



The President's Soap Box

GREETINGS BROTHERS AND SISTERS, I hope everyone is enjoying this hot summertime weather. Pit Maintenance continues to see new hires come through our doors every few weeks. This is in large part thanks to the hard work of our long time members keeping Pittsburgh the #1 station in the entire system.

Well, the Labor Day Holiday will be here before you

know it. Labor Day, our day. Look for the sign up/informational sheets posted on the union bulletin boards about the parade and picnic. If you find you are unable to participate in the parade this year, be sure to try to make it to the picnic after the parade at Moon Park. This is and has always been a family event for all our members, so feel free to bring your family out and celebrate *our* day.

— Sincerely, Howard Ferguson, *President, LL 1976* —

Greetings All ...

IHOPE YOU ALL ARE HAVING a safe and enjoyable summer. The District and Local have both posted that the IAM/TWU Association will enter into contract talks with American Airlines starting August 13th and 14th. Coming out of these meetings, I expect to have future dates scheduled for negotiation and a commitment from the company to achieve the industry leading contract the work force deserves.

Your Association Negotiating Committee has put in the time and work to achieve this task. As all we know, if both sides are not fully committed, it can be a long path. The Association is committed.

This will be a new experience for many in our membership. I ask that our senior membership take the time to guide the junior membership through this time period. Share your experience and knowledge along the way, let them know to show

solidarity and support throughout the process. Everyone has a stake in the process to get the contract we deserve, and our greatest strength is when the company knows we are united for the cause.

I would like to also talk about field trips and aircraft parts. Parts and tooling are being left at non-maintenance stations. AMTs go on field trips to return an aircraft back to service and parts and materials are left at that station to be processed. It is MLSs job to process these items and return them back into the system for proper disposition. The company is not calling on MLSs to perform this work, allowing millions of dollars worth of stock to accumulate at non-maintenance stations. They should be calling MLS field trips to get this done. Just think of the money the company could be saving. There are many inefficiencies the company could take advantage of that would be of savings if they allow the work force the opportunity to do so.

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

Our Annual Labor Day Parade and Picnic

ANYONE COVERED under the Collective Bargaining Agreement between AA and the IAMAW based in PIT is hereby invited to come out and enjoy the day with us and our family members this Labor Day. We will provide the bus ride from Moon Park to the parade in Pittsburgh and return to the pavilion at Moon Park. I.A.M. t-shirts will be given out to all parade participants. All Retirees and active members

are welcome as always.

If you can't make it for the parade, we would still like you to join us for the picnic immediately following the parade.

- Delicious catered picnic style food and beverages will be provided as well as lawn games and kids' prizes.
- Please feel free to bring your family, including children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Local Lodge Directory

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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Passed Away

Name	Position	Department	Relation	Date
Larry Dansak	Retired AMT	Base	Self	09/30/2023
Gary Parsons	Retired AMT	Base	Self	Apr 07th
David Somerville	GSE Crew Chief	GSE	Sister-in-Law	Apr 14th
Bud Meade	Retired Crew Chief	Base	Self	Apr 15th
John Hooley	Retired MLS	Stores	Self	Apr 16th
Larry Hanlon	Retired AMT	Base	Self	Apr 18th
Richard Topor	Retired Inspector	Base	Self	Apr 26th
Jack Bishop	Retired Crew Chief	Base	Self	Apr 29th
Steve Mader	AMT	Base	Mother	Apr 29th
Ed Gasdick	Retired AMT	Base	Mother	May 07th
Lloyd Jones	Retired Inspector	Inspection	Mother	May 08th
Charles Vuick	Retired Crew Chief	Line	Self	May 09th
Al Capelli	Retired Inspector	Inspection	Wife	May 14th
David Zeravica	MLS	Stores	Mother	May 15th
Mickey Zuzik	AMT	Base	Mother-in-Law	May 15th
Richard Glas	Retired AMT	Base	Self	May 20th
Robert Glas	AMT	Base	Father	May 20th
John Bidoglio	Gen. Chair IAM	IAM	Mother	May 20th
Craig Davis	AMT	Base	Mother	May 22nd
Dave Schultz	Retired AMT	Line	Self	May 29th
Daniel Jablonski	Crew Chief	Base	Father-in-Law	May 29th
Marty David	Retired AMT	Base	Father	May 30th
Keith Hutton	Retired AMT	Base	Father-in-Law	May 30th
Patricia Turosik	MLS	Stores	Self	May 31st
Chris Karkowsky	AMT	Base	Mother	June 6th
Randy Powell	AMT	Base	Mother-in-Law	June 14th
Wendy Decort	MLS	Stores	Father	June 18th
Tony Calcara	AMT	Base	Mother	June 20th

