February 2016

# Local 592 Tribune

## Support our members, good jobs

Inside this iss	ue:
Cover Story	1
Presidents Report	2
Cover Story Continued	3
2016 UAW Union Built Vehicle Guide	3
BINGO	4
E-Board Contacts	5
Cartoons	5

Editor: Alton Jackson

### Special points of interest:

- E-Board Contacts
- Rockford UAW Building Association Bingo
- 2016 UAW Union Built Vehicle Guide

•

Buying from the 2016 UAW Union-Built Vehicle List accomplishes all three

Ryan Snyder considers himself a gatekeeper. As a quality verifier, it's his job to make sure that every vehicle that leaves the American General plant in Mishawaka, Indiana, is free of defects. The UAW Local 5 member knows that a distinct population of the driving public is counting on him and his co-workers.

They build the MV-1, the only purpose-built vehicles for people with disabilities that are made in America. The MV-1 meets or exceeds relevant American with Disabilities Act (ADA) guidelines. People with disabilities and their families can count on workers like Snyder who do their utmost to build UAW qual-

ity into every vehicle that leaves the plant.

"I make sure everything is put on correctly, everything is functioning correctly and works as it goes out the door to our customers," said Snyder, who has 15 years of seniority.

Our greatest spokesperson is the member who makes the vehicle, or makes the parts that go into the vehicle. You can best explain the dedication and quality that goes in - and the good that comes from those jobs, not just for our families but for our entire community. That's why we put out a list of recommended vehicles to buy. The 2016 UAW Union-Built Vehicles List is on the following page and downloadable from uaw.org. Use it as convenient reference material to help your family, friends and neighbors make an excellent choice when shopping for their next new vehicle.

Some people will say that there's no difference between buying a



union-made vehicle manufactured in the United States or Canada. But as UAW members, we know the truth. Union negotiated wages and benefits have a tremendous effect on communities. "We're proud of the work we put into our products and know it's important that the general public not only experience our quality, but also the economic effect of good wages and stable jobs," said UAW President Dennis Williams. "Buying union ensures that good-paying jobs are sustained in our communities. There's a lot of good that comes from buying from the union-

### **Presidents Report**

By Mike Roth-UAW 592 President

Brothers and Sisters,

Insurance issues

We have had a number of issues with the Third Party vendor that administers the insurance for our retirees. They, again, have cancelled or told some of our retirees that they do not have prescription coverage or no coverage at all. We have been in contact with corporate and believe that this issue has been taken care of. If you are experiencing trouble with your insurance, please contact Mike Rourke at the hall (815-962-0600).

Software changes in the shop.

At the beginning of this year the Company decided to change the programs that we use for the Quality System and Labor Reporting. Since the change started there has been many issues, not only in the shop but at our vendors, as we have experienced delays in getting parts for all areas. Hopefully they can get all the bugs worked out in the near future so we can get product to our customers on time.

Another problem associated with the software change was the first week (blackout period). An area plant manager was sending his people home

with pay for the day and other areas were not afforded the same opportunity. This action was halted by Corporate as soon as they found out because this area manager was not given the OK to do so.

**HR** issues

The Furlough days that the Company reported last year for 2016 will not apply to the Rockford Bargaining Unit.

Your Bargaining Committee was successful in negotiating with the company to get this resolved.

At the end of the year another HR person resigned from the Company and that has left them with only two HR people to manage all of the areas. This has made getting things done in a reasonable amount of time very difficult for the **Bargaining Committee. We** have forwarded the issues on to Corporate to let them know of the delays in getting answers to our grievances or various other issues that we bring up on a weekly basis. They have informed us that they are currently interviewing people for a backfill to one of these HR positions.

Please bear with us while we are dealing with this personnel change.

Forecast for 2016

The Company has told us that the initial forecast for 2016 is that the workload is down in all areas because they are not receiving the amount of orders from our customers as in the past. Our customers would usually purchase extra product to keep on hand but have refrained from doing so to keep their inventory lower. As of right now, the Company has not indicated that there will be any layoffs in the near future. We will keep you updated as the year goes on.

Furlough Days for 2016

The Furlough days that the Company reported last year for 2016 will not apply to the Rockford Bargaining Unit. Your Bargaining Committee was successful in negotiating with the company to get this resolved.

