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# LOCAL 974 NEWS

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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

DAVE CHAPMAN, President

The UAW and Heart of Illinois United Way have much in common we both exist to help people, we have the support of working men and women throughout Central Illinois,

and we believe that every individual should be treated with dignity and respect.

As UAW members, and members of our community at large, we work hard every day to make Central Illinois a better place to live, work, raise a family and retire. Our collective support of the Heart of Illinois United Way makes it possible for us to provide preschool children with new books, tutoring for young adults so they can graduate, warm meals for seniors, safe homes in times of crises, jobs for people with developmental disabilities, and much more.

With your commitment, the Heart of Illinois United Way's partner agencies throughout Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford, Marshall, Putnam and Stark counties can provide vital services to more than 1,100 people in our community each and every day.

This year, when you give to the Caterpillar Employee United Way Appeal, I urge you to be as generous as possible. With your caring support, I am confident this year's campaign will be a great success and that the Heart of Illinois United Way will be able to continue its tradition of helping our members, our families, and our community.

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

#### LAURA VALENTINE MEMORIAL BENEFIT RIDE

Saturday, August 6 Check in 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

#### LABOR DAY FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, September 3 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

LABOR DAY PARADE & EVENT

Monday, September 5 2:00 pm

**UAW VETERANS' APPRECIATION DINNER** 

Sunday, September 11 5:00 pm Union Hall

FLIGHTED FOUR-PLAYER GOLF SCRAMBLE

Saturday, September 17 Check in 11:00 am

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, September 26 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

#### **GENERAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS**

The following members have been elected to the General Council by acclamation.

TRACK TYPE MOSSVILLE BB/DD **TRACTORS** Shelley Hickam (BB) Bobby Koller Marcia McCann (BB) John Bainbridge Nikki Bankes (BB) Barry L. Dornon (BB) Gene Mabee Joseph M. Boyles Donald E. White (BB) Dominic L. Eads Michael A. Hamilton (DD)

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**MAPLETON** 

Theodore "Ted" Hoak, Jr. Michael Hoke

Kenneth "Radar" Gregory

**BLDG KK (TBU)** 

Jerry D. Lloyd Craig Oakman Tom Burns Kimberley D. Robinson

Greg Reilly Kris Anderson Paul Blumenshine **Bob Henry** 

Dale Cassel

**TECH CENTER** 

Marie Blackburn

Velma E. Walton

Sandy Sweatt

Benjamin Lawrence

Randy Bumbalough **Robert Spellious** Doug Kaufman

The following

divisions/ units received no nominations for **General Council Delegates:** SPBU, LTD Inc., Norforge, Tazewell

Machine, and City of Delavan DUE TO ALL NOMINATED GENERAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES BEING ELECTED

BY ACCLAMATION, NO ELECTION WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2011.

Election Committee - Gary Hall, Chairman



As always, stop by my office; I'm willing to listen I have never learned anything by talking.



#### BARGAINING CHAIRMAN

RICK DeGROOT, Bargaining Chairman

#### GREETINGS **BROTHERS & SISTERS**

In this article I'm going to touch on some things that

are going on in the Bargaining Chairman's office. We have 103 discharges at this time. Total employment at Caterpillar is 4,836.

We currently have a total of 3,839 active grievances in the arbitration backlog. Wes Hogsett, our International Rep., has been going through our arbitration backlog. He has reviewed the backlog at Morton with Chairman Roger Routt and they withdrew 246 grievances. Wes and Craig Miller, Chairman of TBU, reviewed TBU's backlog and withdrew 629 grievances. We are in the process of sending out letters on these grievances to inform the grievant that their grievance has been withdrawn. Wes is now going through the Mapleton backlog. This will drop our total active grievances in the arbitration backlog to 2,964.

The grievance screening committee met on May 3 and 4 and again on June 7 and 8. This committee is made up of the four Illinois Locals – 145, 751, 2096, and 974, with International Rep. Bill Scott chairing the meeting. The grievances must go through this committee to be referred to arbitration. I took Dave Neulinger with me for the first meeting and Paul Jackson to the second meeting. We were really impressed on the questions this committee asked about each grievance to justify it going to arbitration.

