

# The Best ‘Dam’ Workers in the World

Every day the power of the mighty Columbia River is harnessed at the largest concrete structure in North America - Grand Coulee Dam. At the heart of this massive structure that stretches nearly a mile across, you will find 18 Machinists Union members, who work diligently every day to keep the dam in tip-top shape and running efficiently. These members are responsible for maintaining the huge generators, turbines, compressors, gates and other equipment that provide electrical power to not only Washington State, but residents throughout 10 other western states, as well. The recent blackout in the east highlights the importance of the work they perform and just how many people are dependent on their efforts.

When you consider the sheer size and age of the dam – not to mention the volume of water passing through, it is no easy task. Since the dam was built in the 1930’s, spare parts are non-existent. Over the years as equipment deteriorates, our members in the machine shop at Grand Coulee must continually fabricate replacement parts to keep the dam operating. This perpetual work demands that employees possess journeyman skills and the ability to run a wide variety of machines. For the seven members in the



*L to R: Union Steward John Berland explains to Secretary-Treasurer Bruce Spalding and 751 President Mark Blondin the work our members perform at Grand Coulee Dam. Our 18 members maintain this enormous structure that is the largest producer of electricity in the U.S. and third largest producer in the world.*

machine shop, virtually no two jobs are the same. In addition, these members maintain and repair the shop equipment, which includes lathes, mills, grinders, drills, etc. Versatility is also required for our members who work in the dams’ power plants – one day they might be

repairing the giant turbines and another day performing maintenance work on the air compressors.

Just as amazing as the structure itself is the morale of this talented workforce. These members enjoy job security (no layoffs have occurred in over a decade)

and an average wage of \$27.97 an hour (determined by a survey average of 8 private utility companies), but also have the freedom to choose how to get their job done.

Kim Clark, who has worked at the  
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# Push for Tanker Deal Continues

In the end, whether or not our members in Everett get to build the 767 tankers for the U.S. Air Force will depend upon politics. The long-awaited deal, which was first announced in December 2001, has gained approval by three Congressional panels. Despite this widespread support, the lease deal must pass out of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Senator John McCain, who has been the most vocal opponent of the tanker deal, is a member of this crucial Senate committee.

On Friday, August 22, the tanker deal got a bit closer as U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert toured the 767 line. Hastert, who has been one of the program’s strongest supporters, called the tanker program “a good deal for the American government” and added, “rivet for rivet, dollar for dollar, this is the best investment for our government.” The House Speaker’s comments reflected a sense of urgency as he de-



*U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert tells 767 employees he is fighting to ensure the Air Force tanker deal is approved soon.*

clared to Everett workers and local reporters, “Let’s get this plane rolling.”

Hastert joins the entire Washington Congressional Delegation, led by Congressman Norm Dicks and Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, in pushing for approval of the tanker deal. Dicks has been a strong proponent and has worked quietly behind the scenes to ensure, when the critical votes are cast, the deal will pass.

Hastert predicted the tankers will receive final approval from Congress. If Congress approves the deal after the summer recess ends, work on the first U.S. Air Force tanker could start in the Everett plant by December. All our members in the Everett plant are acutely aware of the importance this order will have on the 767 line. Currently, the 767 has a backlog of only 29 airplanes. The tanker deal would ensure production continues through at least 2010.



*1123 member Joe Gates (l) volunteers his time and horses to give handicapped people a chance to experience horseback riding. Since the Alcoa plant stopped production in 2001, members there have done a variety of community service projects.*

## Wenatchee Members Are Community Contributors

Members in Wenatchee have made a tremendous contribution to their community ever since the Alcoa plant stopped aluminum production in 2001. Initially, members cleaned up the plant as part of an agreement with Chelan County PUD that continues to pay workers their salary while Alcoa sells back their power.

Once the plant clean-up was complete, employees have used the time to make Wenatchee a better place to live. Projects are as varied as the members themselves. Word spread quickly throughout the region that these skilled craftsmen were available and offering to lend

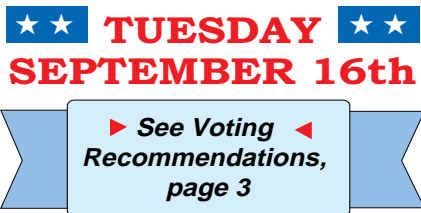
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### Reeling in the Money

Fishing derby racks up \$3,000 for political action fund

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REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT

Labor Day Highlights Important Role of Unions

by Mark Blondin,  
District President

As we celebrate the Labor Day holiday, it is a good time for our members to stop and reflect on how unions have helped workers in this country. To understand the contributions that unions have made, just imagine what our nation would be like without unions. In fact, you need only read a bit of history to be reminded how workers were treated in the early years of the last century when unions were struggling to establish fundamental rights for working men and women.

