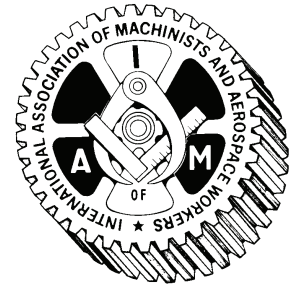




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Standard Automotive Agreement Ratified

On Sunday July 26, 2009, members under the Standard Automotive Agreement ratified a new 4 year bargaining agreement at over a 2 to1 margin. This Agreement represents a series of nine (9) extremely difficult negotiation sessions that began on June 2 and ended in the late evening of July 24.

This Federal Mediation & Conciliation Service (FMCS) contract offer represented the “last, best and final” offer as presented by the NCDC (New Car Dealer Committee). ***FMCS is a neutral third party Federal entity which assists in dispute resolutions.*** The mediator was present at the last 2 crucial days and nights of negotiations.

In addition to the modest monetary contract improvements gained during these negotiations, many employer proposals were discussed and sub sequentially withdrawn by the NCDC (New Car Dealer Committee). Some of the most notable NCDC proposed changes which were strongly opposed by the Union bargaining committee included employee co-pay to the insurance plan and wage reductions.

We are currently working on preparing the final pocket sized contract booklet that will be brought out to your shops by your business representative or given to your shop steward when completed. The actual printing process can take up to another four to six weeks to complete.

**Local 701 Union Meetings are held on the 1st
Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in our union hall.**

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‘Just One Word: Factories’

An [article](#) by columnist Harold Meyerson in this week’s Washington Post deserves the widest distribution possible, for its sober look at the dire need for a manufacturing policy in the United States.

“Since 1987, manufacturing as a share of our gross domestic product has declined 30 percent,” writes Meyerson in *Just One Word: Factories*. “Once the world’s leading net exporter, we have become the world’s leading net importer. In 2007, we exported \$1.2 trillion worth of goods and services, but imported \$1.8 trillion. If there were a debtor’s prison for nations, we’d all be in the clink.”

Meyerson notes some steps being taken by the Obama administration to revive the vital manufacturing sector, including \$2.4 billion in grants for U.S. companies that are developing batteries for hybrid cars and pending legislation that would provide \$30 billion for auto parts companies that convert to alternative energy manufacturing plants.

Despite some encouraging signs, however, Meyerson concludes the current economic crisis in the U.S. will remain a crisis until the government makes a strategic commitment to American manufacturing. “It’s not just that the United States uniquely lacks an industrial policy. It’s that the United States uniquely has an anti-industrial policy,” says Meyerson, who says that support for manufacturing is not only necessary for real economic recovery, but could also be smart politics for the lawmakers smart enough to embrace the idea.

Taken from the IAM iMail for Thursday, August 13, 2009

Social Club News for 701 Members

6th Annual Guide Dogs of America Car & Motorcycle Poker Ride

The 6th Annual Guide Dog Run will be held **Sunday, August 30, 2009**. This year’s event will include antique cars, classic cars and hot rods. We will start the event at different locations at 9am, and will end at the **VOLO AUTO MUSEUM**.

The ride will conclude with a barbeque and admittance to the Volo Auto Museum. [Click here](#) to go to the Social Club page for information and form.

JULY MONTHLY MEETING REPORT

Contracts Ratified in July

Caddy Corner
 Chicago Truck Lease
 First Student –Batavia
 First Student –Naperville
 First Student –Peru/Grandridge
 General Truck Parts
 GES Xposition Services
 Harig Manufacturing
 Honda City
 Standard Automotive Agreement
 South Oak Dodge
 Perkins Manufacturing
 UPS

Current Contracts in Negotiation

ABF
 Avis Budget Car Rental
 Arnie Bauer BPGMC & Cadillac
 Charles Equipment Energy Systems
 City Beverage—Chicago
 Crown Trailer
 DS Water
 East Baltimore Commissary
 Haggerty Pont Buick GMC
 Service Writers
 Hertz Car Rental
 Highland Park Volvo

Illinois Auto Central -
 Jim Miller Chevrolet
 Joliet Dealers Association
 Komatsu Forklift
 Molon Motors
 Ramcel Eng.
 Rockenbach Chevrolet
 Road Builders
 Ruan
 TH Ryan - pending

Arbitration Cases Pending

Honda of Joliet—termination
 Ryder - termination
 Veolia—termination

Shops Closed in July:

D’Andrea Buick on July 1
 Gillespie Chevrolet on July 30th

Other Information:

Local 701 Car & Bike Guide Dog
 Run set for August 30th

**Total active membership
 as of July 31**

6943