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Recall Announcement Reverses Layoff Trend

There was good news on the employment front for employees at Boeing and Triumph of Spokane. Boeing expects to recall approximately 700 Machinists Union members in Puget Sound by the end of the year while Triumph of Spokane will recall 20 members in November. Triumph also projects recalling potentially another 7 to 10 members in January.

RECALL BY THE NUMBERS

700 Number of members Boeing expects to recall in Puget Sound by year's end.

20 Number of members Triumph of Spokane expects to recall in November 2004.

7-10 Number of members Triumph projects to recall in Spokane in January 2005.

The Spokane recalls will put all employees who were laid-off from Triumph in March back on the payroll and also rehire some from the preferential recall list, which consists of Spokane Boeing employees who were laid-off prior to the sale to Triumph.

District 751 President Mark Blondin declared, "This is great news for our members, their families and the region. We are optimistic this is an indication of a turn around in the industry. It is equally good

news for our members at Triumph, and we hope the trend will continue."

Member Loren Guzzone was recalled as a Spar Mill Operator at the Frederickson plant on July 17. Loren was excited to be back on the Boeing payroll and again have Union representation. He valued the Union support he received during his layoff.

"Mark Blondin said it was a priority to take care of those on layoff, and he held true to his word. The Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) didn't just happen. It was only available because the Union filed a petition, provided the necessary documentation, and worked hard to secure the benefits for us. I, for one, am very appreciative."

Loren used TAA benefits to enroll in an Electronics Technician Program at Bates Technical College. "Because of TAA and



At the August Local C meeting, District 751 President Mark Blondin (left) welcomes Loren Guzzone back to the payroll at Boeing. Loren is one of the 700 members who will be recalled by the end of 2004.

its accompanying support benefits, I could focus all my attention on learning a new trade," Loren stated. "One day I heard two students trying to scrape together enough money to buy soup in the cafeteria. They talked about how tight their money was and how every penny counted so they could stay in school. It made a lasting impression. I realized being laid-off from

Boeing gave me a huge advantage over other students – mainly because of the tremendous benefits our Union has secured to provide a safety net."

Loren added, "Yet the Union support didn't end with the TAA benefits. I saw laid-off Boeing workers complete their TAA program and then turn to QTTP ben-

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Decision on Wenatchee Alcoa Plant Elevated to National Level

On August 9, over 200 concerned Union members attended a meeting at Wenatchee Valley Community



Local 1123 President Mike Bratton answers questions at an August 9 meeting.

College to get the latest Union update on the fate of the Wenatchee Works Alcoa plant. More than just workers have an interest in the outcome – the plant is one of the largest private employers in Wenatchee, with much the same economic impact that Boeing has on Puget Sound.

Earlier this year when the Union helped Alcoa obtain tax incentives from the State Legislature to restart the plant, the future looked bright for Wenatchee Works. Then, Alcoa announced it would have to have concessions from the workers to restart – even though:

- There is a signed contract with the Union (a national agreement covering many plants) that expires in 2006,
- Wholesale aluminum prices are up more

than 20 percent in the past year, and

- Alcoa posted a record net income of \$759 million during the first half of 2004 (the highest Alcoa has ever recorded during the first six months of a year).

At the August 9 meeting, Wenatchee Aluminum Trades Council President Jo Keyser reported there would be no vote by the local membership because the Council does not have bargaining authority. Keyser declared, "My number one duty as your president is to uphold the constitution and bylaws. We have a contract signed in 1970 that states we do not have the power to negotiate economic issues – that will take place at a national level. Therefore, the issue has now been elevated to the national level. Your Council agrees that it is best to stay in the national agreement."

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Union members from Alcoa's Wenatchee Works listen intently to an update on the future of their plant.



District 751 President Mark Blondin (l) meets with IAM Strategic Resources Director Steve Sleight to discuss ways to improve health care quality and review contributions to the Boeing Pension Plan.

Union Focuses Early on Benefits and Pension

With formal contract negotiations just one year away, the Union is continually working on our major issues like health care and pensions.

Health Care

In August, the Union/Company Joint Committee on Health Care Costs and Quality met to get updates on the quality initiatives we have encouraged health care providers to adopt. Reports showed that virtually all hospitals in Puget Sound have responded and made pretty significant progress toward meeting the patient safety goals.

Children's Hospital in Seattle addressed the group and credited the IAM/Boeing Joint Committee for taking a lead in this area and spurring their facility into action. Since implementing the initiative, Children's has been


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Minding His Own Business

Laid-off member opens smoke house in prime Black Diamond location

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in the Primary Election

TUESDAY

SEPTEMBER 14th

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Meetings Lay Groundwork for Upcoming Contract Talks

by Mark Blondin,
District President



While formal negotiations are nearly a year away, the Union has already been working to open dialogue with the Company. The more face-to-face meetings we can have, the better each side will understand the other's position and open the lines of communication. A summit meeting was held recently in Chicago with Boeing executives including Harry Stonecipher, Alan Mulally, Laurette Koellner, Jim Albaugh, and Gene Woloshyn. Attending for the Union were myself, International President Tom Buffenbarger, General Vice President Lee Pearson, Aerospace Coordinator Dick Schneider and various reps from other locals representing Boeing work-

ers nationwide.

Boeing gave an optimistic outlook for both commercial and defense work in the coming years. While the projection looks bright for jobs, our task is to ensure that it is **OUR** workers in **OUR** Union in **OUR** region who get those jobs. I assured Mr Stonecipher, and his management colleagues, that fabrication work was as important to this Union as the final assembly jobs. We are not satisfied with the current number of fabrication jobs in the Puget Sound Region. We earned the right to assemble the 7E7, and we have earned the right to build the parts, as well.

The issues of jobs, health care, and pension will dominate the next negotiations I'm sure.

In regard to pensions, I made it clear that a cost-of-living formula in the pension plan is the best solution. That way, the \$60 pension you retire on today will buy the same products and services tomorrow.

Boeing raised the issue of health care, and we discussed the rising costs. We asked them to join us in the fight for a national health care system that works, instead of just passing on the skyrocketing costs of health care (which is rising at five times the rate of inflation) to us workers.

All in all though, the summit was a positive meeting.

In August, the Joint Union/Company Committee on Health Care met to review quality measures and explore ways to contain costs. Reports showed progress in Puget Sound hospitals toward meeting the patient safety goals the Committee has outlined. It was a productive

meeting, with good information sharing, and we laid out a year-long schedule of meetings to address health care issues. When you consider the double-digit inflation that has hit health care, there is much work to be done in this area.

We received some good news on the day of the summit – approximately 700 IAM members in our region will be recalled in the next four months or so. The recalls will span a variety of job titles including assembly, inspection, facilities maintenance, machinists and wire shop. We will publish job numbers and seniority dates on our website (www.iam751.org) as the recalls are made.

Triumph of Spokane has also announced recalls for later this year.

This is the best news we have had in some time, and hopefully the recalls will continue next year.



Loren Guzzone appreciates the safety net his Union provided during layoff.

Member Thankful for Union

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efits for additional retraining money. They saw the Union had not abandoned them and continued to help long after the Boeing paycheck stopped."

Since he originally hired into Boeing in 1988, Loren has always viewed education as important. Loren stated, "The IAM/Boeing Apprenticeship Program was another educational benefit I utilized and graduated as a journeyman machinist. Basically, I have been pursuing any and all educational benefits available. I look forward to using QTTP benefits now that I am back on the active payroll. Education is something we all need to think about – even if you are still employed."