Workers are still treated unfairly. And, without unions, would there be a minimum wage? Weekends? Holidays? Sick leave? FMLA? Pensions? Workplace safety? The list goes on, and these battles of yesterday are continually being fought today. Without Unions, could we maintain these gains? I think not.

But today, the battle has shifted to preserving jobs in this country. In the past two years, our nation has lost more than 2.5 million jobs - the majority in manufacturing. This loss of American jobs has devastated the lives of seasoned workers, and hurt the chances of future generations to participate and prosper in an economy stimulated by good-paying manufacturing jobs. Organized labor must develop a new strategy to effectively meet the challenges of today and preserve jobs for the future. Undoubtedly most of the issues must be dealt with in the legislative arena, which is why this Union remains involved in politics at all levels. We need to elect legislators who are for American jobs and American workers. Companies that create jobs in the United States should be rewarded. There should be incentives based on per-



centage of domestic content in the product being manufactured. If a company provides jobs for the American public, then we must find ways to keep them in business. The slogan "American made" or "Buy American" is as important now as it ever was.

The way for Unions to preserve jobs has shifted. We must find a way to work with companies to beat the foreign competition. That is the real threat. We can accomplish this without resorting to adversarial roles - if companies agree to work together toward common goals. Working together is a two-way street. This is true whether we are talking commercial airplanes, washing machines, machine tools, Harley Davidson motorcycles, or any other manufacturing industry in America. It's time this country developed an industrial policy that rewards companies for investing in America. Incentives must be awarded to the companies that provide good-paying jobs for American citizens.

A top aerospace industry lobbyist is pushing for the U.S. government to name the 7E7 "America's Airplane" and help in any way it can - such as with research and development or streamlining the process for certifying the new plane. The lobbyist noted, "I'd like to see the government recognize and say that this is our manufacturer, these are American jobs and we're going to do everything we can to make this (7E7) program successful."

This is exactly the kind of action and direction we need to take and options we need to explore. Continuing efforts to finalize the 767 tanker deal with the Air Force also highlight the importance of being involved in the political arena.

Politics and our involvement have played a key role in attempts to land the

7E7 plane in Washington State. You can be sure that our state would not have been in the running if this Union, along with State, local and county leaders, had not stepped forward and made a concerted effort to make some much needed changes in this state. Issues that had been discussed and debated for years - suddenly were resolved to make us a frontrunner for the future of Boeing Commercial Airplanes. Yet this could not have happened without our members working together toward a common goal and the Union being involved in politics.

Although the proposal for the 7E7 has been submitted and the site selection committee is sorting through the documents, our work is far from over. The Union continues doing everything possible to ensure the 7E7 is built here in Washington. We have all learned that this is a new airplane for Boeing and, as such, the Company is approaching it in a totally new way. This marks the beginning of a new airplane, which also demands creative thinking and departure from the way things have been done in the past. We have a real opportunity to shape the future direction of this Company, and District 751 plans to be a part of that every step of the way. To accomplish success with the 7E7, we must find a way to effectively compete against the heavily-subsidized Airbus. Every member should agree this must be the goal of both the Union and the Company. Our members have a tremendous amount of knowledge and skills in commercial airplane manufacturing (much has been untapped) that can be harnessed to ensure the 7E7 program is successful.

Boeing speaks about partners in the 7E7 and those willing to share in the risks. Our goal is to ensure that we are partners and discover ways for Boeing to minimize the risk - through legislation and also by

working together with their employees. The stakes could not be higher.

Our members in Eastern Washington working at Grand Coulee Dam are a perfect example of such a partnership. In visiting those workers, I heard over and over how this is the best job they ever had. Much of their morale and satisfaction comes from the trusting relationship they have developed with management. Employees are allowed to determine the way to perform the work, which gives management maximum performance and provides employees control in the decision making process.

This creative, cooperative environment is exactly the direction unions across America need to take, if we are going to preserve U.S. manufacturing jobs. So this Labor Day, remember what unions have done and help shape the direction of the future - one that will preserve American jobs.

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Contract Provides 2% GWI Effective September 5

IAM members working at Boeing will receive a 2% general wage increase (GWI) effective September 5, 2003. Grade A workers already at the maximum rate will be paid the 2% in a lump sum based on gross wages from 9/2/02 through 9/4/03. The lump sum checks for eligible Grade A's will be paid on September 19, 2003.



