period if you need any assistance with your benefits or are still considering any of the Special Program Packages being offered through May 25, 2009. **UAW Benefit Rep Office hours will be 7:00am-3:30pm**

Sub Pay Clarification

With the modifications to our Collective Bargaining Agreement, we have received a number of calls about how Sub Pay will be applied during this down time. We will receive Unemployment and Sub Pay, not Transitional Assistance (TA). TA benefits, which pays you 50% of your gross pay only applies once your weeks of Sub Pay have been exhausted.

Recent Retirees

On Thursday-April 30, 2009 the local celebrated the retirements of approximately 100 brothers and sisters.

While this was a joyous occasion, it was bittersweet having to inform them of the concessions they have had to make with the loss of retiree optical and dental plans. We must do everything in our power to help restore these most important of benefits to the ones who came before us. Even in these difficult times we would not have the wage and benefits we currently have if not for the struggles they went through. Good luck to all who have retired. We will not forget you in your time of need!!

Personal Info Update

Please update your phone number and address if they are not current. As there is a lot of uncertainty, with decisions being made and changed sometimes on an hourly and daily basis, we need to make sure every person can be contacted if need be. You can use a plant Kiosk or Dashboard Anywhere to update.

Phoenix Update

Due to the idling/temporary lay-offs at Trenton Engine, the manpower moves to Trenton South for May 4, 2009 have been postponed temporarily. We will be meeting with plant management, corporate and the International UAW during the coming weeks to determine when the next moves will be made.

Vacation Pay

Vacation Pay should be received no later than May 22, 2009. **Do not claim your Vacation Pay to MARVIN** while you are laid off. Vacation Pay was earned during the benefit period of May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. Therefore, this pay is not income generated during the week of May 18, 2009. Rather, just the week you received your vacation pay.

Unemployment Filing

Trenton Engine will continue to file electronically each person's unemployment claim to the State Unemployment Agency. You will receive a letter of confirmation in the mail from the State.

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This sidebar article was created with a text box. You can use a sidebar article for any information you want to keep separate from other articles or information that highlights an article next to it. These could include a list of contributors, addresses or contact information, a smaller self-contained story, a preview of the next issue, or a calendar of schedule. The example below shows a Calendar of Events.

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FOOTERS

To change the text at the very bottom of each page of your newsletter, click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to open the footer, and replace the sample text with your own text.

INSERT SYMBOL

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.