Loren also believes it is important for ALL members to be active and involved in the Union. He attended two Union meetings within weeks of his return to the payroll to thank the Union for their support during his layoff. He encourages others to take advantage of the great educational benefits that are available.

National Talks to Focus on Wenatchee

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While many came to the meeting with mixed emotions, the information presented seemed to solidify the membership as resounding applause followed Keyser's report.

Steve Reynolds, IAM Local 1123 Trustee and Vice President of the Wenatchee Aluminum Trades Council which represents all five labor unions at the smelter, noted, "It is now in the hands of the International because the main topic is health care, which is under the jurisdiction of the national agreement."

Alcoa management and leaders for the United Steelworkers of America met in Pittsburgh, which is headquarters to both, on Friday, August 13 and agreed to meet again within two weeks for further talks on the Wenatchee smelter.



L to R: Fred McNeil, Steve Reynolds and Ed Rittenberg discuss Alcoa's recent actions.

RECENT ALCOA HISTORY

2000

▶ Alcoa idles two of its four lines to sell back Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) power and pocket the profits.

2001

▶ Wenatchee plant stops production during the energy crisis and begins selling its cheap electricity for profit.

▶ Workers remained on the payroll as part of an agreement the Union helped negotiate with the Chelan County PUD where Alcoa resells their 23 percent share of power generated by Rocky Reach Dam.

▶ Alcoa reached a new labor contract covering Wenatchee, which expires in 2006.

2003

▶ The Union helps Alcoa lobby BPA for lower power rates.

2004

▶ The Union helps Alcoa lobby the State Legislature for tax relief incentives of more than \$2 million to restart the plant and preserve jobs.

▶ Several months later, Alcoa announced it needed concessions from the workers to restart the plant – even though there is a signed contract with the Union that expires in 2006 and plant manager Bob Wilt says they "could make mild profits under the current labor agreement."

▶ The last week of July Alcoa mailed layoff notices that could be effective October 1 to all its Wenatchee workers.

Union Emphasizes Early Focus on Health Care and Pension Benefits

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recognized nationally as a leader on patient safety standards.

In addition, the Committee outlined a year-long schedule of meetings to fully address health care issues. Both sides recognize it will be a difficult topic in negotiations because health care is in a crisis state with double digit inflation each year. By already meeting and discussing the concerns, we hope to find potential solutions that will protect our members.

Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Spalding, who serves as Chair of the Benefits Committee noted, "Our members need to understand the Union continuously works to improve their health care and contain costs. It is not something we address only during formal negotiations."

Protecting Pensions

Retirement is also a top issue for our members – especially with the average

age being nearly 49 years old. The Union continues to monitor contributions made to the Boeing pension plan to ensure the plan is adequately funded to meet its pension commitments. District 751 President Mark Blondin had an in-depth meeting with IAM Strategic Resources Director Steve Sleight to track recent Boeing contributions and investments. In 2004, Boeing has invested \$2 billion into the pension plan following a \$1.7 billion contribution in 2003.

When Boeing announced in June it would allocate \$1 billion in pension funds to emerging investment managers or private equity funds, many members called the Union for an interpretation.

Sleight, who keeps close watch on all pension investments, felt it was the right direction for the Boeing plan. He responded, "This private equity fund is exactly the kind of investment the IAM has been pushing for. With interest rates so low and stock

so volatile, private equity is where pension fund investors need to be. It was a good sound decision."

Sleight went on to say, "In comparison to other industries, the Boeing Pension Plan is in extremely good shape because Boeing has managed its pension assets relatively well. The automobile and airline industry pensions are grossly underfunded, and the steel industry just dumped its pension and started a new one."

While Boeing has made significant contributions in the past two years, they made no contributions to the pension plan from 1997 through 2002 because returns on investments were doing so well.

Blondin noted, "Pensions remain a top issue for our members. We will continue to explore all viable options to increase retirement benefits for our active and retired members."

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POLITICAL ACTION

POLITICAL PROFILES

Christine Gregoire Our Candidate For Governor

We endorsed Chris Gregoire because she shares our values. She grew up in a working class family in Auburn, where her mom was a short order cook (she never really knew her father). Growing up in her union home, she learned how important health care and a fair day's pay was. Early on, Chris went to work at Metzler's blueberry farm. And she worked her way through college with a job at a print shop.

Throughout her career, Christine Gregoire has delivered real results to the people of Washington state and became a true champion for working families. She has shown time and time again she has the courage and independence to stand up and fight for Washington families - whether it is taking on the pharmaceutical companies or fighting to keep Boeing jobs - she has always been there for us. As Attorney General, she demonstrated daily a tireless work ethic and commitment to ensuring the laws of Washington work on behalf of all people in our state.

Christine was there for us last year working hard in the fight to land the 7E7 in Everett and keep a strong aerospace industry in Washington. She is all too aware that we have watched over 13,000 of our Union members get laid-off from Boeing in the past few years. These people need to find jobs, and that is her priority.

Her ability to bring people together and build broad-based coalitions helped deliver much needed reform last year that had previously been stalled for years. These reforms played a role in the 7E7 decision, which translates into jobs for



Throughout her career, Christine Gregoire has continually fought for working families and seniors.

our members.

She's running for Governor with a detailed and comprehensive plan to improve the economy and create jobs. Chris knows that creating jobs is job #1 of our next Governor. Her plan invests in the economy and clamps down on outsourcing. With Chris Gregoire as Governor, we won't be using Washington tax dollars to subsidize jobs going out of state or overseas.

Whichever candidate gets elected in November, a change is coming to Washington. The question is, will it be the right kind of change?

Chris Gregoire has a plan to move our state in the right direction. She'll be a Governor who represents us all. And that's why we proudly stand with her.

Sidran for Attorney General

Mark Sidran is uniquely qualified to serve as our next Attorney General. With 28 years of hands-on legal experience—including 22 years as a prosecutor and Seattle City Attorney—Mark Sidran will



Mark Sidran is the Union's endorsed candidate for State Attorney General.

be a strong advocate for working people in Washington State.

Mark has a record of accomplishment, taking on corporate and other crime, and winning cases in the courtroom—the only candidate, Republican or Democrat, with actual trial experi-

ence. As City Attorney, Mark was a leader in public safety and set up model domestic violence and environmental crime units.

As Attorney General Mark will:

- Take on Enron and other companies that cheat working people here in Washington
- Double the size of the Consumer Protection Division
- Take on senior scam artists and internet predators who target kids
- Create a Victim's Assistance Office

Mark grew up in Seattle and understands the critical role of Boeing jobs—indeed all manufacturing jobs—in our region. Machinists across the state can count on Mark as an ally and friend.

Mark Sidran is endorsed by Governor Gary Locke, retired Governor Booth Gardner, trade leader Martha Choe, Congressmen Norm Dicks and Adam Smith, dozens of legislators and every Democratic County Prosecutor in the state.

Mark Sidran will be an effective Attorney General for us!

Visit www.marksidran4ag.com for more information.