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

2024
PIT BASE CAR CRUISE!
HANGAR 5 PARKING LOT
Wednesday, August 21st (Rain Date: August 22nd)
7:00 AM to 4:00 PM
BBQ, DJ, Prizes and a Black Jack Tournament!
Show off your Antique, Hot Rod, Classic, Motorcycle or Custom Truck.
Dash Plaques given out to
Car Owners

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Remember to Vote

IT IS SO IMPORTANT to VOTE this 2024 United States Election. The 2024 United States Elections are scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 5, 2024. During this Presidential election year, the President and Vice President will be elected. This will be the 60th quadrennial U.S. presidential election. Electoral College, is the system by which the President and Vice President of the United States are chosen. It was devised by the framers of the United States Constitution to provide a method of election that was feasible, desirable, and consistent with a republican form of government. Presidential electors who will elect the President and the Vice President of the United States will be chosen; a simple majority (270) of the 538 electoral votes are required to win the election. In addition, all 435 seats in the United States House of Representatives and 34 of the 100 seats in the United States Senate will be contested to determine the membership of the 119th United States Congress. Thirteen state and territorial governorships and

numerous state and local elections will also be contested. Additionally, elections will be held to select the non-voting members who represent the District of Columbia and all 5 permanently-inhabited U.S. territories in the House of Representatives. State Elections: Gubernatorial Elections for the Governorships of 11 of the 50 U.S. states and 2 U.S. territories. Attorney General Elections are to be held in 10 states. Secretary of State Elections are to be held in 7 states. State Treasurer Elections are to be held in 10 states. Legislative Elections : Pa – Senate: 50 seats and 25 up for election; House: 203 seats and 203 seats up for election. Ohio – Senate: 33 seats and 16 seats up for election; House: 99 seats and 99 seats up for election. West Virginia – Senate: 34 seats and 17 seats up for election; House: 100 seats and 100 seats up for election. Abortion, immigration, healthcare, education, the economy, foreign policy, border security, LGBT rights, climate change and democracy are to be leading campaign issues. Please take the time to get out the vote!

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

Retiree Club Chairman

DEAR RETIREES,
I hope everyone is having a great summer. It's a little hot at times but I think we'll manage to get through it. I'm working on a project to eliminate myself from being the middle man when it comes to a group of retirees that have one of the Medicare health insurance policies that the union helped to negotiate during the bankruptcy process.

Those policies were from three major carriers. Aetna, Highmark and UPMC are the companies that we worked with during those times of the unknown future for many of our retirees.

The process established was to have one person review those plans that the three companies sent out in early September and post them on the retiree section in the *News & Views* for those interested could review them for the December deadline to either accept or reject what they saw

for the new year.

I have been in touch with the carriers with the hopes to give you, the retiree members the opportunity to review early on any changes and questions that you might have and ask the representative the meaning of certain language that might have been placed in a section that pertains to you. This process would remove me from being the guy to decide what's good or not so good in the upcoming year.

I have begun a dialog with the companies to get rid of the middle man, (me), and let you review your new policy and make a decision what to do for the new year. I want to make sure we keep the quality we have established in those insurance plans for the coming year. I will keep you updated with any information coming my way pertaining to your insurance plans.

Have a safe and great summer.

Fraternally, Bill Hollowood, *Chairman, Retiree Club*

Flight Safety Report – Jim Puhalla *Your Flight Safety Committee Chairman*

1. A Revised work card for the removal of the nose gear is in the final stages. Insure you strap the nose gear to the 'A' frame in the wheel well per the AMM.