We found that most of our grievances did not have all of the information that was needed to send them to arbitration, so we have put together a Grievance Handling Guide packet for every Union Rep. In this packet we have "What is a Grievance, Grievance Investigation, Getting the facts, 5 W's, 6 Points on Grievance Handling, Sources of Getting Information, and Burden of Proof". We also updated the Grievance Investigation Report. We added the 5 W's, the 1st step grievance investigation checklist, a place for witness statements, and final step grievance investigation checklist. By following this new form and checklist, we should have all of the information needed to process the grievance to arbitration. For the first time, Local 974, Local 2096, and Local 145 will be using the same grievance investigation report form to collect all of the information to process the grievance to arbitration. For the Stewards and Committeemen who have not gotten the Grievance Handling Guide or the new Grievance Investigation Report form please come to my office and pick up the new forms. The quicker we start using these forms the better the information we will have on the grievances for arbitration.

For our final step backlog, I have been calling out each committee to go through all of their grievances in final step. In this process Paul Jackson, Chairman from Mossville, sits down with each committee and goes through each grievance to make sure we are asking the right question and getting all of the information that is needed to process this grievance.

Paul goes through the Grievance Handling Guide and the new Grievance Investigation Report form. By doing this we are making better grievance handlers out of our committeemen.

We are now in the process of striking for arbitrators. We will have one arbitrator for discharges and suspensions and one arbitrator for issues cases. Right now it looks like arbitration will start in September or October of this year.

It is very important that the Membership stands together - WEAR a Union shirt -SHOW SOLIDARITY!

### Need Help?

If you have problems managing finances, paying your utilities, mortgage, credit card bills... If you are having family, marital, stress, substance abuse, emotional, or legal problems...

#### **CONTACT YOUR** COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE REPS

MORTON: Melissa Bugg, Judith Poulsen, Rochelle Torres, Maxine Wilson-Jones TTT: Chris Dickerson, (SS), Shane Hillard, (LL) MOSSVILLE BB: Marcia McCann

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#### FINANCIAL SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

JOHN SHALLENBERGER, Financial Secretary/Treasurer

September is just around the corner. We are getting things ready to go for the Labor Day Picnic and Labor Day Parade. These two events are always a good time for Union Solidarity for you and your family. I hope to see you at one or both of these events!

When you look back to our leader of this great union Walter Reuther, one of his famous quotes was "What the Union fights for and wins at the bargaining table, can be taken away in the Legislative halls."

#### **DUES**

On dues, if you owe dues from drawing S.U.B. pay = 1 hour of your wages a month, or when you hired in and did not come to the union hall and join in your first month, it's a good possibility that you could have fallen behind on your union dues. My office has been going through our records and if you are behind we will be sending out letters letting you know. If you are in question, feel free to call the dues office so we can check for you.

#### SOLDIERS BIBLE

Bill Brandon, a brother from Local 2488, has pocket-sized Bibles for our members that have served or are still active. Feel free to contact me and drop by and pick up your copy. These Bibles were donated but we are asking for a freewill donation to help maintain an adequate supply for the membership.



"What the UNION FIGHTS FOR AND WINS at the bargaining table CAN BE TAKEN AWAY in the legislative halls."

WALTER REUTHER

#### PLEASE CONTACT DUES OFFICE

If you are on Medical, Worker's Compensation, Family Leave, or Military Duty, or if you have recently retired or separated, please contact the Dues Office with this information. This will be of great assistance to the Local in order to keep our records accurate and current. It will also help keep records for you if needed

#### SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

As always, please keep all the soldiers and families in your thoughts and prayers.