In Solidarity,

Mike Roth

Page 3 **Local 592 Tribune** 

### Continued Cover Story

built list."

The MV-1 supports UAW jobs before it even leaves the plant. The engines come from Ford Motor Co.'s Romeo, Michigan (Local 400) and Cleveland, Ohio (Local 1250) engine plants, while its transmissions are built at Ford's Livonia (Michigan), Transmission plant (Local 182). And there are many jobs at local suppliers that count on the MV-1 and other American General vehicles. American General produces a Mercedes-Benz CUV for the Chinese market and also manufactures vehicles for the militarv.

Among the Detroit Three, there are

"We're proud of the work we put into our products and know it's important that the general public not only experience our quality, but also the economic effect of good wages and stable jobs," said UAW President Dennis Williams.

not a lot of drastic changes from the 2015 list: Production of General Motors Corp.'s Chevrolet Camaro was moved from Canada to Lansing, Michigan. There's a new Cadillac model, the CT6, while Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler have refreshed many of their models. And the pipeline at all three domestic automakers will be far from dry as Ford will replace the Lincoln MKS in the 2017 model year with a newly revived Lincoln Continental. Chrysler is planning a small pickup based on its Jeep platform for that year as well. Take a look at the list and clip it out. It is also downloadable at uaw.org. Wallet-sized cards will soon be available at UAW regional and local offices. Support your brothers and sisters and our communities and buy union-made in

Vince Piscopo Solidarity magazine Nov.-Dec 2015

the U.S.A.!

## 2016 UAW Union Built Vehicle Guide

**BUY QUALITY-**

#### **BUY UNION MADE VEHICLES**

#### **UAW CARS**

Buick LaCrosse

**Buick Verano** 

Cadillac ATS

Cadillac CTS

Cadillac CT6

Cadillac ELR (electric)

**Chevrolet Camaro** 

**Chevrolet Corvette** 

Chevrolet Cruze

Chevrolet Cruze (diesel)

Chevrolet Impala

Chevrolet Impala (police)

Chevrolet Malibu

Chevrolet Sonic\*

Chevrolet Volt

Chrysler 200

Dodge Dart

Dodge Viper

Ford C-Max (full hybrid/electric)

Ford Focus

Ford Focus (electric)

Ford Fusion\* (gas-powered only)

Ford Mustang

**Ford Taurus** 

Lincoln MKS

#### **UAW TRUCKS**

Chevrolet Colorado

Chevrolet Silverado\*\*

Ford F Series

**GMC** Canyon

**GMC Sierra** 

RAM 1500\*\*

#### **UAW SUVS/CUVS**

**Buick Enclave** 

Cadillac Escalade ESV

Cadillac Escalade Hybrid

Cadillac SRX

**Chevrolet Equinox** 

Chevrolet Suburban

**Chevrolet Tahoe** 

Chevrolet Tahoe (police)

Chevrolet Tahoe (special service)

**Chevrolet Traverse** 

**Dodge Durango** 

Ford Escape

Ford Expedition

Ford Explorer

**GMC** Acadia

**GMC** Yukon Hybrid

**GMC Yukon XL** 

Jeep Cherokee

Jeep Compass

Jeep Grand Cherokee

Jeep Patriot

Jeep Wrangler

Lincoln MKC

Lincoln Navigator

#### **UAW VANS**

**Chevrolet Express** 

Ford Transit

**GMC Savana** 

#### **UAW SPECIALTY VEHICLES**

American General MV-1 (for drivers with disabilities)

#### **UNIFOR CARS**

**Buick Regal** 

Cadillac XTS

Chevrolet Impala

Chrysler 300

**Dodge Challenger** 

**Dodge Charger** 

#### **UNIFOR SUVS/CUVS**

**Chevrolet Equinox** 

Ford Edge

Ford Flex

**GMC Terrain** 

Lincoln MKT

Lincoln MKX

#### **UNIFOR VANS**

**Chrysler Town & Country Dodge Grand Caravan** 



## JOIN US

Have fun, Play, and WIN all of your favorite games!!!



