



The President's Soap Box

HELLO, ALL,
I hope you are enjoying this spring weather. American is continuing to hire new employees at a tremendous rate. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication in helping to bring the new employees up to speed.

Please continue welcoming the new hires and answer any questions they may have. Talk with them about getting involved with our local here in Pit and invite them to attend our union meetings with you.

Have a great Independence Day and a safe Memorial Day. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely, Howard Ferguson, *President, LL 1976*

Greetings All ...

SOLIDARITY, as defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary – unity (as of a group or class) that produces or is based on community of interests, objectives, and standards.

Examples of groups that rely on solidarity to achieve common goals are: Alumni, School, Sports Teams, Political, Military, and in our case, Work and Union. All these different groups come together for the good of the group and taking action needed to support the needs of the group.

Solidarity in our work groups and The IAMAW is very important to reaching the goals of the members. Whether it is achieving an industry leading contract or in the daily job functions. Solidarity is our strongest strength.

Watching over each other to make sure the contract is followed, jobs are completed properly, health and safety concerns are addressed, or providing guidance

on how to handle issues and confrontations. We should have each other's backs. When an individual or group has been unjustly dealt with, results are better achieved when the group acts as a whole. People acting for individual gain often adversely affect the whole.

Show support for each other when someone speaks up on a legitimate concern. Issues can often be resolved with a conversation. Stewards are an essential tool in helping. They can address your concern and direct accordingly.

Solidarity is very important when negotiating a contract. The company must know the membership supports the Negotiating Committee. More can be achieved in negotiation with a strong and united membership.

Our best resource is each other. If the membership supports each other, the stewards, the grievance committee, the Negotiating committee, and the IAM we can accomplish many good things.

In Solidarity, Mark Ball, *Grievance Committee Chairman, LL 1976*

Our Local Lodge 1976 Hall Celebrates 25 Year Anniversary

THIS MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT was 49 years in the making! Local Lodge 1976 was chartered on September 27,1950. Union meetings were held in various locations throughout the years, such as the V.F.W. in Coraopolis, the ELKS Club and a shopping plaza in Moon Township. The property, purchased on January 16,1997, was once occupied by a Uni-Mart convenience store. On April 7,1999, the first meeting

was held in the new hall. The official dedication of Local Lodge 1976 was held on Saturday, May 22,1999 with an open house.

To celebrate this milestone we would like to invite all Retirees and Active Members to our hall for snacks and refreshments on Wednesday, June 5th. Open house hours will be: 3:00 PM–4:30 PM / 11:00 PM-12:30 AM / 7:00 AM-7:30 AM

Pictured at left: Uni-mart store located on property prior to 1997. Center and right: Our Lodge Hall as it looks today.



Local Lodge Directory

EXECUTIVE BOARD

| | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Howard Ferguson | President |
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Passed Away

| Name | Position | Department | Relation | Date |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|--------|
| Charles McLane | Retired AMT | Base | Self | 2021 |
| Howard Gardner | Retired AMT | Base | Wife | Jan 21 |
| Dave Buchanan | Inspector | Inspection | Mother | Feb 01 |
| Ken Goddard | Crew Chief | Base | Mother-in-Law | Feb 02 |
| Craig Gratkie | Machinst | Machine Shop | Mother | Feb 04 |
| Ken Gratkie | Mechanic | Facility Maint. | Mother | Feb 04 |
| Steve Wilson | Retired AMT | Base | Self | Feb 05 |
| Loren Carlson | Retired Crew Chief | Base | Self | Feb 05 |
| Jack Rodman | Retired MLS | Stores | Self | Feb 09 |
| Craig Rodman | Mechanic | GSE | Father | Feb 09 |
| Donald Jones | Retired MLS | Stores | Self | Feb 20 |
| Ed Owad | MLS | Stores | Father | Feb 21 |
| Bennie Martino | Crew Chief | Base | Wife | Feb 23 |
| Robert Faulkner | Inspector | Inspection | Self | Mar 03 |
| Jim McDonough | AMT | Base | Self | Mar 08 |
| Emmett Fusco | MLS | Stores | Father-in-Law | Mar 13 |
| Dan Feyrer | AMT | Base | Father-in-Law | Mar 16 |
| Joseph Clemente | Retired MLS | Stores | Self | Mar 26 |

Please accept our condolences on the loss of your loved ones.

2024 PIT BASE CAR CRUISE!

Wednesday, August 21st (Rain Date: August 22nd) 6:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Great Food, Music, Prizes and a Black Jack Tournament!

Bring your Antique, Street Rod, Classic Ride, Motorcycle or Custom Truck

Dash Plaques given out to Car Owners



Bill Latour recently celebrated 55 years of dedicated service in Pit Hangar 5 Maintenance. Congratulations Bill on this tremendous milestone!

Congratulations To Our Recently Retired Members: Mark Byerly, Jeff Roberts, Elizabeth Sanso, Don Obusek, Charles Siefert, Ron Claypool, Tim McRickard, Deborah McCaffrey, Jeff Maher, Joe Colatruglio, Ellen Creach and Jeff Demello

Flight Safety Report for April 17th, 2024

QUALITY ASSURANCE has reported that an Air Monitor from 2016 was found inside a fuel tank after open-up. Also flight crews have reported several times in the last months that tools were left in the flight deck and cabin.

Remember when leaving an area or performing close-up of a panel or door, always double check the area before leaving.