Due to fluctuations in the Consumer Price Index, COLA for the last quarter is minus 2 cents. The minus 2 cents was generated for the quarter May, June and

July 2003. COLA is generated quarterly under the IAM contract and is based on the federal government's Consumer Price Index. The next quarterly COLA payment will be effective December 5, 2003. This will bring the total hourly gain generated by COLA under the current contract to 27 cents an hour (down from the current 29 cents). With the COLA adjustment and the General Wage Increase, Labor Grade Minimum and Maximums will be as follows:

Grade	Minimum	Maximum
11	\$19.72	\$32.19
10	18.72	31.21
9	17.72	30.35
8	16.72	29.40
7	15.72	28.44
6	14.72	27.52
5	13.72	26.57
4	12.72	25.66
3	11.72	24.75
2	10.72	23.79
1	9.72	22.88
A	8.72	15.92

Meduna Thanks All for Support in Eating Competition

Ray "The Bison" Meduna, an Everett Union Steward, is Rated #13 in the World out of 500 Pro Worldwide Eaters and #1 on the West Coast. Ray finished fourth in the world championship ribs eating competition in July eating 6 pounds of pork ribs in 12 minutes. He also did four promo exhibition contests on Fox News against Ed Cookie Jarvis, the #1 Eater in the U.S.A. In August, Ray placed second in the world championship hamburger eating contest by eating 5-1/2 two-third pound fully dressed hamburgers in 10 minutes. ESPN covered the highlights.

Ray would like to thank the following for sponsoring him in these two contests: Mark Blondin, Ernie McCarthy, Bruce Spalding, Stan Johnson, Larry Monger, Linda Lanham, Dave Bowling, Mayo Powell, Dave Burton, Steve Morrison, Billy Lorig, Bob Troll, Bill Dolan, Ken Malone, Ray Baumgardner, Art Typolt, Dave King, Rudy McDaniel, Marc Jouns, Dan Karamoto (CNC Carbide Tools), Rocky Jewell (Up Front Speed Shop), Tim & Kim Krause, Todd Campbell, Art Anderson, Ken Longnecker, Mo Heamo, Chad Thompson, Ron Stevens, Greg Campos, Kevin Elliott, David Mays, Dan Swank, Pasquale Dama, Chris Laverne,



Ray "The Bison" Meduna (center) downs a hotdog. Stewards Ken Locknecker (r) and Steve Morrison, along with other members, have supported him in eating competition.

Billy Carter, Rod Mesa, Louis Satterlee, Ron Kalles, Rich Perreault, Rich Frantsvog, Steve Lapping, David Day, Steve Reames, Craig Stahlke, Mark Bakers, Willie Curtis, Dennis Anthony, Ms. Berkley.

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POLITICAL ACTION

Working to Create Jobs at Federal Level

751 continues to work with the Washington Congressional delegation on issues that are important to our members. More and more of our issues will most likely be resolved in the political arena. Issues such as an industrial policy to create American jobs, Medicare and prescription drug coverage, health care, pensions, workplace safety and even airplane sales.

Below are a few of the federal issues 751 has been working on:

First and foremost, we continue to push to get approval for the U.S. Air Force lease of 767 tankers. U.S. Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert toured the Everett plant on Friday, August 22 (see story page 1) and pledged his support.

The entire Washington Congressional delegation has worked tirelessly to convince their colleagues of the urgency of this tanker deal. Knowing the commitment of our delegation, the pressure will continue until the planes have started production in Everett.

The Union has also been meeting with the Washington delegation to explore ways to help Boeing become more competitive against Airbus, which is heavily subsidized. Recently, a top aerospace industry lobbyist began pushing for the U.S. government to provide help and support to Boeing in developing and building the 7E7. If an actual bill is



L to R: Rick Humiston, Bruce Spalding, Congressman Rick Larson and Mark Blondin review ways to create and preserve jobs in the current economy, such as supporting a recent bill to increase U.S. content on defense contracts.

proposed, the Union will be first in line to support and push for such legislation.

The House recently passed a bill that increases the amount of U.S. content required in major Pentagon purchases from 50 to 65 percent and requires defense contractors to use American-made machine tools, dies and industrial molds on future contracts. The legislation also adds eight new types of products to the list of defense purchases that must be 100 percent American made. At a time

when millions are out of work, the federal government should do everything it can to maintain and create jobs in this country, by buying American products first. While this has passed the House, it is meeting some tough opposition. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld is urging President Bush to veto this legislation because 'it could reduce the Department of Defense supplier base and cost the department and its U.S. contractors billions of dollars.'



Presidential Election Poll

If the election was held tomorrow, who would you vote for U.S. President?