For additional candidate profiles, please see page 4

751 RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES

**VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION
Tuesday, September 14th**

FEDERAL RACES

U.S. President/VP

✓ John Kerry/John Edwards*, D

U.S. Senate

✓ Patty Murray, D

U.S. Congress

- ✓ 1st Dist. - Jay Inslee, D
- ✓ 2nd Dist. - Rick Larsen, D
- ✓ 3rd Dist. - Brian Baird, D
- 4th Dist. - No Action
- ✓ 5th Dist. - Don Barbieri*, D
- ✓ 6th Dist. - Norm Dicks, D
- ✓ 7th Dist. - Jim McDermott, D
- ✓ 8th Dist. - Dave Ross*, D
- Luke Esser*, R
- ✓ 9th Dist. - Adam Smith, D

STATEWIDE RACES

- ✓ Governor - Christine Gregoire, D
- Lt. Governor - No Action
- ✓ Attorney Gen. - Mark Sidran*, D
- ✓ Sec of State - Laura Ruderman*, D
- ✓ Auditor - Brian Sonntag, D
- ✓ Treasurer - Michael Murphy, D
- ✓ Comm of Public Lands - Doug Sutherland, R
- ✓ Superintendent of Public Schools - Terry Bergeson, NP
- ✓ Insurance Commissioner - Mike Kriedler, D

WASH SUPREME COURT

✓ Pos. 1 - Mary Kay Becker, NP

KING CO SUPERIOR COURT

✓ Pos. 23 - Andrea Darvas, NP

INITIATIVE 884

Wash. Education Trust Fund - No Action

STATE LEGISLATURE

*Denotes Challenger

1st District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Mark Ericks* D

2nd District

✓ Senate Marilyn Rasmussen, D
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Tom Campbell, R

3rd District

✓ Senate Lisa Brown, D
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

4th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

5th District

Senate No Action
✓ House 1 Barbara de Michele*, D
House 2 No Action

6th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

7th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

8th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

9th District

✓ Senate Mark Schoesler*, R
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

10th District

✓ Senate Mary Margaret Haugen, D
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

11th District

✓ Senate Margarita Prentice, D
✓ House 1 Zack Hudgins, D
House 2 No Action

12th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

13th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

14th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Jim Clements, R

15th District

Senate No Election
✓ House 1 Bruce Chandler, R
House 2 No Action

16th District

✓ Senate Mike Hewitt, R
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Bill Grant, D

17th District

✓ Senate Don Benton, R
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Deb Wallace, D

18th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

19th District

✓ Senate Mark Doumit, D
✓ House 1 Brian Hatfield, D
House 2 No Action

20th District

Senate No Action
✓ House 1 Richard DeBolt, R
House 2 No Action

21st District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Brian Sullivan, D

22nd District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

23rd District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

24th District

✓ Senate Jim Hargrove, D
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Lynn Kessler, D

25th District

✓ Senate Jim Kastama, D
✓ House 1 Joyce McDonald, R
✓ House 2 Dawn Morrell, D

26th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Derek Kilmer*, D

27th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

28th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

29th District

Senate No Election
✓ House 1 Steve Conway, D
House 2 No Action

30th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Skip Priest, R

31st District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

32nd District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

33rd District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Dave Uptegrove, D

34th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

35th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Bill "Ike" Eickmeyer, D

36th District

Senate No Election
✓ House 1 Helen Sommers, D
House 2 No Action

37th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Eric Pettigrew, D

38th District

✓ Senate Jean Berkey, D
✓ House 1 Kim Halvorson*, R
✓ House 2 Mike Sells*, D

39th District

Senate No Action
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

40th District

Senate No Action
✓ House 1 David Quall, D
✓ House 2 Jeff Morris, D

41st District

Senate No Action
✓ House 1 Fred Jarrett, R
✓ House 2 Judy Clibborn, D

42nd District

Senate No Election
✓ House 1 Doug Ericksen, R
✓ House 2 Kelli Linville, D

43rd District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
✓ House 2 Frank Chopp, D

44th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

45th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

46th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Election
✓ House 2 Pat Sullivan*, D

47th District

Senate No Election
House 1 No Action
House 2 No Action

48th District

Senate No Election
✓ House 1 Ross Hunter, D
House 2 No Action

49th District

Senate No Action
✓ House 1 Bill Fromhold, D
House 2 No Action

POLITICAL ACTION

POLITICAL PROFILES

Dave Ross Endorsed for 8th Congressional Race

IAM 751 endorsed Dave Ross for Congress in the 8th District because we believe he can bring a common sense, independent approach to protecting and creating more jobs in our region. Dave Ross cares very deeply about working families, is passionate about making a difference, and is electable in the 8th Congressional District. Our Union has over 8,500 active, retired and laid-off members in the 8th Congressional District – making it a very important race.

It has been decades since we had a friend in the 8th Congressional District – one that will look out for working families. Dave Ross is the moderate candidate for that open seat. He has been tackling issues for years – listening to all sides of an issue, moderating and asking the tough questions.

Dave Ross provides common sense

answers to the problems facing Congress. During his 17 years as a host and commentator on KIRO, Dave tried to use common sense to bring people together on an issue. He tries to listen, understand, and bring competing ideas together. That's how progress happens.

But he does more than just talk about issues, he investigates them first hand. Dave's job took him from Tent City to Ground Zero and from Kurdistan to Qatar. All of these experiences pushed him to run for Congress so he could truly make a difference.

Because Dave forms opinions case by case, people sometimes wonder if he's liberal or conservative. Below are some of his beliefs, so you can decide where he stands:

- Business has no business lobbying for loopholes that move their profits and



District 751 President Mark Blondin (front right) congratulates 8th Congressional candidate Dave Ross for receiving 751's endorsement.

our jobs offshore.

- America is stronger with a thriving middle class.
- He believes in spreading freedom by example, not firepower.
- He believes that real national security requires both a strong military, and a less arrogant foreign policy.
- Schools need well-paid teachers who care not only about creating good em-

ployees, but good citizens.

- Social Security is a promise; Wall Street is a gamble.
- Illness should not lead to bankruptcy.

He doesn't stand for big government, but good government. It may be hard to label him. But this is how he has earned his living and reputation, and how Dave hopes to earn your vote.

Ruderman for Secretary of State

We all know that State Representative Laura Ruderman has been a friend of working families in Olympia, but why should we be concerned about her race for Washington's Secretary of State?

One simple reason: Florida in the 2000 elections! As we learned in Florida, it is critical the person in the office of Secretary of State is committed to fair elections.

That's why Laura Ruderman's top priority is passing a Voters' Bill of Rights to make sure that every vote is counted – and counted correctly. With the threat of electronic voting and potential tampering by hackers, it is critical that our Secretary of State is someone who will protect EVERYONE'S right to vote.

She opposes outsourcing any state work and understands the value of creating jobs in this state. It is that understanding that led her to take the tough votes in the State House last year that helped land the 7E7 for this region. Despite intense pressure from other groups, Laura stood by her convictions, took on the tough fight and helped convince others of the critical juncture for Boeing's future. It is a stand that will not be forgotten soon by District 751.

Laura Ruderman also understands the importance of ensuring the initiative process is fair and legal. As Secretary of



Laura Ruderman stood with us on tough votes for the 7E7 and will give us the same dedication as Secretary of State.

State, she has pledged to make sure that signatures on initiative petitions are verified objectively so voters never have to wonder whether an initiative actually qualified for the ballot.

The choice for us is clear. We must get involved in this year's Secretary of State race and support Laura Ruderman. Supporting Laura Ruderman ensures your vote and your voice will be heard on Election Day. For more information on her campaign, please visit www.lauraruderman.com.