In Solidarity, John R. Shallenberger Financial Secretary/Treasurer

RECAPITULATION as of May, 20	11	
Income	\$	389,893.60
Expenditures	_	378,874.95
Excess of Income over Expense	\$	11,018.65
Regular Dues received on 4,55	l	
Sub Dues received on 23	3	
Initiation fees received on 34	1	
Bonus dues received on 4,533	1	
PER CAPITA TAXES:		
International Union UAW	\$	110,330.32
CAP Council		7,117.25
CAT Council		5,264.52
Retirees Dues PCT		312.00
Ag Council		180.76
Labor Council of West Central IL		184.00
IPS Council Pooled Arb. Fund		12.24
Total	\$	123,401.09
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<b>RECAPITULATION</b> as of June 30	), 2011
Income	\$ 224,735.29
Expenditures	313,787.89
Excess of Expense over Income	\$ (89,052.60)
Regular Dues received on 4,53	1
Sub Dues received on 1	3
Initiation fees received on 3	2
Bonus dues received on	0
PER CAPITA TAXES:	
International Union UAW	\$ 206,218.54
CAP Council	13,303.95
CAT Council	9,913.89
Retirees Dues PCT	304.20
Ag Council	180.00
Labor Council of West Central IL	184.00
IPS Council Pooled Arb. Fund	10.68
Total	\$ 230,115.26



# LAURA VALENTINE MEMORIAL BENEFIT RIDE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 6** 

Sponsored by the Heather Henninger Scholarship Committee of UAW, Local 974 and Peoria Area CAP Council All proceeds go to the Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund and St. Jude Midwest Affiliate

<u>CHECK IN TIME</u> <u>STARTS</u>

10:00 am until 1:00 pm Silver Bullet on Main Street, East Peoria

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#### **INSURANCE & BENEFITS REPORT**

IIM ARROWOOD. Chairman Insurance and Benefits

This letter went out to all UAW covered members. One thing worth noting is the underlined portion. Everyone who criticized President Obama and Congress for passing Healthcare reform should understand the positive results already being realized.

P.S. Looking forward to seeing everyone in November – my dear friends Doffless and Wilene Harris – and family.

### **CATERPILLAR**

June 15, 2011

RE: Temporary healthcare premium reduction

Dear Plan Participant(s),

We are pleased to inform you that your healthcare premium will be temporarily reduced by 61 percent. This temporary reduction will be applied to your July through October healthcare premiums.

We are able to provide this temporary reduction because of the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program (ERRP) that was established as a result of healthcare reform to reimburse plan sponsors for a portion of the costs we incur providing healthcare coverage to certain retirees. Caterpillar applied for, and recently received, reimbursement through ERRP. As a result, we are required to send the enclosed notice from the Department of Health and Human Services.

This notice highlights the ability for plan sponsors to use discretion regarding how the reimbursement funds are distributed. We have chosen to use the funds to temporarily reduce premiums on a pro-rated basis.

#### What to expect

- The temporary reduction will begin with your July healthcare premium. If you pay your
  premium through payroll deduction you should expect to see this change reflected in the
  first full pay period of July. If you pay your premium through direct invoice, you should
  expect to see this change reflected in the July invoice and if you pay your premium
  through pension deduction, you should expect to see this change reflected in your August
  pension payment.
- The reduction will last four months.
- Your premium will return to current levels beginning with your November healthcare
  premium. If you pay your premium through payroll deduction, you should expect to see
  this change reflected in the first full pay period of November. If you pay your premium
  through direct invoice, you should expect to see this change reflected in the November
  invoice and if you pay your premium through pension deduction, you should expect to
  see this change reflected in your December pension payment.
- A Confirmation of Coverage statement will be mailed to you in early July from the
  Caterpillar Benefits Center to provide you with notification of your temporarily reduced
  healthcare premium amount and again in early November when the premium returns to
  the current amount.

If you have questions, contact the Caterpillar Benefits Center at 1-877-228-4010, Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (Central time).

Sincerely,

Jerry Duggan

U.S. Healthcare Benefits Manager

# CATERPILLAR BENEFITS CONTACT INFORMATION

HYATT LEGAL SERVICES 1-800-821-6400

HR SERVICES CENTER-AMERICAS/PANAMA

Toll-free: 1-800-447-6434 OR 1-309-494-2363

E-mail: HR\_Service\_Center@cat.com

#### CAT ESCALATED ISSUE RESOLUTION TEAM\*

Toll-free: 1-866-494-4562

\*If you have an issue or question about your benefits, always call UnitedHealthcare (UHC), Hewitt, RESTAT, MetLife or the HMO first. Employees should use this number only to help resolve active, unresolved issues with the vendor that have not been resolved through previous, direct contact with the vendor. Contacting the Escalated Issue Resolution Team is completely voluntary and is not required as part of the benefit plans formal appeal process.

