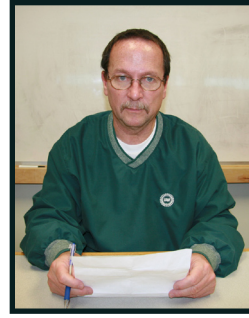


UAW Local 602 Chairman's Comments



GM's \$37 Million Facilities

Enhancement Announcement:

GM's announcement of \$37 million dollars in facilities enhancements certainly bodes well for our future! As I mentioned in an earlier "Chairman's Comments", the past eighteen months have been fraught with challenges and turmoil, but this Membership rose to the occasion and played an integral role in the successful turn around of General Motors. GM leadership is well aware of how this Membership went above and beyond to build the finest vehicles as efficiently as possible. Yesterday's announcement is validation of your noble efforts.

National Contract Talks:

We all are very aware of the profound importance and impact of the upcoming National Contract talks between the UAW and General Motors. One of the tasks at last week's Sub Council meetings was to select our National Negotiating Team. I was quite honored to be nominated and elected by my peers from all across America to serve as the UAW's Alternate Top Negotiator for the GM Car Division at the National Contract Talks. I want to thank the outstanding Membership of UAW Local 602 for your support.

This is the first time in nearly eighteen years that anyone from Lansing has been selected to be part of the National Contract talks. Furthermore, having someone from our Local at the table is very important. Be sure to thank those who supported me in this critical endeavor.

Remember YOU are the UAW. If you have concerns, please use the chain of communication that begins with your UAW Local 602 Committee Person, then your zone, and me. We are here to serve YOU.

In Solidarity,
Steve Bramos
UAW Local 602 Chairman

Overtime:

The decision to scale back overtime was in response to the traditional seasonal winter slow down of auto sales. By keeping a close eye on inventories, GM can maintain the desired float to better compete in the marketplace. Our 2011 LDT budget has been approved to build 284,000 vehicles. This is more than enough volume to retain a three shift operation throughout 2011.

Orion:

As I promised, upon my return from the Sub Council meetings I would touch on the situation at Orion. *First, everyone needs to understand that Orion was slated to close-they had no product, which means they had no jobs.*

During the GM bankruptcy talks, UAW Leadership and our friends in the Democratic Party like Senators Stabenow and Levin and Congressman Mark Schauer were able to bring back the small sub-compact car which was slated to be built in Korea. Because of the very slim profit margin of small sub-compact vehicles like this one, the U.S. Treasury Department wanted wage and benefit modifications that created something called a third tier which would have effectively outsourced even more of our work to outside entities at an even lower wage than two tier. For example-the entire material department would have been gone. Thanks to the efforts of our new leadership at the helm of the UAW, this third tier language has been eliminated and the 300 material jobs have been restored. Remember, this language only applies to this low priced sub-compact project. If Orion were to receive another larger product, that new contract language would not apply.