Mike Sells for State Representative

This fall we have the chance to elect a labor leader to the State Legislature. Mike Sells is running in the 38th District for House, Position 2. He has dedicated his life to helping others.

During the recent 7E7 campaign, Mike worked diligently with the City of Everett, the Port of Everett and local business leaders in the Snohomish County Economic Development Council to make sure they were working in concert with our objective to maintain and grow the family-wage jobs represented by the Machinists.

Since 1976 he has served as the elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Snohomish County Labor Council, AFL/CIO. It became a full time position in 1998. The organization is the coordinating body for 65 different AFL/CIO unions in Snohomish County which represent over 42,000 working people. In that capacity, he has learned to build coalitions and bring different views together to work toward a common goal.

He would use that experience to do the same in the State Legislature.

He has worked closely with elected officials at the city, county and state levels and understands how to get things done. His experience on the Snohomish County Economic Development Council (1981 to



Mike Sells can bring a labor perspective to the State Legislature.

present) focused on creating additional jobs and attracting new businesses to our region. Since 1981, he has served on the Everett Housing Authority Board which oversees the Federal Housing programs in the City of Everett.

He is also a strong supporter of education and worked years as a school teacher in Everett and was also very active in the teachers' union. From 1995 to present, Mike has served on the Central Washington University Board of Trustees and is currently the Vice Chair.

From traffic issues to training and education, Mike will work to make sure our jobs are maintained and there are opportunities for a bright future.

ECF Grant of \$500 to the Guide Dogs

751 President Mark Blondin (right) accepted a grant for \$500 on behalf of the Seattle chapter of Guide Dogs of America (GDA). Business Rep Jackie Boschok, who represented District 751 on this year's ECF Campaign Leadership Team and Glenn Vail (left), an ECF hourly trustee, also assisted with the presentation. Boeing provided \$2,000 in grant money this year to each site to be awarded as part of the campaign. First shift Steward Brian Pellard was the lucky ECF booster chosen to name the agency of his choice to receive one of these four thank-you grants, and he selected GDA!



Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank the active membership of District 751 for providing the funds to send the *Aero Mechanic* paper each month to the retirees who live near and far. It is nice to hear of the activities and the progress of District 751.

The *Aero Mechanic* issue of June 2004 had a front page headline: "Kerry Is With Us on Jobs." Now is the opportunity to support him in the general election and to put him to the test on keeping middle class, well-paying jobs in America. That is the best offer I have heard – especially since his opposition has made no such offer. The promise of family-wage jobs is an offer we can't refuse. At least the union leadership can hold his feet to the fire on this promise, if elected President of the United States.

Cy Noble – St. George, Utah

NOTE: Mail your letter to the editor: Attention: Connie Kelliher, 9125 15th Pl. S., Seattle, WA 98108 or fax to: 206-763-0303 or e-mail to conniek@iam751.org. Deadline to make the next month's issue is the 15th of the month.

IAM/BOEING JOINT PROGRAMS

RV Maintenance Class Offers Useful Skills

The IAM/Boeing Quality Through Training Program (QTTP) Education Assistance (EA) prides itself on responding to members' needs. When an area of inter-



Member Steve Weber works with sheet metal panels in the RV Maintenance Class.

est is discovered, QTTP does its best to find or develop a class to fulfill the request. One such request QTTP recently delivered was an RV Maintenance class at Renton Technical College.

The 48-hour course spanned 12 weeks and was taught in the Auto Repair Shop at Renton Technical College. The class was developed in response to a survey QTTP distributed on EA. QTTP put together a focus group comprised of several of the members surveyed and invited representatives from Renton Technical College. The information gathered in that discussion was used to create the framework for the course. EA paid the tuition, and members received two credits for the class.

Some of the areas covered in the RV Maintenance course were:

- Bonding of aluminum, fiberglass and metal
- Use of paints
- Corrosion protection



Members recently took an RV Maintenance course at Renton Technical College. The class was developed after members expressed an interest in the subject through a QTTP survey. Above students weld frames together for RV siding.

- Seam and crack sealers, etc.
- Guest presentations from a paint and an adhesive vendor.

751 Union Steward Terry Stuefen took the class so he could be more helpful to his father-in-law, who owns an RV repair shop. Terry noted, "Using Education Assistance is very beneficial. I've learned more than I could have imagined."

Member Steve Weber took the class

to learn how to repair fiberglass cracks in his RV. "It's great to take advantage of EA – that's why it is there. There's something to learn for everybody," Steve stated.

For more info about the Education Assistance Program, contact QTTP at 1-800-235-3453 or visit the QTTP website at (www.iam-boeing.com).

Rodeo Rounds Up Forklift Drivers

You didn't need a lasso, just good driving skills to enter the first annual Boeing Material Handling Forklift Rodeo. This internal competition was held to select six team members to compete at the Regional and State level competitions. Like a real rodeo, forklift drivers from various Boeing plants showcase their talents and skills with a focus on the safe operation of equipment. Drivers had to maneuver a tricky course, pick up pallets, barrels, and various stack loads while avoiding strategic cones on the challenging course. However, besides testing their skills and avoiding the cones, participants were also battling the clock.

Four of the top six Boeing drivers who advanced to the Regionals were new to the rodeo competition: Mike Weinman, Tony Jorgensen, Tim Eacrett and Jerry Selman. Doug Graham, who was the 2003 State Champion also advanced, as well as Shane George, a finalist in the 2003 State Competition.



751-member Tony Jorgensen maneuvers the forklift rodeo course during the internal Boeing competition.

Three Boeing drivers (Mike Winman, Tim Eacrett and Doug Graham) will advance to the finals at the Governor's Conference after competing in the Regional Rodeo on August 14. Weinman finished second, Eacrett placed fourth, and Graham captured seventh place.

Congratulations to all drivers for sharing their skills in this competition.

Fairs Promote Safety On and Off the Job

The Frederickson and Auburn Safety Fairs offered an enjoyable departure from the shop environment while serving a very serious purpose – promoting safety. The IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Institute (HSI), along with the Site Safety Committees are proud to help sponsor these events.

The fairs offer interactive displays featuring security and fire protection, health and fitness, health plans, safety supplies, and disaster preparedness. In addition, free health screenings for skin cancer, anemia and blood pressure were available.

The "Don't Gamble with Your Life – Make Smart Choices" booth proved a fun way to learn more about safety.

Take the time to cruise through the safety fair at your plant. See chart below for upcoming dates and locations.



Frederickson employees browse booths at the recent safety fair.

Upcoming Safety Fairs

- Renton Plant - September 1
- Plant 2 - September 10
- Kent Plant - September 21
- Developmental Center - September 23



In Auburn, members visit the "Don't Gamble with Your Life Booth" which promoted smart safety choices at home and work.

777 Empenage Posts 10 Years of Safety

The 777 Empenage area has built safety into their daily routine. As a result of this conscious effort, the area has gone 10 years with no lost day cases – demonstrating their commitment to safety.

When the Everett Health and Safety Institute (HSI) Site Safety Committee did a safety tour of the 777 Empenage area as part of their monthly safety tour process, they recognized this area for its outstanding safety record.

HSI Administrator Dave Brueher noted, "Obviously, to go this long without an injury is a credit to how they do business on a daily basis. Safety is important, and this area demonstrates what we can do with the Union and Company working together."