- ☐ George W. Bush Jr.
- ☐ John Edwards
- ☐ Howard Dean
- ☐ Al Sharpton
- ☐ John Kerry
- ☐ Dennis Kucinich
- ☐ Dick Gephardt
- ☐ Joe Lieberman
- ☐ Bob Graham
- ☐ Carol Moseley-Braun
- ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Undecided

Please clip out and return to any Union office, Union Steward or mail to: 751 Poll, 9125 15th Pl. S., Seattle, WA 98108



State Senator Aaron Reardon, who is our endorsed candidate for Snohomish County Executive, has been a true friend to 751. Above he speaks at the Everett rally to land the 7E7.

Opportunity for Members to Help Reardon Campaign

One of the top political races 751 has targeted this year is electing Aaron Reardon Snohomish County Executive. For many years, Aaron has worked hard for 751 members and now is asking for their help in his bid for County Executive.

751 is holding phone banks at both the Everett and Seattle Union halls on behalf of the Reardon campaign. In addition, we are helping with literature drops, doorbelling and will be doing honk and waves near and on election day.

If you would like to help, please contact Janeé on 425-355-8821 or 1-800-763-1301, ext. 3210.

Aaron was instrumental in getting much-needed legislative reform that should keep Boeing in this state. He works hard to create jobs in the region and is exactly the kind of leader we need for the future.

751 RECOMMENDED CANDIDATES & ISSUES

STATE LEGISLATURE

State Representative, District 19, Position 2

☒ Brian Blake

State Senator, District 19

☒ Mark Doumit

KING COUNTY

King County Council, Dist. 2

☒ Cynthia Sullivan

King County Council, Dist. 8

☒ Dow Constantine

King County Council, Dist. 9

☒ Pam Roach

King County Council, Dist. 10

☒ Larry Gossett

SNOHOMISH COUNTY

Snohomish County Executive

☒ Aaron Reardon

Snohomish County Assessor

☒ Kent Hanson

Snohomish County Council, Pos. 3

☒ Donald J. Wilson

CITY OF AUBURN

Auburn City Council, Pos. 4

☒ Nancy Backus

Auburn City Council, Pos. 5

☒ William Pelozo

CITY OF EVERETT

Mayor

☒ Frank Anderson

Everett City Council, Pos. 5

☒ David Simpson

CITY OF RENTON

Mayor

☒ Kathy Keolker-Wheeler

Renton Fire District 40

Commissioner, Position 5

☒ Ronnie Behnke

CITY OF SEATTLE

Seattle City Council, Pos. 1

☒ Kollin K. Min

Seattle City Council, Pos. 5

☒ Tom Rasmussen

Seattle City Council, Pos. 7

☒ Heidi Wills

Seattle Monorail Board, Pos. 8

☒ Cindi Laws

CITY OF SPOKANE

Mayor

☒ John T. Powers

REMEMBER TO VOTE IN THE PRIMARY ELECTION SEPTEMBER 16!



## IAM/BOEING JOINT PROGRAMS



Santos Lopez (center) receives recognition from the Everett Site Committee for his steadfast efforts that saved a man's life. Roy Moore (l) and Greg Campos present the award.

### Lopez Honored for Lifesaving Effort

Thanks to the willingness of 751-member Santos Lopez to get involved in an emergency situation, an area resident is alive today. Santos' diligence and steadfast administration of CPR saved a life, while others chose to simply stand by and watch.

The IAM/Boeing Health and Safety Institute Everett Site Safety Committee honored Santos Lopez for his heroic act at their August monthly meeting. The Committee also submitted him for the Governor's Life Saving Award.

As Santos and his wife were driving home one night, they noticed a crowd on the side of the road gathered around an individual. Two teenagers were trying to administer CPR. Santos asked if they knew what they were doing and immediately took over when they responded no. He and one of the teenagers continued performing CPR for about 12 minutes until the paramedics arrived. Paramedics had to paddle the man four times with electric shocks before he could be moved.

Thanks to the quick and persistent action by Santos, the man is alive today and has no brain damage or organ damage.

"It was amazing to see how many people were just standing there and didn't bother to help. I learned CPR in the military and was recertified at Boeing last year. If you have had CPR training, don't be afraid to use it. Even if it's been a while since the training, you at least have a concept of how it works. Take the risk and get involved," advised Santos.

His wife Karen, beamed with pride, as she added, "When he wanted to pull over, I urged him to keep going because there were a lot of people already there, but he was insistent. He said if there is one thing Boeing taught me, it is to make sure people are okay. He was determined to help, and his efforts saved a life."