#### **DENTAL BENEFITS CIGNA Dental**

Customer Service: 1-800-244-6224 Web: cigna.com OR myClGNA.com ClGNA Dental Claims Mailing Address:

CIGNA Dental

PO Box 188037, Chattanooga, TN 37422-8037

#### **MEDICAL BENEFITS**

#### Cat Healthcare Plan (UnitedHealthcare PPO)

Customer Service: 1-866-228-4215

Web: myuhc.com

UHC PPO Claims Mailing Address:

United Healthcare

PO Box 740800, Atlanta, GA 30374-0800

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUG BENEFITS - RESTAT

Customer Service: 1-877-228-7909

Claims Mailing Address:

RESTAT

PO Box 758, West Bend, WI 53095-0758

#### FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS (FSA)

Healthcare and Dependent Care FSAs

Claims Administrator: UnitedHealthcare Customer Service: 1-866-228-4215

Claims Mailing Address:

UnitedHealthcare

PO Box 981178, El Paso, TX 79998-1178

#### LIFE INSURANCE & VOLUNTARY BENEFITS

Claims Administrator: MetLife Customer Service: 1-888-228-1811 Web: metlife.com/mybenefits

#### **ELIGIBILITY, PENSION, INVESTMENTS**

Plan Administrator: Hewitt

Caterpillar Benefits Center: 1-877-228-4010

Web: resources.hewitt.com/cat/

#### **HEALTHY BALANCE**

Healthy Balance: 1-888-228-9494

Web: CatHealthBenefits.com>Healthy Balance

#### **WORK.LIFE.SOLUTIONS**

(Cat Employee Assist. Program) 1-866-228-0565 Web: CatHealthBenefits.com>Work.Life.Solutions

#### CatHealthBenefits.com

Claim forms, provider directories and links to other Caterpillar vendor websites.



# The Editor's Desk By Rick Corbin

With all the news about budget talks, taxation, debt limits, and job losses, I thought the Membership should get the views of a learned man from the Union Label President of the AFL-CIO.

# EndNotes

#### By Rich Kline, President, UL&STD



*Jobs Remain Issue Number One* 

n unwholesome compulsion to reduce the national deficit seems to have fixated some in the republic.

At the same time, those who are so fixated also want to reduce the taxes of the very, very rich. A tax cut for the very, very rich would unavoidably lead to ... greater deficits. But you already guessed that.

One grows weary of hearing how the children of America and their children and their children's children will be beset by these deficits. Instead one might consider how many millions, yes millions, of American children are sustained by the food stamp program. Or how many millions of American children are homeless.

Perhaps we should recalibrate our nation-building efforts around the world and zero-in on the United States of America. In the US today one finds rampant unemployment, underemployment and way too many discouraged jobless people who are always approaching the end of their benefits. Many of the jobless are perpetually waiting for Congress to recognize their plight.

If we were to devote ourselves to rebuilding America's infrastructure, schools, ports, and the like, we might find that more American children along with their parents would be doing better.

Working people with jobs are the antidote to the national deficit because they pay taxes and don't absorb government funds.

So much of what goes on today in the face of what is truly a disaster is hypocritical posturing.

Budget balancing proponents want their tax cuts and argue that programs like Social Security are "entitlements." Entitlements? Workers and their employers pay a Social Security tax. Of course, they are entitled; they paid for it. It is not the fault of the working people who contributed the funds that Congress engineered the transfer of that money into the government's general revenues.

The children of America will be bet-

ter served if the economy recovers and the parents of the children are able to find work. Progressive programs languish as government funds are diverted to fruitless overseas ventures. How many hearts and minds could be won right here in the US, if people had jobs; if their kids had a good education and an opportunity to go to college without either mortgaging their future with student loans or taking a detour through the military; if banks would lend money to homebuyers and small businesses.

