

**Next Union Meeting**

Tues., Aug. 12, 2008 - 6:00 p.m.  
Boeing Machinists' Hall  
9125 15<sup>th</sup> Place South  
Seattle, WA 98108  
South Building

**UTU Barbeque**

The UTU will be holding its annual Barbeque on August 23, 2008 in the park next to Gray Line. Be sure to stop by and get some food before or after your work assignment. It will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end around 6:00 p.m.. We look forward to seeing you there.

**VIR's**

Be sure to write any defects legibly on the VIR's. It is important that the shop get the correct information in order to work on the repairs. It was brought to our attention that several drivers have left the white copy of the VIR in the book, instead of turning it in to the drop-off box at the bottom of the stairs. Once you've identified the concern, be sure to turn it in at the completion of your shift. Thanks.

**UTU Local 161 By-Laws**

At our last meeting, the proposed By-Laws for our Local were read by President Donald. After some discussion and editing, they were voted upon by the present members and unanimously accepted. They will be read one more time at the next union meeting on Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> for any members that were unable to attend the last meeting. A copy has been posted on the Bentley Board in the drivers' room.

**Thought for the Day**

Over the years, I've learned that I still have a lot to learn!

**New Committees to be Formed**

At our last union meeting, there was discussion about forming some new committees involving all union members. It would give more people a chance to participate, voice their concerns and help contribute to the well-being of all of us. It's not too early to form a Contract committee that would focus on issues of concern for the upcoming negotiations in the fall of 2009. Other possible committees include Economics, Safety and Compliance. If you are interested in getting involved, please be at the next Union Meeting if possible or contact President Donald ASAP! Thank you.

**UTU Regional Conference in Denver**

Chairman Bob Duggan and Vice-Chairperson Patty Snell attended the UTU conference earlier this month. It was a very informative meeting and they attended many classes. Hearing some of the problems from other companies made them feel pretty good about our working conditions at GLS. They saved Local 161 a significant amount of money by booking their rooms at a Motel 6 and using public transportation to and from the conference hotel. They will share information on the conference at our next meeting.

**Want Ads in the Newsletter?**

It has been suggested that we introduce free want ads in this newsletter for any members who wish to sell items, need housing or have info to share with their fellow workers. Leave a note in the Union Locker #9, contact an Officer, or the Newsletter Editor, Paul Schneider.

***Save Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> for the Union Meeting.  
Voice your concerns and participate!!***