



# LOCAL 8183 UNIT 26

## *“Front Lines”*

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## Unit Meeting – August 2009

A Unit Meeting was held on August 11th at the Local Union Hall. The issues discussed were concerning the Overtime Grievance we have with company and how we are working with them to come up with a solution to the use of it.

The Union reps had the first of several meetings with the Company on August 6<sup>th</sup> concerning the Overtime Grievance. The meeting went well and we were able to agree on a couple of topics. Remember, this is still ongoing and will take some time before we will approach the Unit with a final copy to be voted on. We would still like your input into this. We will be discussing this at our next monthly Unit meeting to be held on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Be there if you want your voice to be heard.

The Local website has all sorts of useful information you made need; Newsletters, photos, links, contact information, etc. Check it out.

## Message from the President

Union brothers, hello again. Another month has passed us by and for those of you who took advantage of the Local 8183 picnic, thanks for showing up. For those who couldn't make it, you missed out on some great food, icy cold beer, lots of prizes and the opportunity to meet other Union brothers and sisters.

We are still having meetings with the Company in reference to overtime. We touched on this subject at the last Unit meeting, and I'd still like more suggestions on this topic from all of you. Some of you that I have spoken to; know that I stress two things: Participation and Communication. This reminds me of something I once heard:

A man was in church one day praying aloud, "Lord, I just want to hit the Lottery!" A voice from the balcony shouted down, "You have to play to win!"

What I am saying here is if you can't make the meetings, use your Shop Stewards or the Suggestion Tickets on the back of the Newsletter to communicate with us. We're still fighting the fight.

P.S. School is back in session so be careful of kids and buses.

Hope to see you at the next Unit meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

John Martin

*“You're either in or you're out. There's no such thing as life in between.”*

*– Pat Riley*

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*Unit Meetings:  
Second Tuesday of  
every month  
4pm*

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## Joint Safety Committee

Thanks again for over 130 days of green lights at our plant. At the Joint Safety committee meeting on August 27<sup>th</sup>, we discussed the following:

- The roof leaks in the Zelig and Rochester Plants
- The torch in the Abrasive Saw pit in Rochester
- The VCF blankets
- The smoke resulting from torch cutting at the VCF
- Zeligople will have the pot hole in their parking lot filled with gravel
- Holes in Monaca's floor will be filled
- Backstops will be made for both Abrasive Saws
- Line painting in Monaca will resume

We also discussed that our Safety Director is finishing a fork truck video that will be review by the committee, and a Fire Extinguisher station with some help from Maintenance. We are also trying to come up with a solution to the spikes on the bed of the Water Jet.

The Union would like to thank everyone's efforts in keeping each other safe. We want safety to be our top priority. So, don't hesitate to discuss concerns with your Safety Committee members or shop stewards. If you are unable to reach someone, call Kevin Davis, Monaca's Safety Committee Member, at 724-971-2459.

The Joint Safety Committee meets on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Thursday of every month from 3pm – 4pm at the three facilities on a rotating basis. The dates and locations are as follows:

Oct. 15, 2009 Rochester (Garage)  
Nov. 19, 2009 Zeligople Training Room  
Dec. 17, 2009 Monaca Training Room

Safety Tip of the Month:

Be Proactive not Retroactive. Your life is at stake!

## USW and Rapid Response Take Action Bernie Hall (From Local 8183 Newsletter)

Earlier this year the United Steelworkers filed a complaint with the International Trade Commission (ITC) concerning a surge of tire imports from China. Last month, a majority vote of the ITC found that tariff relief was needed to urgently reduce tire imports. Evidence shows that by the end of the year more than 8,000 domestic tire production jobs will have been lost. USW President Leo Gerard said, "The consequences of lost tire production jobs have extended to many thousands of other jobs in supporting industries and suppliers." One of the suppliers to the major domestic tire producers is Horsehead Corporation. If this trend of flooding our markets with Chinese tires continues it could have a negative impact on Horsehead's business. We all have something at stake here. Too many workers have lost their jobs to Chinese imports. This is a case that could very well affect us personally. Our Rapid Response team has already begun to work on this. The President has until September 17 to make a decision whether or not relief will be granted. Locals thought the country are flooding the White House with letters concerning this. Now its time to do our part. Contact the Union Hall and **write a letter** to the President and ask him to support a strong remedy in the section 421 case on passenger and light truck tires.

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*Suggestion Box!*

*See tickets on last page.*

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*LOCAL 8183 WEBSITE:*

*[www.USWLocal8183.org](http://www.USWLocal8183.org)*

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# Upcoming Events

<b>Company Holiday – Labor Day</b>	Sept. 7
<b>Unit 26 Meeting – Rome Metals</b>	Sept. 8
<b>Joint Safety Committee Meeting (Monaca)</b>	Sept. 17
<b>Local 8183 Meeting</b>	Sept. 28
<b>Unit 26 Meeting – Rome Metals</b>	Oct. 13
<b>Joint Safety Committee Meeting (Zelienople)</b>	Oct. 15
<b>Local 8183 Meeting</b>	Oct. 26
<b>Unit 26 Meeting – Rome Metals</b>	Nov. 10
<b>Joint Safety Committee Meeting (Zelienople)</b>	Nov. 19
<b>Local 8183 Meeting</b>	Nov. 23
<b>Company Holiday – Thanksgiving</b>	Nov.26 & 27

-Our Unit meetings will be the second Tuesday of every month. The meetings will be conducted at the Union Hall in Bridgewater from 4pm to 6pm.

-Local 8183 Meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month at 6pm at the Union Hall.

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NOVEMBER 2009						
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## Important Contact Information

Unit Chair: John Martin – W - 724-775-2618  
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Head Griever: Dave Genevie – W – 724-775-2618  
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Email – Local8183Unit26@yahoo.com

Local Union Hall – 724-728-6455

Local 8183 website – www.USWLocal8183.org

# SUGGESTIONS

Send to John Martin or John Saunders in Monaca

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