The hearts and minds of American consumers might be sounder if they were less troubled by the climate of fear in which we are enmeshed. People fear the loss of jobs and of government programs. They see how slow the government is to act in the face of natural disaster and economic disaster when it affects "the small people," as BP Chairman Carl-Henric Svanberg so charmingly referred to us.

Most of us have friends and family who have suffered in the recession. It's time for an economic surge to get us out of the recession. Damn the deficit. Let's go full-speed ahead.



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#### MOSSVILLE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

PAUL JACKSON, Chairman

Dateline July 1st 2011. This is the date this article goes to the editor. This gives you the reader a reference for the facts and statement contained in this article.

#### LOST IN THE TRANSLATION

As promised from my last article I will start this month with a translation of the new contract language.

Vacation Allotments: Same language as the 2004 agreement, with these exceptions. One time 40 hour carryover to be used between June 2011 and December 2011. In addition you will get your full vacation allotment to use during this same period.

2012 Vacation: Starting in the first Monday in the first full pay period in January all vacation allotments will be paid, in hours, as taken. The hour allotment is the same formula as the previous contract, based on service from the last date of hire in the vacation base period, in which it is taken. All vacation has to be used in the vacation base period, no carryovers starting in 2012.

**2013 Vacation:** In this year, we negotiated a payment of any unused vacation allotment, from the previous vacation base year of 2012. In addition, you will receive any unused vacation percentage (basically the percentage 6,8,10 over your vacation allotment, think of it as your applicable percentage on overtime worked in 2011)

2014 - 2017 Vacation: Vacation allotments and payout percentages will remain the same as the formula used in 2012, with the unused hours and percentages paid in February of the following year. Next article we will go over bonuses, wage increases and the new incentive pay.

#### MOSSVILLE... WHAT WE KNOW...

To their credit Mossville management has stepped up their informational "all employee" meetings and has been straight forward with employee's questions and answers.

**BB** Assembly: The "last engine" went down the line the end of June.

**DD Assembly:** The 5a11 "assemblers" will continue to build, test and paint the experimental Tier IV engines in the NPI area. In addition they will build "special order" engines, such as Fire Pumpers and other Mechanicals.

Management states BB assembly side will be shut down to "cold" and be prepped for lease or internal new product use. We have been promised the work performed in that area will be performed by UAW bargaining unit employees, but not necessarily from the Mossville/Mapleton Business Unit. Example being Morton Parts are now leasing 200,000 square feet of Building DD and may require more. Employees are UAW but management and bargaining unit employees answer to and are paid from the Morton Business Unit. **BB Machine Shop:** All lines are currently up and running blocks, liners, heads and cranks. Manpower requirements look to be between 250 – 300 bargaining employees through the rest of the year. Management, with the assistance of Human Resources, is developing training programs to keep the senior employees working and avoid a large reduction in force. Which if done at this time would adversely affect a large number of the Mapleton side of our business unit. This would result in layoffs and some less than desirable job placement (trust me been there done that !) for senior employees. I realize no job movement is perfect. At the end of this training, I believe seniority will be honored and everyone will pick up skill sets that will allow them to work towards a voluntary retirement, rather than an "only option left" retirement. For those that choose to retire, we negotiated a "rollover" of the last contract terms and agreement. In addition there is a qualifying additional \$500 one-time retirement bonus and still language for the \$300 or seven-month buyback, incentive that was initiated in March / April of 2009.

**DD Machine Shop:** Universal Liner line is still running. About 70 million dollars has been allocated for new liner machines, that's the good news. Bad news is the decision has not been made if the money will go to the Mossville or Mapleton side of the business unit. The Great news is it is staying in the Peoria area.

#### MOSSVILLE... WHAT WE DON'T KNOW...

Honestly, (I can't hardly believe it myself) management is being fairly transparent. I can only attribute it to the new relations we forged in negotiations. It seems the commitment is coming from the very top, as in CEO, down. In the recent past months I have met with Labor from all over the world. The common denominator of manufacturers that have successful Labor/ Management relations is the empowerment of the workforce comes from the top down. Even from previously disgruntled management I am hearing micromanagement is a thing of the past. Let's hope it continues, because I believe the future success of the iconic Peoria area facilities depend on it! So what we don't know is if the transparency and new directions of Labor/Management will continue and thrive. The core workforce left at Mossville is well equipped and has proven they can excel in safety, productivity, velocity and quality.