## Fairs Help Make Safety Fun

The various Site Safety Committees recently sponsored safety and health fairs at their respective locations—spreading the message that safety is a 24-hour-a-day project.

Thousands of employees took part in the fairs. Exhibit booths covered a variety of topics and encouraged many hands-on and how-to demonstrations. Members could learn more about personal protective equipment, healthy eating habits, fitness programs, ergonomics, or home safety. Hands-on booths included massage therapy, footcare, and spinal checks by chiropractors. Participants could also have their blood glucose

levels tested, along with their cholesterol and blood pressure.

**Plant 2 Safety Fair**  
Monday, September 8  
2-22 Bldg. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Mary Hoang gets her spine checked by a chiropractor at the Everett fair.



At the Renton fair, Joint Programs Executive Director Gary Jackson sits on the dunk tank, which raised \$689 for Guide Dogs of America. Dunk tanks at Auburn and Frederickson collected \$175 for the charity.



Photo left: The HSI booth drew lots of people at the Everett event.

Below: An Everett member takes advantage of the free on-site massages offered at the fairs.



Brett Coty (r) hands out information at HSI's booth at the Frederickson Safety Fair.



Photo left: The Renton Training Council brings together Union Reps, Joint Programs, L.E.A.D., and management to coordinate training for Renton employees.

### Renton Training Council Coordinates Efforts

Thanks to a concerted effort by the IAM/Boeing Joint Programs, IAM District 751, L.E.A.D. and Renton management, training for Renton employees will be mapped out in advance of any moves or transfers. The Renton Training Council, as the group has been dubbed, meets twice a month to discuss potential training, evaluate existing training and provide direction for the future. Feedback from all participants is key to ensure resources are used wisely and to eliminate redundancy in training.

What makes the group unique is the forethought and proactive approach to training, as well as the inclusive nature of involving all parties. A recent meeting focused on the upcoming 737 rate increase—looking specifically at which people will be

transferred to the area and what skills they will need to minimize the impact on production. This planning before the employees have even arrived is a new concept. The goal is to have affected employees trained and prepared to safely and productively begin their new assignments to avoid the type of production problems that plagued the rate increases of the late 1990's.

"What I appreciate most about the training council is the exacting focus on training for the IAM folks that build the airplanes. Everyone's job at Boeing is important but if we don't have a trained and skilled workforce that actually builds our great airplanes, then the rest of us wouldn't be needed. The partnership between QTP, LEAD, Manufacturing and the other orga-

nizations involved in the Training Council is what allows this focus to happen successfully," stated Bill Warfield, Customer Relations, Learning, Education, Assessments & Development.

IAM 751 Business Rep Larry Brown added, "The Council gets everyone involved and thinking ahead. Training is also vital for members who get transferred from one location to another—not to mention the safety issues. At a recent meeting, training for violence in the workplace for supervisors was identified. The Union was able to suggest that our Union Stewards should attend the same training. This is an example of why the Union is involved in the Council and shaping the direction of training our members receive."

### Rodeo Rounds Up Best Drivers

Four 751-members took to the streets to demonstrate their forklift driving skills in the Sixth Annual Forklift Rodeo Regional Competition. Doug Graham, Shane George, Mike McAllister and John Scott spent a Saturday in August competing in the event. Doug finished first and Shane finished second. Both will advance to the finals at the Governor's Safety Conference in September. In addition, Shane, Mike and Doug will compete in the team finals in September.

The competition is designed to promote safe forklift operation and highlight the skill and talent of the men and women who operate forklifts for a living. The competition includes a written

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John Scott was one of four 751 members who participated in the recent forklift rodeo competition.



# Alcoa Members Make a Difference in the Community

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themselves to help a variety of organizations. It's not surprising how many groups have requested Machinists to help with their facilities and events.

Local 1123 member Mike Bratton noted, "We have finished so many projects in the past two years, it's hard to recall them all. Basically, any organization that called for help, we responded. The projects are rewarding and it's great to get to see others benefit from our efforts."

Some recent projects members have worked on include:

- Built tent camp pads for Boy Scout camp at Bonaparte Lake. In addition, members helped relocate many of the camp sites to a more suitable location. The members had the facility ready before summer camp began so kids got the maximum benefit.



Elmer Wall repairs a building at the Chelan County Fairgrounds.

• Removed barb wire from the Colockum Game Reserve to help the Fish and Wildlife Department.

• Repaired hand-rails, stairs, walls and painting at the Good Grief House, which provides a safe haven for teens to go for support during a crisis.

• Repaired sprinklers and the water system at the North Central Gun Club. Weeds were removed from the archery range and around the clubhouse. In addition, members put a fence around the facility to keep kids out and provide a safety barrier.