While most of the crew was present, others not pictured include: Steve Jacobson, Gene Townsend, Carey Young, Supervisor David Fallon, and Supervisor Elizabeth Wiens



777 Empenage area was recognized for 10 years with no lost day cases. L-R: David Duryee, William Day, John Latham, Hallie Stevenson, Mark Seavey, Rhonda Horton, Scott Ulinski, and Wayne Quick.



Jim Darrah (r), who helped organize the trip, prepares to drop his line into the water.

Fishing for Politics

On Sunday, August 8th, 70 members took to the ocean for the second annual Local C Fishing Derby. While most of the people on all three boats caught a salmon, the big catch was the over \$5,000 the event raised for the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League (MNPL), which is the political arm of the Union.

Sunny skies provided calm seas that ensured none of the participants got seasick. Many caught one fish, but several were able to snag the limit of two salmon. The prize winners each reeled in an impressive catch:

- Don Fike - 22 pounds, 9 ounces
- Terry Searcy - 20 pounds, 9 ounces
- Dan Denton - 19 pounds, 2 ounces

An entertaining moment occurred when Richard Jackson thought he had a big one and yelled 'fish on.' Moments later on the other side of the boat Spencer Graham shouted he had a fish. After tugging and reeling for nearly 15 minutes, they finally realized that their lines were tangled and they



John Crissy displays the two salmon he caught.



Terry Searcy displays his 20 pound 9 ounce salmon as Mark Johnson presents the 2nd place trophy.

were only pulling each other. Business Rep Jackie Boschok was the only female member to make the trip and had a great time on her first fishing expedition. Participants caught the bus at the Seattle Union Hall at 2:30 a.m. to board the boats at dawn. Despite the early hour, all were pumped for the fishing trip and eager to hit the high seas. Special thanks to Jim Darrah, who put in countless hours organizing the boats, coordinating the bus, loading coolers, etc. Joe Crockett, Mark Johnson and Gary Boulch also helped with the event. Thanks to Cindy Johnson, as well, for helping with the check-in.



MNPL Director Rich Michalski (center) congratulates first place winner Don Fike (r) for his 22 pound 9 ounce salmon and third place winner Dan Denton (l) for his 19 pound 2 ounce salmon.

Denis Youngson drives his ball straight down the fairway.



Golf photos courtesy of Tony Schuman

DRIVING T

On July 19, 144 golfers turned out for the 13th Annual Local C Golf Tournament. While every golfer took home a prize, the real winner was Guide Dogs of America, which collected over \$14,500 in proceeds from the tournament.

Competition on the course was fierce this year as a total of three strokes separated the first, second and third place teams. Mike Gillard won the men's longest drive while Stephanie Wilson captured women's longest drive. Scott Hempel hit closest to pin.

Many golfers stepped up their fundraising prior to the event and avoided the entry fee by collecting over \$150 in pledges. Vennie Murphy brought in \$1,959.75 in pledges,

Mark Blondin \$1,600. Other prizes included a ham \$971, To \$610, and Sto Thanks to Graham, along with Darrah, Ed Lu Rick McKi Dave Swan, s ing the event. ensure the tou who took pho

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The Winning Duffers



L to R: John Fierling, Matt O'Brien, Mike Riley, and Frank Tacolucci captured first with -18.



The second place team finished with -16. L to R: Moore, Tim Johnson, Mark Clark and Ernie



The third place team scored -15. L to R: Tim Farris, Paul Nuyen, Scott Cruikshank, and Dave Moe.



L to R: John Lux, Jonathon Pohl, Denis You Rebecca Pohl had great fun winning the 'W

Bill Baker Steel and Wheel Memorial



The Steel and Wheel show also displayed many custom and specialized bikes lined in the parking lot of the Seattle Union Hall.

The sun wasn't the only thing shining on Saturday, July 24, as members and auto/motorcycle collectors brought their prized vehicles to display at the First Annual Bill Baker Memorial Steel and Wheel Show. While there were many prizes awarded in different categories, the real winner was Guide Dogs of America. This worthwhile charity will receive proceeds of nearly \$4,000 (and contributions were still coming in as the paper went to print).

Despite nearly 100 degree heat, visitors cruised the lot to examine muscle cars, trucks, modified vehicles, many classics and a fine array of motor-

cycles. It was of hours of w prized wheel car washed a

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See chart of sponsors in paper.



Pat Kinsella won the best custom category with his 1969 Jeep CJS Willy.



Brad Herrick v Mustang that category.

THE GREEN FOR GUIDE DOGS

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Chuck Ayers powers a drive down the fairway to help his team.



Bill Young attempts a long putt.



Jim Roberts lines up a putt as teammates Jim Smith, Larry Brown and Nate Gary watch with anticipation.



Matt Hardy takes a practice swing.



Ron McGaha attempts to get his ball out of a sandtrap.



Jackie Boschok tries to sink a putt as teammates Sally Cunningham and Susan Palmer look on.



Stephanie Wilson (center with trophy) won the longest drive and also volunteered to help with the event. Thanks to others who volunteered, L to R: Tony Curran, Mark B. Johnson, Tommy Wilson, Spencer Graham, Stephanie Wilson, Art Busier, Greg Campos, Clark Fromong, Jim Rice, and Gary Jackson. Other helping, but not pictured: Jim Darrah, Ed Lutgen, Chuck Craft, Pat Kinsella, Rick McKinney, Rod Sigvartson, Paul Burton, Paul Knebel, Ron McGaha, Curt Thorfinson, Ken Inglet, Kent Sprague.



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, and Bruce Bob Anderson.

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n the next edition of the Aero Mechanic



Carolyn Baker, Bill Baker's widow, was presented a special plaque commemorating the Bill Baker Steel and Wheel Show. L to R: Clifton Wyatt, Carolyn Baker, Bruce Spalding, Al Wydick and Jim Bostwick.



was proud to pose with his
captured the Ladies' Choice



Shareen and Lou Desimone's 1957 Chevy won in multiple categories.

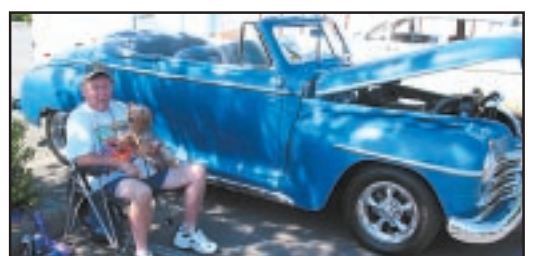


Kevin Raiche's El Camino captured the best vintage truck Pre-1975 category.

Bike and Car Winners



- Best Cruiser & Bill Baker Best Bike of Show: Dan Olsen
- Best Chopper, Best Vintage, & Best Modified Bike: Dan Meddaugh
- Best Sports Bike: Mark Blandin
- Best Muscle Car: Dennis Brevik - 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner
- Best Custom: Pat Kinsella, 1969 Jeep CJS Willy
- Best Vintage Truck Pre 1975: Kevin Raiche, El Camino
- Best Stock Factory Original: Tony Schuman, 1969 Dodge Dart
- Best Modified: John Carper - 1965 Chevy Nova
- Best Eye Catcher, Engine, Paint, Chrome and Restoration: Shareen & Lou Desimone - 1957 Chevy
- Best Vintage Pre 1975, Best Convertible, Best Upholstery: Gerry Wiggins, 1948 Plymouth Convertible
- Ladies Choice: Brad Herrick, Mustang Convertible
- Bill Baker Best Car of Show: Carolyn Baker, 1955 Thunderbird



Gerry Wiggins won in multiple categories with his 1948 Plymouth Convertible.