#### SHOW A MAN TO FISH...

In the light of the new training going on for Assemblers transferring to the Machine shop side of the business, I thought I would dig up some of my old training materials, ones that truly "teaches" a man the various functions of machining.

#### Everything we ever needed to know about tools that was failed to be explained to us...

**DRILL PRESS:** A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your beer across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, 'Oh sh--!'

**SKIL SAW:** A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

**HACKSAW:** One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

VISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

**OXYACETYLENE TORCH:** Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50¢ part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are trying to hit.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks, and rubber or plastic parts. Especially useful for slicing work clothes, but only while in use.

**SOB TOOL:** (A personal favorite!) Any handy tool that you grab and throw across the garage while yelling 'SOB!' at the top of your lungs. It is also, most often, the next tool that you will need.

#### **RETIREES CHAPTER**

**UAW LOCAL 974** 

#### WEDNESDAY POTLUCKS AUGUST 17 & SEPTEMBER 21

We invite and encourage all the new Retirees to join us for dinner and Bingo after the meeting. (Please bring your own table service.)

We also encourage the spouses of deceased members of Local 974 to join us. Surviving spouses are Associate Members of our Retiree Chapter and we invite you to participate in our activities.

#### MEMBERSHIP & RETIREES DANCE Sunday, August 21 7:00 – 10:00 pm Music by Timeless

Come one, come all! You don't have to dance – come and listen to the music and socialize. Mark your calendar and plan to attend.

#### **BUS TRIPS**

Tuesday, August 23 – Catfish Bend Tuesday, September 27 – Jumer's Rock Island

#### HOW CAN I JOIN THE RETIREE CLUB?

Upon retirement Local 974 members in good standing are encouraged to register at the Dues Office to become Chapter members. Retirees and their spouses are welcome and encouraged to attend the Retiree Chapter Meetings and activities.

We have a **Potluck the third Wednesday of every month** – meat, coffee and doughnuts are furnished. A variety of other activities are planned throughout the year. To assist in financing these activities a \$2 per month voluntary membership dues can be established at the Dues Office. The largest portion of the dues dollars goes to the International Retired Workers Advisory Council which is concerned with retired workers programs and policies and other matters that affect the welfare of retired workers.

#### Contact Retirees' Officers at 309/694-3151

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Do you have a little extra time? Df you do, contact Bonnie at 699-0167. Projects are to make and repair toys for children for Christmas, especially doll houses.

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# Remembering Our Brothers and Sisters

On behalf of the Officers, Members and Retirees of Local 974, may we offer our deepest condolences to the families of our brothers and sisters who have recently passed away. May God comfort all of you in your loss.

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William R. Russell	R	05/02/2011	Frank L. Shanklin	R	06/01/2011
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Donald F. Wright	R	05/12/2011	Leo W. Marion	R	06/07/2011
			Robert M. Bouris	R	06/09/2011
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David C. Jackson	R	05/25/2011	Martha L. Cary	R	06/18/2011
Walter A. Marfell	R	05/26/2011	Eva C. Emert	R	06/18/2011
Edras D. Clark	R	05/27/2011	Merle O. Graffis	R	06/19/2011
Betty J. Smith	R	05/27/2011	Paul W. Markum	R	06/19/2011
Charles L. Brashers	R	05/28/2011	Lyle W. Bridges	R	06/20/2011
Ray A. Hamock	R	05/30/2011	Charles A. Thurman	R	06/21/2011
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			Katherine I. Davidson	R	06/28/2011
			Roy L. Ewen	R	06/30/2011
			Arnold B. Fuchs	R	06/30/2011

		Sat 6	Laura Valentine Memorial Benefit Ride
		Sun <b>14</b>	Executive Board Meeting 11:00am
			General Council Meeting 1:00pm
	AUGUST	Wed <b>17</b>	Retirees' Chapter Meeting & Dinner 11:30am
	5	Thu <b>18</b>	Safety Council Meetings 8:00 / 10:00 / 4:00 pm
	A	Sun <b>21</b>	Membership & Retiree Dance 7:00 - 10:00pm
		Tue <b>23</b>	Catfish Bend Bus Trip 8:00am
		Thu <b>25</b>	Steward Council Meetings 8:00 / 12:00 / 4:00 pm
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#### IT'S THE PRINCIPLE - STUPID!

