

November 6, 2011 Chairman's Report

Respectfully submitted by Rick Martinez Shop Chairman

Negotiations update:

Local negotiations are progressing forward. The UAW bargaining team is meeting in sub-committees on a daily basis to address our demands appropriately. Once again I must thank the membership for their patience and will ask again that we all support each other during these very dynamic times.

Wage increases for Entry Level (Tier II) members and our Temporaries: were originally communicated to be paid on October 28th payroll. Obviously this hasn't been the case and the last communication that we received from the National Parties was that this increase would be paid in Early November.

Plant Production Latest News: There are no plans for additional down weeks. This past down week was both for field supply corrections and to allow for suppliers to make the necessary adjustments to their operations to meet new model mix requirements. Production model mix in the plant for the next 4-5 weeks will be adjusted to increase the GMC builds to approximately 500-540/Day, Buicks will stay the same and Traverse will be decreased. These changes are necessitated by customer demand for more GMC's less Chevy's. Buick sales remain consistent.

After January 2012 the new line rate of 1075/Day, reduced from 1155/Day, will allow for a more stable production system within our plant.

According to an article in today's Detroit News, US auto sales through October have topped 10.5 million vehicles, that's a jump of a million vehicles compared to last year, or a 10 percent increase.