Union Members Demonstrate North America's Might

When the Grand Lodge Convention convenes in September with the theme North American's Might, some of our Machinists members in Eastern Washington will be featured in the opening film.

The IAM film crew visited Grand Coulee Dam and Hanford earlier this year to

get footage of the important work our members perform in those locations. While most members are acutely aware that Machinists build Boeing airplanes, others are not aware of our work on the Grand Coulee Dam or at the Hanford Nuclear site.

The film will provide a broad overview of Machinist Union members at work and will highlight the indispensable role our members play in various industries.



Members working at Grand Coulee Dam (see photos left and below) and Hanford Nuclear Reservation will be featured in a film to be shown at the IAM Grand Lodge Convention.



Vote in Annual ECF Election

Members of the Employees Community Fund (ECF) will have an opportunity to vote for their new trustees September 13 through October 11. Four newly elected trustees from a slate of seven candidates will become part of the eight-member board at the beginning of January when four trustees finish the second of two years on the board. Hourly candidates are James Skoor, Pearlie Welch and Allen Albertson. Salaried candidates are Deanna Clark, Gilbert Pettit, Stacey Olson and Bradley Poirier. Trustees manage the day-to-day operations of the Fund that distributes about \$19 million annually in employee contributions to local community health and human service agencies.



Because election organizers realize that many employees in shop areas still do not have easy access to computers, hourly members of the Fund will receive both an e-mail with instructions for voting on line and a paper ballot through Boeing inter-office mail. Voting on line is preferred, but those who cannot will have the option to use a paper ballot. So please make your voices heard by casting your ballot in September. Your vote makes a difference.

Making Strides[®] Against Breast Cancer
 You or someone you know.

Volunteers Needed for Cancer Walk

Join "Team 751" on Sunday, October 3rd to raise money to help fight breast cancer in the "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer" fundraiser. Last year, the 751 Women's Committee, along with approximately 50 volunteers (consisting of stewards, members, family and friends), raised close to \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society.

You can sign up at the September local lodge meetings or at any of the Union offices. The non-competitive 5-mile walk through downtown Bellevue

includes turn around points if you don't want to walk the entire route. Registration begins at 8 a.m.; the walk starts at 9 a.m. (corner of 4th St & 100th Ave. NE). At 8:30 a.m. Team 751 will gather at the fountain across from JC Penney. We will have a sign-in sheet, distribute team 751 t-shirts and take a team picture. Stewards will receive two hours of volunteer credit.

If you would like to walk along with the Women's Committee or make a donation, please call Sue Palmer or Gloria Millsaps on 1-800-763-1301.

Carl Ritcheson Remembered

On July 31, Carl Ritcheson passed away after battling cancer. He was known for his fight and intensity, which is the same way he tackled the disease.

Carl spent many years serving members from the shop floor, as a District Council delegate (4 years), Union Steward (15 years), Local C Financial Secretary, and Local C Treasurer, as well as volunteering for various committees.

In 1985, he was appointed Union organizer and worked full time at that position until he was elected business representative in 1989.

He continued to serve in that position until his retirement in 2003. Carl was a

member of the Union's Benefits Committee in 1992 and 1996, and served as HSI Site Safety Focal in both Renton and Seattle. Two of Carl's passions throughout his Union career were the IAM/Boeing Joint Apprenticeship Program and the IAM Tool & Die Conference. Earlier this year, the Apprenticeship Program presented Carl an award for the tremendous contribution he



Carl Ritcheson

made to the programs during his 25 years on the committee.

RETIREMENT NEWS

July Retired Club Minutes

by Mary Wood,
Retired Club Secretary

The July 12 business meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers: Betty Ness was excused. Minutes were accepted as printed. No Communications.

Financial Report: The July Financial Report was accepted as read.

New Members: The Club welcomed Joe and Esther Rosas in July.

Health & Welfare: A moment of silence for the following members who have passed away: John Amdal, Marian Bitner, Jimmy Blattman, Robert Blessing, Ralph Candelaria, Edward Gossler, Robert Henderson, Robert Hooper, John

Mallory, Willard Morgareidge, Floyd Mustoe, Riley Napier, Charles Ramey, and Henry Sigg. Sympathy cards were sent to the families.

Travel: Mary King gave a short report on travel and upcoming trips.

Good and Welfare: Tom O'Brien spoke to us about some of the Union jobs, other than Boeing, that are losing their medical.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

Birthdays & Anniversaries: The Club

celebrated the following July birthdays: Rose Cary, Sonny Ehlke, Al Morzenti, Toni Morzenti, Calvin Doss.

The meeting adjourned at noon.



Every Monday those attending the Retired Club meeting are treated to a free lunch at noon at the Seattle Union Hall.

Senior Politics

by Carl Schwartz
Retiree Legislative Chair

Most of us had the chance to watch the Democratic National Convention on TV. Not only presidential nominee John Kerry, but other speakers (Ted Kennedy, Dick Gephardt, Howard Dean and VP nominee John Edwards) addressed senior issues such as preserving Social Security and Medicare and working for a real prescription drug plan.

We will have the opportunity to hear the Republican plans later this month. Be sure to remember that talk and rosy promises are not what enacted these programs. It was action, by – it must be said – Democratic Party elected officials, that put these programs into place.

The implementation of Social Security, and then the Medicare Program have not only increased the life span of Americans, but made the so-called "golden years" a healthier happier time for millions of us. The fact that longer lives have altered the actuarial tables used to calculate Social Security payments cannot be considered as a failure of the system! Minor fiscal adjustments – and a removal of the "cap"

on contributions will keep the plan functioning into the foreseeable future.

The only "problem" that some critics see is that there is a lot of money involved, and fly-by-night investor helpers, brokers and get-rich-quick bankers can't run those funds through their sticky fingers. That is the "problem" they see.

We have been around long enough to know this. Our task is to be sure that those who come after us – the younger workers in our trades, our own family members, and a new generation of political leaders, know the issues. They have to be reminded how we got these programs and how important it is to keep them.

We still have considerable voting power. As the elections approach, both the primary and the general election, let's be sure to remember that old labor mandate: reward and vote for those candidates that support our programs, and vote against those who do not.

Legislative Report addendum from the floor. John Guevarra. On August 5, Senator Patty Murray invited a large group of supporters to a 7:30 a.m. breakfast at Qwest Field Plaza. Her 2004 re-election campaign kick-off was open to the public.



RETIREMENT NEWS

August Retired Club Minutes

by Mary Wood,
Retired Club Secretary

The August 9th business meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.

Roll Call of Officers: All officers were present or excused. It was noted Leroy Miller is now Sergeant-at-Arms. Minutes were accepted as printed.

Communications: Read letter of regret from Christine Gregoire that she can't attend our picnic.

Financial Report: The August Financial Report was accepted as read.

Audit Report: Trustee Louise Burns gave the report. The retirement checking account of January through June, 2004 was audited by Louise and Cheri

Menkie and everything was found to be in order. A motion was made to accept the report. Motion/seconded/passed.