**Sunday Nights** 

First Bingo Called @7:00pm Doors open @4:00pm

> Rockford UAW Hall 112 North Second St. Rockford, IL 61107

Food and Berverages
Available for Purchase
Secutity Provided

**NO COMPUTERS** 



19

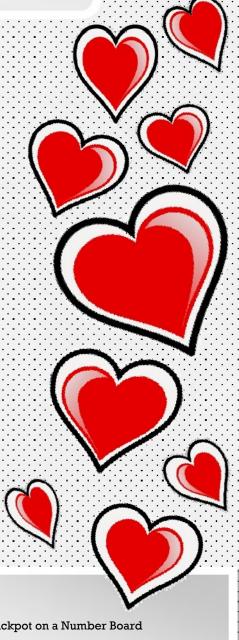
### **RAFFLE & GAMING CENTER**

Cards 6 for \$5.00



- ♦ Slots/92% Pay Out
- Bingo , Raffles, and Pull Tabs

- ◆ Daul Daub—\$1,000 Progressive Jackpot on a Number Board
   Consolation Prize \$100
- ♦ Bunny Bucks—Over \$4500
- ♦ Jackpot Party Raffle—Over \$2800
- ♦ Odd/Even—\$500
- ♦ \$500 Blackouts
- ♦ Hot Ball Jackpots—Between \$100-\$500



Cancellations due to uncontrollable circumstances will Always be televised or call 1-815-962-0601 for more information

### **Executive Board Contacts**

			<del></del>
	Phone	Cell/Pager	<u>Email</u>
President – Mike Roth	962-0600	978-0309	mike.roth@hs.utc.com
Vice-President – Alton "AJ" Jackson	226-4294	243-0427	alton.jackson@hs.utc.com
Recording Secretary – Mike Rourke	962-0600		michael.rourke@hs.utc.com
Financial Secretary – Greg Kimbrell	226-6961		greg.kimbrell@hs.utc.com
Chief Steward (Dist. 1) – Mike Fishe	226-6961		mikefishe@hs.utc.com
Chief Steward (Dist. 2) – John Loos	226-6961		john.loos@hs.utc.com
Chief Steward (Dist. 3) – Brian Opsahl	226-6961		brianopsahl@hs.utc.com
Chief Steward (Dist. 4) – Pete Deskovich	966-8167	218-0663	pete.deskovich@hs.utc.com
Trustee Chair– Tina Roth	226-6961		tina.roth@hs.utc.com
Trustee – Neil Weisensel	226-7173		neil.weisensel@hs.utc.com
Trustee – Gilberto Gonzalez	226-6961		gilberto.gonzalez@hs.utc.com
Sergeant-at-Arms – Steve Rasmussen	962-0600		steve.rasmussen@hs.utc.com
Guide – Rex Thomas	962-0600		
Retiree's Member at Large – Jim Kimbrell	962-0600		
Unit 3 Representative – Maria Del Rosario Rodrio	quez 962-0600		

# NO FURLOUGH DAYS FOR 2016

### **Attorneys for UAW Region 4**

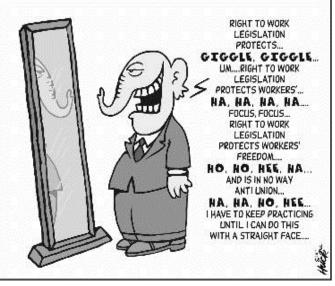
Katz, Freedman, Eagle, Eisenstein, Johnson, and Bareck will be at the Hall on membership days between the night and day shift meetings. You may also contact them at 1-800-444-1525.











#### **UAW Local 592**

112 North Second Street Rockford, II 61107

Phone: 815-962-0600 Fax: 815-962-3353

Follow us on Twitter: @uawlocal592

We are on the Web! www.uaw592.com

### Reminder!

A note from the Recording Secretary...

Please remember to notify your union office of any changes of name or address. The number to the union office is

**815-962-0600.** If you know of other members who have had a change of address within the last year please remind them to notify the union office as soon as possible.

Fraternally,

Michael Rourke

Local 592 Recording Secretary

"Challenge yourself with something you know you could never do, and what you'll find out is that you can overcome anything"

Anonymous



UAW LOCAL 592 112 No. Second St. Rockford, ILL. 61107

