

# Pulse of the NRV



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE MEMBERS OF UAW LOCAL 2069



## From the Local President



Greetings All,

In September, several people from our local were able to attend the Bus, Engine, and Truck Council meeting. At this meeting we were with several other council members from Navistar, Daimler, and Mack along with representatives from Aerospace. At these meetings there are group discussions and meetings with different speakers. Region 8 Assistant Director George Palmer, our new Heavy Truck Representative Jason Wade and others spoke to us about different ongoing issues within heavy trucks. We had several breakout sessions with Mack and Volvo PDC representatives.

As you know, we are having parts issues. The city of Asheville, along with other areas of Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee, was devastated affecting not only issues with axles, but other parts as well. This is affecting all Heavy Truck OEM's because Meritor is the largest supplier of heavy axles. I'm not sure just how long it will or how it will affect this plant.

Our Community Services Committee has been working hard to help needy families in our area and other areas affected by the hurricane. They have collected hygiene products as well as clothing, non-perishable food, water, and anything else that would be of use to someone that has lost everything. The committee has distributed it to local fire departments, churches, and such. They are also partnering with Local 3520 out of Cleveland, North Carolina to get supplies to help the needy in Western North Carolina. My hat goes off to that committee.

The planning of the Children's Christmas Party is finally off to a good start as several of the items needed came to the membership meetings to be voted on this week. This will be a huge undertaking so I am sure if you would like to help, it would be appreciated!! Just reach out to someone on a Standing Committee! You will see Tena Simpkins on the assembly side and Lora Reeves on the BIW side in the cafeterias giving out tickets to union members. We need those numbers to be sure we have the food needed.

Look for information on flu shots on the plasmas. I know the dates and times will be given out soon by the company.

In Solidarity,

*Billy Ogle*





## From the Hourly Bargaining Chair



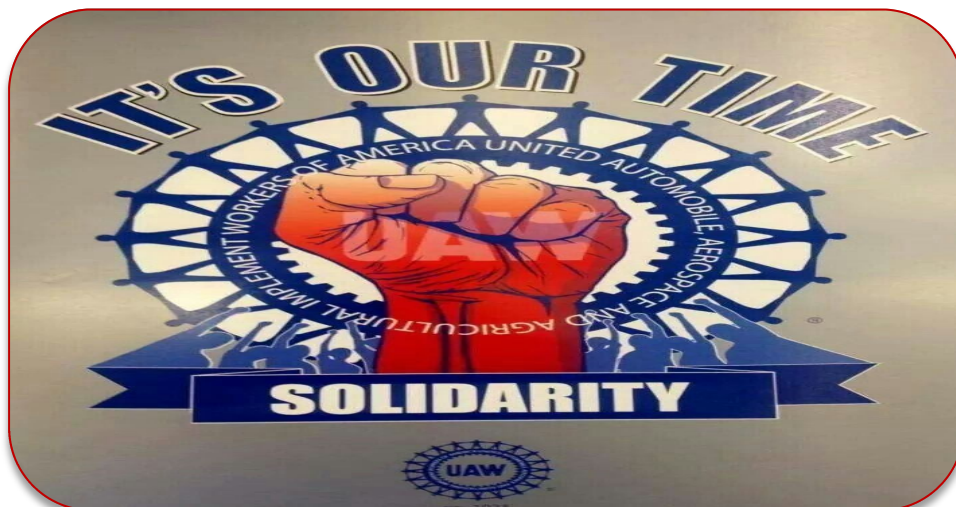
Greetings All,

As we finish out the last 2 months of the year, I want to relay some important reminders and information to everyone.

- **2025 Vacation Sign-up Forms, Calendar and eligibility listing are out. Have your forms turned in by November 1st.**
- **As a reminder, January 2nd & 3rd, 2025, are part of the 2024 vacation take year, NOT the 2025 vacation take year. 2025 vacation days begin on January 6, 2025. If you are planning to take off January 2nd or 3rd, you must use your 2024 Vacation Time.**
- **There is continuation of job studies and breakdowns across assembly, paint, and plastics and off-line. Many of these studies are being done to see if we have the ability to meet capacity that is expected in latter 2025 through 2026 due to emission changes taking effect 2027. Do not come in early and build up parts, or work through your breaks as this will cause an unfair evaluation of your job.**
- **3rd shift production in the weld shop is being eliminated due to the 6700 ramp up and the VNL legacy ramp down. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2nd shift BIW jobs are also affected due to line rate decreases and displacements. Remember, it is the company that chose to outsource your jobs to a non-union Plant 2.**

In Solidarity,

*Tony Burnette*





## From the Salary Bargaining Chair



Greetings all,

The Union leaders were able to attend the Bus Engine Truck conference, B.E.T., and it was a good one. The local Union leaders spent time with our Mack brothers and sister to discuss the grant the Company is considered for award because of the fact we are a Union. We discussed protocol for the Company to receive the award and gave a few ideas on where to spend some of the money. We also discussed starting the Volvo Council which would include our Volvo Parts distribution centers. That is something that will be ongoing. We had two local leaders that were elected to prominent positions in the B.E.T. council. Billy Ogle was elected 2nd Vice President, and Tony Burnette was elected Recording Secretary. That is great for our local!

We are still having some severe problems with parts. Axles seem to be the biggest thing right now. The people that work at these facilities are having a challenging time getting back to work when some may have lost everything. The transport of these parts on potentially broken roads is an issue, but also manpower at these facilities is as well.

As I said last month, we had an issue with the Company taking our Skilled Trades monies away on July 1st, 2024. We just heard the grievance regarding this with the Company at the Step IV level on October 10th. I do not know what the final response is, but I do know the premise is wrong, and we will continue to fight this one!

We are coming up on some Union won holidays in November. Several of us have time scheduled off too. One of these holidays, Veteran's Day, happens on a Monday. Due to the holiday being on Monday and would have been a scheduled Union meeting day, we had to push the Monday meetings back to Tuesday and the normal Tuesday meetings will be pushed back to Wednesday. Please make a note of that. Hope to see you at those meetings also!

We had a meeting about the last job description to complete before the job evaluation study. The Company did not have the job description updated to present to the Union, so we still have that left on the agenda of things that has to be completed.

We do have an opportunity to get our flu shots provided by our Family Health Center. The days and locations should be on the Salary Union board as you are heading to the cafeteria. Remember to bring your insurance card when you get your shot.

In Solidarity,

*Bill Richardson*





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## 1st Annual UAW Local 2069 Children's Christmas Party



### UAW Local 2069 Children's Christmas Party

Tickets will be given out on  
Oct. 15th, 16th, 29th, & 30th  
Main Assembly Cafeteria 2 - 6pm  
BIW Cafeteria 4 - 6pm  
\*No tickets given after Oct. 30th\*



## THE POLAR EXPRESS

Free Movie  
Free Snacks  
Free Hot Cocoa  
Free Gifts & Goodies  
Visit with Santa



UAW Members Only  
December 1st, 12 - 4pm



## November 2024



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	<b>11</b> UNION WON HOLIDAY!	12 2nd shift & Salary Meetings	13 1st, 3rd & 2nd shift Maintenance Meetings	14	15	16
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