STEVE MITCHELL, Plantwide Safety Chairman

Caterpillar has kept the news media busy this summer. First, there was the news of the ruling by an Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission Administrative Law Judge regarding a record keeping citation issued at the Caterpillar Logistics facility in Morton. The ruling was significant enough that Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, Dr. David Michaels, commented on it in an OSHA News Release. Michaels was quoted as saying, "Musculoskeletal disorders are very prevalent and are significant workplace injuries and illnesses... It is imperative that these types of work-related illnesses are logged appropriately."

In the aforementioned case, the judge ruled that Caterpillar was guilty of not recording a work-related musculoskeletal illness and OSHA fined CAT \$900. In conjunction with the OSHA Standard, Administrative Law Judge Patrick Augustine stated that, in order to be recordable, "an employee's work activities do not have to be the cause, but rather a cause of injury or illness," and determined that the preponderance of evidence showed the employee's work activities were at least a contributing, if not the sole, cause of the employee's epicondylitis (http://www.oshrc.gov/decisions/html\_2011/09-0901.htm).

Interestingly, this case exemplifies a Caterpillar belief that whatever the Great Yellow Father says is right regardless of the truth of the matter. In fact, Caterpillar's actions demonstrate that they are willing to pay whatever it costs to "win" and prove they are "right". Based on the hourly fees charged by the law firm hired by Caterpillar and an expert's educated estimate of the billable hours needed to defend the case, Caterpillar spent hundreds of thousands of dollars to defend against a \$900 fine. Surely this money would have been better spent improving the ergonomic conditions for our members who work in the logistics facilities every day.

Another example of throwing good money after bad was CAT's request to have the CAT Logistics ruling reviewed. The request was denied. (Caterpillar can't accept that they were wrong). The only avenue left is an appeal to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, one step below the Supreme Court. In the end, this latest effort probably caused an additional 10-15 thousand dollars to be flushed down the toilet, but hey, principal is expensive.

In late June, Caterpillar was in the news again. OSHA fined CAT \$66,000 for Serious and Repeated violations of the OSHA Lockout/Tagout Standard http://www.osha.gov/pls/oshaweb/owadisp.show\_document?p\_table= NEWS\_RELEASES&p\_id=20139

Repeated violations are troubling for a couple of reasons. First, repeated violations are exactly what they sound like - identical or essentially identical violations of the same standard. In some cases, the previous violations occurred in the very same business unit! The Lockout Standard requires that the equipment being cleared of jams be locked out when the worker performing the task is exposed to the potential release of energy.

Second, management stubbornly maintains its position that the tasks involved in their most recent OSHA lockout citations fall into the exception for minor tool change adjustment and servicing activities which take place during normal production. The un-jamming function at the heart of this and the previous cases is specifically carved out of the exception Caterpillar claims it is operating under. I guess those in charge have determined that it is normal for the equipment to jam anywhere from six times a day to six times an hour (or is it that a proper lock out would impede production way too much).

I have a hard time understanding why the company would not want equipment machines locked out prior to un-jamming, especially considering our members have suffered injuries while performing these tasks. However, Caterpillar functions under the Caterpillar principle-whatever they say is right, no matter what it costs.

Finally, not only has the company been cited by OSHA, we have had Safety Complaints filed in this area on this very subject. Does anyone reading this think he/she would still be employed if they had an issue brought to their attention (multiple times, in writing) and which involved multiple documented injuries to co-workers? Even if there was a way, what would happen if that individual did the same exact thing again? Isn't doing the same thing and expecting a different result a sign of insanity

The real shame is that we recently had a tragedy in one of our plants involving the same issue, so why are things continuing to be done in the same manner? Is being right no matter what that important or is it just the principle?