Also reported, Rotables are not being entered in SAFE.

Airbus tie bolts continue to be a problem. The Line MTC Program are reviewing bringing back the Wheel/Oil Check on all overnight aircraft. Too many issues in the AM during dispatch.

Lastly, if servicing the engine or APU record the authorization code on the appropriate work card and/or 'Action' remarks for unscheduled oil servicing recorded in a AML MIC entry.

The FAA will be sending out a letter of investigation to AMTs for undocumented MTC.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Our Unions and Allies

THE AFL-CIO IS A democratically governed federation of 60 unions, each with its own distinct membership and unique voice. Members have come together to build and support the rights of working people. In pursuit of these goals, the unions fight to vanquish social and economic injustice.

The 60 unions that make up the AFL-CIO include more than 12.5 million working people. They come from every walk of life and make America great. The union workers build homes, and get you home safely to and from work. The union workers take care of the sick, injured and teach your children and grandchildren. Also believe it or not union member score touchdowns to help win your fantasy league. So look around you as the person you are talking to may very well be a union member.

The AFL-CIO trade departments advocate for working people in industries with similar challenges. Some of the trade departments are Maritime Trades Department: Formed in 1946, provides grassroots support for the federation's initiatives in maritime programs and policies. It works to ensure maritime industries continue to play a pivotal role in defense and economic development of this nation. Transportation Trades Department: Formed in 1990, the Transportation Trades Department provides a strong national voice in the legislative, policy and political arenas for the millions of workers in aviation, rail, trucking, highway, parcel delivery service, longshore and maritime sectors. Union Label and Service Trades Department: The Union Label and Service Trades

Department promotes the union label for all union-made products and for all union services AFL-CIO is partner with organizations that share our values. More than 160 full time liaisons make up Community Services network. They help with everything from charitable giving to personal and economic crises. United Way, Worker Center Partnerships and NEA Partnerships to name several. We as Labor and the Legislative Committee will be involved in making the politicians and our community aware of us at American being a vital part of Allegheny County and the city of Pittsburgh.

Congressperson Valerie Gaydos of Moon Twp. was here visiting us in PIT this past Friday, January 26, 2024 during the day shift. Congressperson Gaydos was here along with Allegheny Airport dignitaries and American Airlines Airport management along with Manager Mark Mascara and myself. Discussion was on Pittsburgh's aircraft maintenance facility and the goings on with the operation. Congressperson Gaydos was shown the hanger and saw what was happening in Base (Hangar 5). Congressperson Gaydos was amazed at the operation and talked with several mechanics working center dock. Congressperson Gaydos was impressed with the talent, professionalism and skills of the mechanics she talked with. We as a union have been contacted by other politicians in the area to meet with American Airlines and your union to observe our operation. Hopefully this will occur in the near future. I personally would like to thank everyone that Congressperson Gaydos had the opportunity to meet and talk with for being who you are and so forthcoming.

In Solidarity, Dennis Tkacs, *Legislative Committee Chairman, LL1976*

Retiree Club Chairman

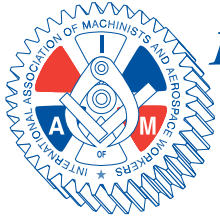
WELL, IT'S SPRING, OR IS IT? It's 70 degrees one day and frost warnings that night with temps in the 30's. Mother Nature is just trying to make us crazy, I think. But if you follow any of the evening news and weather, you will see how crazy the entire planet is. What should you do? I suggest that you park your gasoline powered car and truck and get a battery powered bicycle with big baskets on the back to carry all of your new found money to the bank. Perfect solution to the heating of our planet.

When you read this, I hope you might have made it to the last retiree meeting on May 7th. We planned on having speakers from the Fidelity Investment Group

in Cranberry Township. On the program we will have discussions on your 401K and roll overs, Roth IRAs along with regular IRAs and other means of saving and investing for your retirement life. Our plans are to make it easier to understand the world of investing and to enjoy your retirement with less worry about your savings. There will be plenty of time for question and answer and a personal one on one with an agent to discuss your special needs for your retirement plans. This is a great opportunity for important information with no pressure.

I hope that we might be able to bring other interesting speakers to our future retiree meetings. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Thank you and have a great Spring.

Fraternally, Bill Hollowood, *Chairman, Retiree Club*



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Union Meeting Schedule

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| MAY | 01 | Daylight LL Meeting | 3:15 PM |
| | 08 | Midnight LL Meeting | 7:15 AM |
| JUN | 19 | Afternoon LL Meeting | 11:15 PM |
| JUL | 03 | Daylight LL Meeting | 3:15 PM |

Retiree's Meetings 11:00 AM

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| MAY | JUNE | JULY |
| 07 | 04 | 02 |

HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

Pit Maintenance

BLOOD DRIVE SCHEDULE

(Due to Vitalant Blood Banks reduced staffing, the time has been adjusted to 5 AM - 10:00 PM)

Wednesday, June 19th

Wednesday, Aug. 28th

Wednesday, Nov. 13th

Located Hangar 3 – 3rd Floor – Rooms 319 and 322

*Please donate if you can ...
there is no substitute for blood.*

Pension Fund Information ... Web Sites and Phone Numbers:

IAM NATIONAL PENSION FUND:

1-800-424-9608

FAX # 202-457-8653

Website: www.iamnpf.org

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AMERICAN AIRLINES BENEFITS:

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Plan Termination Date: 1-10-2005