• Painted and serviced fire hydrants around the valley in Wenatchee and East Wenatchee.



L to R: Dick Rawlings, Elmer Wall and Steve Reynolds prepare tent pads at Bonaparte Lake Boy Scout Camp, as well as doing other repairs.



L to R: Mike Bratton, Steve Reynolds, Wayne Pretts and Fred McNeil (on tractor) dig trenches to repair the sprinkler and water system at the North Central Gun Club.

- Repaired buildings at the Chelan County Fairgrounds in Cashmere.
- Maintained and improved little league fields, as well as having built and repaired the dugouts at the fields. In addition, members kept score at the Little League State playoffs and other important games.
- Area handicapped kids and adults have benefitted from our efforts through the Spurs and Spokes 4-H Club, where members help special needs individuals to ride a horse. Not only do members volunteer their time, but they also offer up their horses. This program gives those handicapped individuals an opportunity to experience the joy of horseback riding and the chance to be around different farm animals. The smiles on their faces portray their sense of accomplishment, which is truly priceless.

The 60 members continue to work hard for their community. Members have noted that while the projects are rewarding to help others, all are eager to get back to their chosen career of producing aluminum. Proposed electric rate increases by the Bonneville Power Administration threaten to possibly close the plant for good. The Union has been working closely with the Washington Congressional Delegation to ensure this is not the fate of these workers. In May, these members rallied in Olympia and Portland to register their opposition to the BPA rate increase. The current agreement with Chelan County PUD is set to expire in January, 2004. There are rumors of a possible extension of the shutdown, but nothing has been confirmed. A decision is expected to be announced soon, but in the meantime, the Wenatchee members will keep up the good work!



Photo left: Steve Reynolds runs control wire for a sprinkler system members repaired.



Photo above: Wayne Pretts cuts weeds at a community clean up project.



Photo left: Mike McGee keeps score at the Little League State playoff games in East Wenatchee.

## Rodeo Promotes Safety

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exam, pre-flight inspection and an obstacle course that tests the skills required to maneuver and stack loads safely. The forklifts used in the competition were rated at 5,000 pounds and equipped with automatic transmissions.

751 Union Steward Mark Little, who serves on the planning committee for the Governor's Safety Conference, served as one of the judges for the competition and commended the members for participating.



L to R: Shane George, Mike McAllister and John Scott competed in the forklift rodeo.

## IAM Scholarship Competition for 2004

The IAM Scholarship Competition is open to members of the IAM and their children throughout the United States and Canada.



**Awards to members** are \$2,000 per academic year, from one to four years, leading to a

Bachelor's degree or a two-year vocational/technical certification.

**Awards to Children of Members** are: \$1,000 per academic year for college, for a maximum of four years until a Bachelor's degree is obtained. Vocational/technical School – \$2,000 per year until certification is reached for a maximum of two years.

For rules of eligibility or to obtain an application, complete and return the form at right. No application forms postmarked later than February 25, 2004, will be considered.

### REQUEST FOR IAM 2004 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Please send me an Application Packet for the 2004 IAM Scholarship Competition. If the proper packet is not received within 30 days, advise the Scholarship Department immediately. I understand that this request is not an application, and that the Application Packet must be completed and postmarked no later than February 25, 2004.

**REMINDER:** Please check the appropriate box listed below and the requested application will be mailed to you. As an IAM member who will have 2 years' continuous membership in the IAM as of February 25, 2004, I am requesting an Application Form for:

- ☐ IAM Member requesting a College or Vocational/Technical Scholarship
- ☐ Child of a Member requesting a Vocational/Technical Scholarship
- ☐ Child of a Member requesting a College Scholarship

Print your name and address clearly:

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IMPORTANT: Complete this coupon and attach a SELF-ADDRESSED LABEL for reply.

Mail to: IAM Scholarship Program  
9000 Machinists Place  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772-2687



# Seattle Seven Attend APRI to Help Revive Labor Movement

by **Lem Charleston,**  
Human Rights Committee

On the morning of July 31, 2003, seven pastors from Seattle, some who are members of organized labor and all who are strong advocates of organized labor, descended on the city of Atlanta, Georgia to attend the A. Phillip Randolph Institute (A.P.R.I.) Conference. As a member of the 751 Human Rights Committee and a pastor, I was proud to attend and represent our District.