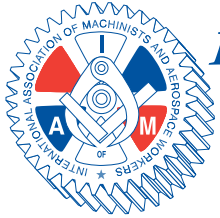
2. FAA Surveillance during working hours? Be courteous and obey all commands. If they ask for you're A&P license, you have to give it to them! It's like a credit card, if you don't surrender it they can act like a bank and deactivate it. (Revocation). The only time we ask if this is a formal or informal meeting is when I'm contacted that they wish to speak with you. Same goes for somebody you work with and ask, "What the process is?" That is the process.

3. Never stamp for accomplishing a job before it is complete. Data shows a lot of good intentions but getting distracted and then forgetting to complete a task is occurring. FAA is close to calling this intentional falsification. The solution? Just "STAMP FOR WHAT YOU DO AND DO WHAT YOU STAMP FOR."

4. Be very aware of tooling, rags, cans, etc., before leaving your work area. Data again shows that we are leaving items behind.

5. No Check, Check card is being revised with very general walk around items to be checked on 99T00000001 Job card. Not sure of revision date.

Stay Safe.



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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Union Meeting Schedule

AUG	07	Daylight LL Meeting	3:15 PM
SEP	04	Daylight LL Meeting	3:15 PM
	11	Midnight LL Meeting	7:15 AM
OCT	02	Daylight LL Meeting	3:15 PM
	16	Afternoon LL Meeting	11:15 PM

Retiree's Meetings 11:00 AM

AUG	SEPT	OCT
06	03	01

Pit Maintenance

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

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

E-Mail: pensions@iamnpf.org

AMERICAN AIRLINES BENEFITS:

1-888-860-6178 E-Mail: <http://my.aa.com>

PBGC

1-800-400-7242

E-Mail: mypension@pbgc.gov

Plan Sponsor: US Airways

Case Number: 20357000 (Machinists)

Plan Termination Date: 1-10-2005

**IAMAW Local Lodge 1976
Officers and Committee Members Election**

*In accordance with the IAMAW Constitution and applicable bylaws,
Local Lodge 1976 will be accepting nominations
for the following Lodge Officers and Committee Members
during the regular meeting at*

228 Moon Clinton Rd., Moon Twp., PA 15108 on Nov. 6, 2024 at 3:15 p.m:

Audit Committee (3)	Secretary Treasurer (1)	Vice President (1)
Education Committee (2)	Grievance Committee (2)	Conductor/Sentinel (1)
Flight Safety Committee (2)		Grievance Committee Chair (1)
Member Service Committee (3) one per shift		Recording Secretary (1)
Ground Safety and Health Committee (1) Alternate		President (1)
Ground Safety and Health Committee (3) one per shift		Trustees (3)

Nominations will be accepted only from members in good standing.

*– Local Lodge officer elections will take place on December 4, 2024 at
228 Moon Clinton Rd., Moon Twp., PA 15108.*

*Only members in good standing of Local Lodge 1976 will be permitted to vote in the election.
Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 5:30 pm.*

*The candidate who receives the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared
elected and serve a three year term.*

Absentee Ballot Request Form

*In accordance with the IAM Constitution, any member entitled to receive an absentee ballot shall make a
written request delivered by requestee either in person or by US mail to the Recording Secretary of Local
Lodge 1976 no later than 15 days prior to the election.*

Request Forms can be mailed to Joshua Charlier, 228 Moon Clinton Rd., Moon Twp., PA 15108

Check all qualifications that apply.

- Reside more than 25 miles from the designated balloting place.
- Confined because of a verified illness, injury or on Family leave.
- Active member on vacation (active employees only).
- Member on official IAM business approved by the Local Lodge, District Lodge, or Grand Lodge.
- Member on employer work or travel assignment.
- Member on reserve military leave.
- Retiree on vacation more than (25) miles from home.

– Please Print –

Name _____

Address _____

Signature _____

Josh Charlier
Recording Secretary
LL 1976
228 Moon Clinton Rd.
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