

Next Union Meeting

August 14, 2007 - 6:00 pm
Boeing Machinists' Hall
9125 15th Pl. South
Seattle, WA 98108
South Building

Boeing Future of Flight Buses

The Future of Flight (FOF) has changed their schedule to 4 buses each day. Their passenger counts have increased significantly. As a result, driver lunch breaks will be 30 minutes. A letter was issued to the bid drivers explaining the situation. If anyone does not get a lunch break, please bring it to the attention of Rodney or me (Paul) ASAP!!!

Increased Accidents and Fatigue

A letter has been posted on the website and the Bentley bulletin board in the drivers' room regarding fatigue and its correlation to accidents. Some drivers putting in 70+ hours a week are less alert and more prone to accidents. Please be careful out there!

Once again, if someone is involved in any sort of accident where contact is made between the GLS vehicle and something else, the driver must call dispatch. Then, an accident report must be turned in to the Safety Dept..

New Secretary/Treasurer

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Larry Gregg as our new Secretary / Treasurer for UTU Local 161. He will meet with Wayne in the near future to transfer the books and files. It is a challenging position that coordinates dues deductions, billings to the International UTU, Local 161 budget, note-taking responsibilities at the monthly meetings and many other financial concerns for our union. Larry, thank you in advance for your time and effort in this new position.

Thought for the Day

Most folks are about as happy as they make their minds up to be.

-Abraham Lincoln

Thank you, Secretary/Treasurer Ingersoll

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Wayne Ingersoll and the excellent job he has done as Secretary/Treasurer of UTU Local 161. He has held this demanding position for over 7 years and has put in many hours of hard work on behalf of the membership. His attention to detail is unsurpassed; not only in the financial aspects of our Local, but also in taking the minutes of our union meetings and writing innumerable letters of correspondence with GLS Operations, GLS Accounting and the UTU International.

I remember the day when Wayne agreed to take the Sec./Treas. job. Our previous Chairman, Dan Bentley, and the members of the Local Committee of Adjustment were ecstatic! In 2005, he decided to continue in this position, easing my transition into the Chairman's position. I am extremely thankful for all the help and advice that he has given me. He will continue to be of assistance as we welcome Larry to the Sec./Treas. position.

Wayne, we greatly appreciate you! On behalf of all the membership, thank you for a job well done!

Airporter Ticket Sales Bonus

It was brought to our attention that some drivers who have sold airporter tickets were not paid the bonus in accordance with Schedule A, 4.2. If you are eligible for this bonus and did not receive it, please let Accounting know on a Payroll Inquiry form. Check your logbook for the date and CBO number. Let a union rep know if you need assistance.

Hours of Service

The Operations Dept. has issued letters indicating the hours that drivers have accumulated so far, this contract year. This should give drivers some guidance in determining how many more hours are needed to achieve their yearly goal by October 31, 2007. 1500 hours are needed for health benefits. 1800 hours for vacation and pension contributions.