One discussion centered on Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). The statement was made the real WMD are the sabotage of organized labor, the decimation of health care, the dismantling of workers' rights, discrimination against senior citizens, and the economic destruction of the American middle class! The true WMD are going unchecked in the United States, yet no one will say it. Bureaucratic assassins are slowly paralyzing the backbone of the U.S. economy – LABOR. Their goal is to galvanize labor to the wages of the late 1960s. As workers in organized labor, we are the last strongholds against corporate America's complete domination of the citizens of the United States!

On every front organized labor is being attacked – especially our jobs! American industries became successful because of the efforts of American workers. Now those jobs are being sent outside the United States faster than ever. We must change the perception that organized labor has always been portrayed as Mafioso thugs, goon-like greedy street warriors extort-

ing protection money from the “decent”, “upstanding” merchants of the community. Organized labor is you and me - the workers of this country.

Congressman John Lewis (D) GA and other speakers encouraged us to revive the sleeping labor movement. Lewis recalled conversations with the religious and labor leaders in the early 1960's leading up to the historic march on Washington in 1963. Lewis encouraged everyone to take to the streets before we end up living on them. Help revive the vision of A. Phillip Randolph – who organized labor in the most difficult of times – when “racial slurs” were the norm, when there were no real terms describing gender persecution, when workers' rights were in their infancy. A.

Phillip Randolph had a vision for America that all working people would have a fair and decent wage, that all men and women in America would be able to access the statement in our constitution: Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of happiness. I have one last question: after a hard day's work, are you too tired to pursue happiness or are you simply trying to pay the bills? The message from the conference was to get involved, get others involved and make a difference.

On behalf of the Human Rights Committee, I would like to take this opportunity to thank District President Mark Blondin and Verlene Wilder, President of the Seattle Chapter of APRI for allowing a representative of this committee to attend this historic and informative A.P.R.I. Conference.



751 Human Rights Committee member Lem Charleston (r) with Congressman John Lewis at the recent APRI Conference.

# Cars and Bikes Shine

More than just the sun was shining on Saturday, July 26, as members and auto collectors turned out for the first Local A Car and Motorcycle Show and Shine. While many took home trophies, the big winner was Guide Dogs of America. This worthwhile charity was the beneficiary of \$3,600 - the proceeds from the show.

Muscle cars, vintage automobiles and a host of motorcycles lined the parking lot of the Seattle Union Hall. A quick walk through the lot and it was easy to see why the vehicles were the pride and joy of many owners. Hundreds of hours of work has gone into maintaining and restoring these exquisite vehicles. Everything from a 1923 Ford to a 1920's Bentley were displayed at the show.

Visitors slowly cruised through the lot – taking time to examine the engines, interiors and paint jobs on the vehicles. Everyone in attendance had the opportu-

nity to judge the vehicles and cast a vote for who would receive a trophy. Owners proudly told stories of how they acquired, restored or preserved their respective cars.

Participants also could have TNTD test their vehicles for carburetion and injection levels. Test results were discussed and analyzed. Experts then offered suggested options for improved performance.

Competition among the motorcycle was fierce – as each thought their bike was deserving of a title. Some visitors retreated to the vendor booths inside the hall while the bikes got into the “loud pipe” competition.

751-member Dennis Brevik, who won the Best Mopar category, is the original owner of his 1970 Plymouth. He bought it in the bright green color because he was tired of losing his blue Ford in the parking lot while working on the 747.

Event organizers Scott Salo and P



Perry Osgood won best vintage cycle with his 1951 Vincent White Shadow.



After the judging had been completed, the Bentley arrived and drew quite a crowd.



Gordy Runge won best GM category with his 1964 Chevy Impala SS.



Dave Brueher's 1977 Chevy job won the People's Choice.

# Christmas for the Dogs “Shopping for a Cause Fundraiser”



Saturday, September 27  
10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
751 Seattle Union Hall  
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Osgood did an excellent job putting the event together. Special thanks to Suzan Merritt, Kathy Duran and Stephanie Wilson for their efforts. Thanks also to the following volunteers who helped set up and work the event: Chuck Ayers, Heather Barstow, Pam Black, Janeé Bromiley, Kay Haaland, Michael Hall, Sam Hargrove, Lois Holton, Richard Jackson, Connie Johnson, Traci Keeney, Armand Kepler, Mark Little, Ed Lutgen, Gloria Millsaps, Ruth Moore, Linda Naden, Cheryl Peterson, Jason Redrup, Paul Ross (from TNT Dyno), Ralph Ruiz, Don Shove, Lori Spafford, Stosh Tomala, Paul Veltkamp, and Clifton Wyatt.