Business Rep Report: Business Rep Paul Knebel gave a brief report on activities in the Boeing plant. He noted that Boeing announced they would recall approximately 700 members.

Health & Welfare: Ill brothers and sisters this past month included: Eddie Edwards, Dante Evans, and Al Wydick.

A moment of silence was held for the following members who have passed away: Abe Caylor, Carl Duncan, Wayne LaBou, Albert Lageson, Roberta Lund, Clair Nau, Dennis Painter (active member at Triumph Spokane), Emil Sabbatini, and Alice Sanders. Sympathy cards were sent to the families.

Calendar of Events

- 9-6-04 Bingo
- 9-13-04 Meeting
- 9-20-04 Paul's Party Makers
- 9-27-04 Bingo

Good & Welfare: Al Wydick wanted TO MAKE ALL AWARE: a man named Jim or James Schmidt contacts people with "gifts" (ham or soup) and then demos a vacuum cleaner and attempts to "borrow" money from customers. He MAY or MAY NOT deliver the cleaner and MAY or MAY NOT pay the money back. The brand of cleaner is Tri-Star, please DO NOT open your door to a stranger, least of all DO NOT let them inside your home.

Gene Hoglund spoke on



Retirees brought pot luck dishes and desserts to share at the Retired Club picnic, while Union officers, reps and staff provided chicken and soft drinks.



The Retired Club Picnic gave several a chance to play horseshoes in the nearby pits.

the Alaskan Way viaduct petitions, which agree with State Rep. Helen Sommers that the best viaduct alternatives are to rebuild or a new aerial. Neither of the tunnels proposed are feasible. A Seattle Post Intelligencer poll on July 10 found that 25 to 1, people love the viaduct and do not want it replaced with a tunnel. He also read an excerpt from Steve Williamson (KCLC) who expressed that loss of the viaduct would be catastrophic.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A motion was made to allow petitions to be available concerning the Alaska Way viaduct.

Birthdays: The Club celebrated the following August birthdays: Al Wydick, Mary Allen, Fran Dinwiddie. August anniversaries included: Henning & Helen Ross, Sonny & Margaret Ehlke, Tim & Gloria Millsaps, Charley & Irene Nelson, Ron & Rose Cary, George & Martini McIntyre. The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

RETIRED CLUB OFFICERS

President	Al Wydick	253-876-2147
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Secretary	Mary Wood	206-243-7428
Treasurer	Betty Ness	206-762-0725
Srgnt-at-Arms	Leroy Miller	
Trustees:	Louise Burns	206-242-5878
	Cherie Menke	206-772-1482

Union Office: (1-800-763-1301) or 206-763-1300

Retirees

Congratulations to the following members who retired from Boeing:

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| Anthony Alix | Douglas Colello | Einar Fosness | Robbee Jones | Wayne Moore | Rodney Simmons | Robert Withrow |
| Ernest Aoki | Eugene Collins | Leon Gibson | John Kallis | Michael Moyer | Larry Simpson | |
| Janet K. Atkinson | Richard Cook | Edna Guillory | Prasit Kambhiranond | James Oakes | Dennis Smith | Congratulations to the following retirees from Local 1951: |
| Judith Austin | Joanne Couch | David Hamilton | Larry Labolle | Ronald Osborn | Garland Smith | • Ronald Kimbell |
| Michael Bailey | Dennis Cummings | Dianne Hampton | Ellen Ladwig | David Parlari | Monte Stein | (Fluor -Hanford) |
| Josefino Bayuga | David Davis | Gary Hansen | Glenda Lambert | Douglas Perkins | Frank Steiner | • Donald Christensen |
| Terrance Becht | Robert Davis | Jerry Hanson | Garth Lauritsen | Linda Perrine | Wesley Straight | (Rabanco) |
| Bruce Berg | Edward Debaugh | Robert Harms | Jon Leckenby | Gary Potter | Michael Sullivan | • Jerry Collins |
| Jimmie Berg | James Delzer | Billie Harris | Michael Lovell | David Rasey | Jimmy Sutton | (Rabanco) |
| Rodney Berry | Olga Diaz | Bobbie Harris | Avapouli Malo | Evelyn Rebhan | Robert Vaughn | |
| Michael Brokaw | Kenneth Dinning | Bruce Hebib | Morris Marx | Carolina Rodriguez | Edward Todd | |
| Edward Buchanan | Conrad Doering | Harold Hill | Patricia Mayovsky | Joy Ross | Roger Watts | |
| Mildred Burrow | Gary Dudley | Donald Hoynes | Dan McKay | Cathleen Rowland | Dennis Wheeler | |
| Melvin Camarata | Deloris Ellis | Ronald Isaak | Gerald McKenhnice | Arnold Schindler | Ronald Whitehead | |
| Richard Carnahan, Sr. | Melvin Faber | Alex Isadore | Dennis Moon | James Scobee | Michael Wicklund | |
| William Cline | Van Flanders | Seppo Jalonen | Dorothy Moore | Wesley Shattuck | | |

Washington Alliance of Retired Americans Conference Plots Senior Action

by Carl Schwartz

On Wednesday June 30, some 100 delegates met at District 751's Hall for the State Convention of the Washington State Alliance for Retired Americans. After the call to order by President Art Boulton, the delegates heard Senator Patty Murray speak to senior issues. She noted that Medicare and Social Security are fair and equitable programs, they are working, and are keeping literally millions of older Americans out of poverty. She pledged to work with seniors to protect these programs and also to replace the phony prescription drug bill with a real benefit for seniors that need medication.

Ed Coyle, National Executive Director of the Alliance, then spoke of the

political efforts of the Alliance, especially in "key" states, which include Washington. He said we need to be sure that all seniors are registered to vote - unfortunately many still are not. Next we must ensure seniors are informed of the issues at stake, AND that they do vote.

Delegates approved some amendments to



Senator Patty Murray (l) speaks with Carl Schwartz about her efforts to help seniors.

our bylaws, and elected officers for the coming term. Art Boulton was re-elected President of our State Alliance.

Al Link of the State Labor Council spoke on the actions of our state legislature noting that Labor and seniors have been fighting cuts in almost all domestic programs. He hoped we will have gains in

"people friendly" legislators in the fall elections, so that some of these cuts can be restored.

Deana Knutsen, co-chair of Washington Citizen Action, spoke to the efforts to bring in younger retirees to help keep our organization active.

Members approved several resolutions: seeking support for Canadian pharmacies that continue to make prescription drugs available to US citizens (in opposition to drug corporation pressure); also to defend and continue to fund the "section 8" programs that help low income seniors rent housing; to support the Seattle petition seeking Health Care for ALL; and supporting 751's resolution calling for a cost-of-living provision to be included in private retirement plans, including the Boeing plan.

FREE WANT ADS FOR MEMBERS ONLY

ANIMALS

LOVEBIRDS – babies \$30 while they last! Email planttherapy@juno.com or Puyallup 253-770-8069 or . Sorry- no calls after 8 PM.

FINCHES – Zebra babies \$6; society babies \$10. Email planttherapy@juno.com or Puyallup 253-770-8069. Sorry- no calls after 8 PM.