A last little bit of irony came as a result of my recent Code of Conduct training. As I write this, we have one business unit Safety Chairman who has been fired for some trumped up offense and another Alternate Safety Chairman who had his job eliminated after processing a Safety Complaint. I'm pretty sure I read something in the "Code" about not retaliating against people and thought I'd made a mistake, but then I saw this story http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-07-08/ caterpillar-accused-of-demoting-tax-whistleblower.html

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From what I understand, the guy in the article cited above was a global tax strategy manager, and he blew the whistle on a scheme CAT was running on the government (you know...we the people). In a nutshell, CAT is accused of operating a kind of sham storefront logistics operation in Switzerland with no employees or parts. If the allegations are true, there appears to be over TWO BILLION reasons for CAT to engage in this 60 Minutes-like tax dodge operation.

Anyway, the manager claims to have been reassigned, demoted and denied promotions and bonuses after pointing out the potential illegality of this scam. According to the story, after all this stuff hit the fan, he was offered all of the lost money back on the condition he would stop accusing Caterpillar of any "unlawful, unethical or improper conduct"— the Code says we're not supposed to pay bribes either.

The news stories cited above do not paint a very flattering picture of CAT and that's not good news for any of us. For as much good as the company does in the communities in which we live, I'm curious about the justifications used for some decisions made that affect those inside the gates. Why is there such a disconnect between what is said and what is done?

The most precious thing we have is our health and safety, and for us for without it all the rest is pretty much worthless. We have the right to a safe and healthy workplace and the obligation to do what is necessary to get it. These are some of the principles we believe in.

At a time when it seems like "being right" has become more important than what is right, we all need to stand together. If there is a health or safety problem you are aware of that affects you or your co-workers, report it to your supervisor and your union representative. Your UAW Safety Representative is there to advocate for you, but we have to take the first steps together. Our Safety Complaint Procedure was agreed upon in the recent negotiations-use it. Instead of all the substitute methods for reporting hazards like C/I cards and suggestion boxes, call for your UAW Safety representative.

We all know people who are afraid to report injuries or illnesses for fear of what will happen, is that right? Why is safety metrics performance so important that it causes so many otherwise good people to take such actions? There are so many reasons that people are discouraged from doing what is right, regardless of the flowery words of the Code of Conduct. It just goes to show you how expensive principle really is.



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Now having said that, we do need to take stock of our times for Jesus also said that when we see certain things happen, look up, for your redemption draweth nigh (Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21) but He never set a date. The dire predictions spoken of in the Bible for the end of the world are casting their shadow on our world. Where the shadow is, the substance is not far off. The end of the world is described as labor pains. The problems get more frequent and more intense until the new baby (next age) is born. One author put it this way, "The death-agony of this age is the birth-agony of the next." When the "end" starts, this world (should it start soon) will be reduced from six billion people to two billion or less.

What about you? Jesus is the only escape from the worldwide holocaust from war, disease, famine, etc. Have you placed your faith and trust in Him to save you? Read Romans 3:10, 23, 6:23a, 5:8, 6:23b, 10:9-13.

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# HEATHER HENNINGER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The General Council, Executive Board and Retirees' Chapter of Local 974 have elected to award eight (8) \$1,000 and twelve (12) \$500 scholarships from the Heather Henninger Scholarship Fund for the 2011 through 2012 college school year.

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- 2. Entrant must be enrolled as a full-time college student (minimum 12 hours) for the 2011-2012 college school year.
- 3. Entrants must submit the Scholarship Fund Application by Friday, August 26, 2011.

A drawing will be held on Sunday, September 11th at the General Council Meeting.

Four male and four female students will be awarded a \$1,000 each and six males and six females will be awarded \$500 each in cash scholarships for a total of \$14,000 in scholarship awards.

Please complete and return application to the Henninger Scholarship Fund, Local 974, 3025 Springfield Rd., E. Peoria, IL 61611. It must be received by 4:00 pm on Friday, August 26, 2011.

Co-Chairmen Donnie Barker and Jim Arrowood

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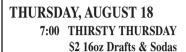
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