

UTU Local 161

Next Union Meeting

November 13, 2007 - 6:00 p.m.
Boeing Machinists' Hall
9125 15th Pl. South
Seattle, WA 98108
South Entrance

New Bids

The next bid period will be from Nov. 1, 2007 to Jan. 4, 2008. Most of the sightseeing products will drop off, so there will be a minimal amount of work left to be bid. Bid days will be:

Full-time 1-30 – Mon. Oct. 22.

Full-time 31 and above – Wed. Oct. 24

Part-time drivers – Sat. Oct. 27

A new Opt-Out list will also be included.

Be sure to check the times that we must receive your bid form by. They are posted on the bulletin board across from dispatch. If you cannot make it in to the office, simply call the dispatchers and they can give you your time. Turn the bid form in EARLY! Union officer(s) will conduct the bidding process again.

ADA and Adverse Winter Training Classes

A second set of classes has been set up for ADA and Adverse Winter training. This class is required of all drivers. You will be paid at your regular wage rate. It lasts 4 hours. Times:
Oct 17 - 0700, Oct 18 – 0900, Oct 20 – 1630,
Oct 21 – 0800, Oct 29 – 1000, Oct 30 – 1500.

Even if you do NOT plan on driving ski charters, this class is still required. As you all know, it is possible to get adverse winter conditions around Puget Sound. Refresher training is a good thing. I took the class and it was not only informative, it was conducted professionally. You do not need to be in uniform, as was required by the old regime. Sign up ASAP.

July & August Incentive Checks are out

It took longer than anticipated to get the incentive checks out for July and August. There was a bit of confusion based on the fact that several drivers qualified for the bonus who did not sign up for the program. The corrected data was re-submitted to HAL at a later date. Sorry for the delay. If anyone feels that they qualified for the incentive and did not get the check, please contact Mollie Jones. Simply show her

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your logbook or pink copies of the trip sheets with CBO numbers and it will be fixed.

Some Peak days in the Near Future

There are a few busy days ahead during this slow time of year. They are as follows:

Oct 25 and 26 – Convention

Nov 4 – Mercury Shore Excursions

Nov 6 – Seattle Hospitality charters

Dec 1,2,8,9,15,16 – Leavenworth

Let the dispatch office know if you are available.

Log Books

Log books need to be up-to-date. You need to fill them out at the end of each duty change. Some drivers have been seen putting in a full day's work, then, returning to the driver's room and beginning their log sheet for the day. It needs to be filled out during your work day, not at the end of it.

Additionally, we are all required to turn in the log sheets to the safe. Audits have been conducted and there are quite a few drivers that have not turned in their logs. Even over-the-road truckers have to mail in their logs to the company if they are gone on extended trips. So, consider this a friendly tip. The company has not written up drivers yet. But, now that things are slowing down, it is quite possible that they might. Please turn in logs as required by the DOT and GLS.

Positive Space Available Cruise Incentive

For those who feel they qualify for this incentive, see Leanne at the front desk. She will be coordinating this program for us.

Pay Rate Change

Effective Nov. 1, 2007, wage rates will increase for all drivers and shop personnel covered by our contract. The rates are listed in Schedule A, on page 32 of the booklets.

FT Drivers /Shop Personnel Vacation Signup

Full-time union members who know of specific dates that they need off, can sign up for vacation time. Oct. 21st is the last day for this option.

Thought for the Day:

Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.