2 10 lbs RAT TERRIERS for adoption through www.ratbonerescues.com. Ratbone Rescue's pulled these 2 small dogs from an AR shelter just before they were to be put to sleep- now I'm fostering them in Auburn and would love to see these 2 in a loving forever home. They are white w/black spots and very sweet & loving. Email for photos and a time to visit. Both are getting healthy, up-to-date on shots and neutered. KJ62001@aol.com or 253-735-5477

COCKATIELS, hand-fed and tame, orange-faced \$45; white-faced \$50; albino \$60; peach-faced lovebirds \$45; baby chinchillas \$75; button quail \$10 each; hedgehog \$75. 253-839-2159

AUTO PARTS & ACCESSORIES

RUNNING BOARDS – for full size Dodge pickup truck and trailer hitch. \$75 each OBO. 360-569-2209

ALMOST ALL PARTS to rebuild 1968 Bronco – with 1974 engine, transmission and transfer case with 25K miles. \$1500. Also some extra body parts. 253-845-0119

2 NEW TIRES – Cooper 365 radial WW steel-belted P-205-75R-14. One mounted and used very little- like new. All three \$30. 253-874-8072

THULE CARTOP SKI RACK – Guttermount base rack w/6 pair carrier \$175; Knightfire free-standing cast iron gas/wood fireplace \$200 (Cost \$1600 new). 425-776-6948

1996 – 03 TANK and FENDERS for Harley Dyna-low rider. Custom paint. Call for more information. 206-271-5944

1990 T-BIRD LX for parts – damaged front, leather interior, good tires, susp, tran, etc. Ran well when damaged \$1200 for all OBO. 253-833-6081

BRAND NEW 2002 FORD F150 factory rims – set of 4, size 16. \$200 OBO. 253-536-2301

2 TIRES – 1 RV tire (as new) 7.50R16LT M&S; Goodyear (as new) P225 70R16 M&S Eagle L/S \$40 each. Also 1969 FORD TRUCK 3 QTR ton camper special \$900. 253-838-7565

1 BOX-TYPE power steering unit; 1 PWR piston-type. Make offers. Would like information on brackets that mount power steering pump to 6 cylinder 250 CU 66 Chevy pickup engine. 425-255-1804

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CONTOUR CHAIR with electric vibrator & heat. Needs a new cord. Rose color upholstery. Will sell for \$100 OBO. Also have two antique dolls. 206-870-1506

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WHIRLPOOL & GE WASHER AND DRYER – late model bought for rental. They had their own. Both for \$350. OFFICE CHAIR – paid \$240, will sell for \$50. 2 black leather BARSTOOLS both for \$50. Child's toy box also used as sitting bench \$15. 206-772-1752

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SMOKIN' Former Machinist Returns to His Roots

When Curt Konoske found himself again facing layoff from Boeing after 14 years at the aerospace giant, he decided it was an opportunity to send his life in a new direction.

Today, Curt is the proud owner of The Smoke House and More. His shop specializes in custom smoked cheeses and meats, including hams, turkeys, ribs, salmon, pepperoni, and chicken. All the products are smoked in an electric smoker in the back of his shop, and all sausages and jerkies are homemade, as well. Best of all, the business is in his home town of Black Diamond, and he doesn't even have to go through a traffic light to get to work.

As a lifelong resident of the small town, Curt has deep roots in the community. After layoff, he envisioned owning a business on main street and becoming a fixture in his home town.

This June, his vision became a reality when Curt opened The Smoke House and More. His store is just four doors away from the home he grew up in (where

his mother still lives) and in the exact same location that housed a popular meat market when Curt was a child.

Initially when the building was up for lease, he began making plans to

renovate it and open a meat market of his own. He planned such extensive remodeling that the owner decided to sell him the building. Since he had never worked in retail, he enlisted the help of Jack Thompson, a local expert who worked at the original market 50 years ago and created many of the brine recipes Curt offers. Jack not only trained Curt on the best ways to smoke various items, but helped him select the proper equipment for the shop.



First in a series featuring different businesses owned by laid-off members

Yet becoming a business owner required hard work and overcoming obstacles. Curt originally applied for a small business loan to buy the building, only to have it denied on the last day. Rather than let that deter him, he sold his rental house to finance the business. Beyond buying the building, he also had to purchase expensive equipment and perform major renovations, since the building was previously used for dog grooming. All lumber on The Smoke House and More came from the cedar he cleared from his property.

Today, Curt works



Curt Konoske stands proudly beside his display case at The Smoke House and More, which offers custom smoked meats and cheeses including homemade jerkies and sausage.

seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. His goal is to build his business by getting return customers. His location on main street next to the world-famous Black Diamond bakery has brought in the local clientele.

"Because I grew up here and have three generations of miners in my family, I know the history of Black Diamond and have plenty of stories to tell. When people come in, I can tell them about mining, direct them to the best trails to hike, or point them toward a good place to fish or camp. These are the personal touches only a lifelong resident can offer," Curt stated.

He continues to expand his products

and is working on a smoked potato salad. Curt added, "I'm also working to get a liquor license so I can offer wine in picnic baskets. I let people pick the items for the basket so it fits their tastes and each one is customized. Since Black Diamond is the gateway to Mount Rainier, many people stop here on the way to the mountain and picnic baskets are a natural to take on a hike."

He also plans to have a mural painted on the side of the building showing trailheads of the Green River from Knasket Park to Flaming Geyser Park. It will be a focal point for local citizens and tourists passing through.

If you're in the area, check it out.



Visit Curt's Store in Black Diamond at 32721 Railroad Avenue (next to the Black Diamond Bakery). Summer hours - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Phone: 360-886-9293



Curt Konoske pulls some fresh salmon out of his smoker.

Outsourcing Trends: The Reel Story

Last year, filmmaker Greg Spotts puzzled over a question – with the U.S. economy supposedly on the rebound, why were so many of his friends out of work?

He began researching unemployment and then the decline in U.S. manufacturing jobs – nearly 3 million lost since July 2000. The more he dug into the topic, the more fascinated he became until he decided to do a documentary film on the topic.

The results of his efforts is a documentary – "American Jobs." The film contains 60 personal accounts by U.S. workers who have been laid-off recently. It takes a serious look at the massive loss of American jobs. This unique film on the outsourcing of American jobs will be released on Labor Day 2004.

The west coast premiere is set for

September 13 at 7 p.m. in Seattle at Town Hall Seattle (corner of 8th Avenue and Seneca Street – enter on Seneca Street). Tickets are \$5. Following the film there will be a panel discussion with local experts.

Spotts' research and travels for the film brought him to Seattle where he interviewed tech and aerospace workers, as well as Union representatives from the Machinists, SPEEA and WashTech. IAM District 751 President Mark Blondin was interviewed, along with 18-year Machinists member Charles Craft, who reported the dismantling of his machine shop at the Auburn plant. He noted the machines and work are being sent to other countries

Throughout his research and travels, Spotts hit the same obstacles as others who have tried to measure the effects of



District 751 President Mark Blondin interviews with documentary filmmaker Greg Spotts for the upcoming documentary on the loss of American jobs.

offshoring. Factual data is hard to come by. Are U.S. job losses the result of foreign competition or labor-saving technology?

Spotts noted, "I've met some amazing people in my travels, people who share their personal stories and their views about where we are headed as a nation."

Spotts will show the movie in non-

traditional venues during a nationwide speaking tour in September and October, including stops in the cities and towns where the movie was filmed.

Spotts is leaving the conclusions to the viewers. "I'm hoping to promote some possibilities for change, but my function as a documentarian is to serve as a conduit rather than a political thinker."