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Trenton Engine Off Next Week

Trenton Engine will join the rest of the Chrysler facilities being forced to take a vacation for the week of July 20, 2009. We would like to wish all a safe and happy week off!!

To some of the managers who apparently had their ear plugs in too deep during the town hall meeting; it would serve you well to spend this time reflecting on how to improve your communication and social skills. As you have shown us firsthand, changing your title did not necessarily mean it changed your attitude.

Welcome Back!!

To all who have returned back to Trenton Engine; we are glad to see you and would like to welcome you back!!

We are sorry, however, that due to two out of touch people from above the local union level and plant level we have a situation where some higher seniority brothers and sisters were left at other plants. Also, we felt that a 48 hour notification to make such a big decision was woefully inadequate for those who chose to return. We have been in and will continue to have discussions in an effort to resolve these issues. As there will be the need and room for more of our members to return home.

Cedar Point Tickets

Today is the last day to purchase tickets for the week of July 13- July 19 from Local 372. If you are interested in going to Cedar Point the week of August 17-August 23 please visit Local 3000 @ 22693 Van Horn Rd. in Woodhaven. Tickets are \$21.00

.Attendance Update/Breaking News

The much talked about and anticipated (by management) new attendance policy enactment on July 27th has temporarily been extended to an undetermined date.

As both Corporate and International are on vacation shutdown this week and next we do not anticipate a new tentative date for the start of the policy until they get back.

Our understanding is there are still kinks to work out in the system. We would hope they work out the significant issues with how overtime is calculated first before moving on to the attendance policy.

As soon as we get official communication we will report on it.

Local 372 Website

We are ready to update our website. We had a number of problems with the system administrator during the past year and are happy to have that resolved. Also, we have been trying to work around different schedules.

We have a couple of experienced members who have volunteered their time in the future to keep the site fresh and updated.

We are asking any member who wishes to be involved with suggestions or ideas please contact one of our officers. As this is voluntary we must be careful not to put too big a burden on those who have generously donated their time.

Future Plans for Trenton Engine

The latest numbers indicate the need for the reactivation of 2nd shift for the 3.3-3.8 motor line. The volumes as of this writing call for approximately 850 engines built per shift. The tentative date is late August. These schedules are subject to change however and will be based on continued successful sales of the Mini-Van and Jeep Wrangler.

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SIDEBAR ARTICLES

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

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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.

