



## UNIT 1 (GM) SHOP CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT OCTOBER 2021



**KENNETH D. HINES, UNIT 1 (GM) SHOP CHAIRPERSON**

**OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> - PLANT VISIT BY UAW REGION 8 DIRECTOR, MITCHELL SMITH**

**OCTOBER 25<sup>TH</sup> - PLANT VISIT BY UAW PRESIDENT RAY CURRY &  
UAW VICE PRESIDENT TERRY DITTES**

### **SUB-COUNCIL REPORT**

UAW Vice President Terry Dittes discussed how much was accomplished in the 2019 National Agreement, but the work is not done. Since the signing of the Agreement, over 4,000 Temporary employees have been transitioned over to Seniority. Although this is good news, many of our plants have been idle due to the chip shortage and the threat of electrification of the fleet. Many of our brothers and sisters across the nation are concerned about losing sub credits as some have been laid on since February and possibly not getting enough hours to qualify for profit sharing due to the chip shortage. There will be many new issues that need to be dealt with in the next round of negotiations and it will not be easy so, once again, **we are asking our members to start preparing for the next round by saving money now just in case we are called again to make a statement to the Corporation.**

### **SKILLED TRADES REPORT**

Todd McDaniels talked on the issues surrounding Skilled Trades in GM. He touched on how wages are not keeping track with the industry standards. The number of Skilled Trades in each facility and their ages are very concerning and the lack of Skilled Trades has increased outsourcing of bargaining unit work from General Motors. These jobs must be protected. Since the signing of the 2019 Agreement, GM has not lived up to the Agreement on placement of apprentices; less than 10 have been placed nationwide since the signing of the Agreement. 3-D Printing has become a big issue as we move forward into new technology. Currently, GM has been very difficult in allowing this work to be done by bargaining unit members; in some cases, they have refused to bring in the machinery as they try to renegotiate the language surrounding this issue.

### **SOLIDARITY WEDNESDAY**

We would like to thank all members that are participating and wearing their Red Shirt on Wednesdays. This shows a form of SOLIDARITY and is an important statement to the membership, as well as management.

### **PLACING A CALL FOR A UNION REPRESENTATIVE**

Lately there have been many of our members trying to reach out to their Union Representation through Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Snapchat, and other forms of social media. Some members also try and call the Union Representatives' personal phone or text them. None of these are official calls. To make sure that we have a record of your placed call, we ask that you please place a call with your supervisor or call the Union Hall. These are the only two official ways of contacting your Union Official and maintaining a record of your call.

### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please make sure that your contact information is current and up to date at the Union Hall. Correspondence letters regarding the status of your grievance will be sent from the hall to the address that you have on file. You will receive a notification when your grievance changes steps as well as when it is settled and what the settlement is.

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