Beyond the vehicles, those attending also could visit a number of vendors that had booths set up inside the Union hall and helped sponsor the event. Special thanks to the following sponsors who helped ensure the event was a success: Griot's Garage, Downtown Harley Davidson, Motorcycle Works, Renton Motorcycles, Eastside Harley Davidson, Financial Consulting Solutions LLC, Brinks Security, Sip & Spin Espresso, University of Phoenix, Regence Blue Shield, Verizon Wireless, Furney's Nursery, Circuit City, Jarrod's Galleria of Jewelry, Red Robin Restaurants, Game Stop, Amsoil Synthetic Lubricants - Mark Meidinger Proprietor, Roy Brown's Auto Service, Honest Performance, and Damon "The Doc" Allen who served as DJ and provided music and sound for the event.

Special thanks to Brian Stillings for helping photograph the vehicles for the paper.

is 1920's



1977 Chevy Pickup with a custom paint job and a trophy award.

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### Car Show Winners

- President's Choice:** Lou Desimone, 1957 Chevy
- Best Mopar:** Dennis Brevik 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner
- Best Ford:** Bill Baker - 1955 Thunderbird
- Best GM:** Gordy Runge - 1964 Impala
- Best Cruiser:** Ron McGaha 1995 Harley Road King
- Best Vintage Bike:** Perry Osgood 1951 Vincent White Shadow
- People's Choice:** Dave Brueher 1977 Chevy Pickup
- Women's Choice:** Melony Clauson 1967 Mustang Convertible
- Best Orphan:** Anthony Schuma 1969 Dodge Dart



TNT Dyno could test vehicles on the spot and offer suggestions to improve performance.



Women's Pick was a pink 1967 Mustang convertible owned by Melony and Bart Clauson.



Dennis Brevik proudly shows his 1970 Plymouth Roadrunner, which won best Mopar. Brevik is the original owner. He bought the car in the bright green color because he got tired of losing his blue Ford in the Everett parking lot while working on the 747.



Don Barker is proud of his 1923 Ford T-Bucket.



The motorcycles entered in the show also competed for "loudest pipes" title. Above: Ron McGaha (center bike) and Justin Bailes (right) roar their bikes. McGaha's 1995 Harley Road King won the best cruiser category.



IAM General Vice President Lee Pearson (l) and 751 President Mark Blondin (r) had the honor of presenting the President's Choice to Lou and Shareen Desimone for their classic Chevy.



Retired 751 Business Rep Bill Baker and his wife, Carolyn, won Best Ford with their 1955 Thunderbird.



Winners, participants and volunteers pose for a group photo at the end of the day.



# Fishing Derby Reels in Money for MNPL

The first Local C Fishing Derby provided more than a few fish tales, as 58 individuals took to the high seas on Sunday, August 10. Proceeds from the event went to the Machinists Non-Partisan Political League – the Union’s political arm. Derby organizers Jim Darrah and Joe Crockett presented a check for \$3,000 to MNPL – an impressive amount for a first year event.

Despite a shaky day at sea, Steve Ray still managed to catch a salmon, as well as earn the ‘puker’ award for his queasy stomach. Yet Steve’s brother-in-law, Business Rep Larry Brown, did much better - reeling in the biggest fish trophy with a 28 pound king salmon (dressed weight). Local F President Don Morris was a close second with a 27 pound, 14 ounce salmon and insisted Larry must have put weights on the salmon to tip the scales in his favor and win the derby. Rodney Soares brought in the third largest catch of the day with a 26+ pound salmon.

Despite having to catch a bus at 3 a.m. to make the trip, participants raved about

the derby and pledged to make the venture again next year. The ocean was amazingly calm so only a select few spent any time chumming. Literally everyone took home a fish (although we hear reports that not everyone caught the one they took home). Business Rep Tom Wroblewski confessed he did not actually reel in a salmon, but was happy with the ‘charity’ fish he took home after another member took pity on him.

Steward Bert Groom shocked his shipmates when he proceeded to eat the herring bait. Bragging rights and fish stories abounded as several told of the ‘one that got away.’

Local C President Mark Johnson insisted on spreading his “special sauce,” guaranteed to attract fish, on 751 President Mark Blondin’s bait. Unfortunately, it didn’t have the intended affect - everyone around Blondin suddenly began catching fish. Once Blondin rebaited his line without Johnson’s special sauce, he immediately reeled in a salmon.

751 Political Director Linda Lanham, who chose to remain on the dock, pledged to put the money to work on important legislative issues. Lanham noted, “More than ever before, politics affects our jobs. We must elect candidates that support workers and will make jobs a top priority. This event will help ensure we do that.”



*Machinists members were all smiles as the Neddie Rose pulled back into Westport. Everyone went home with a fish (although not everyone caught the one they took home).*



*Rick McKinney baits his line.*



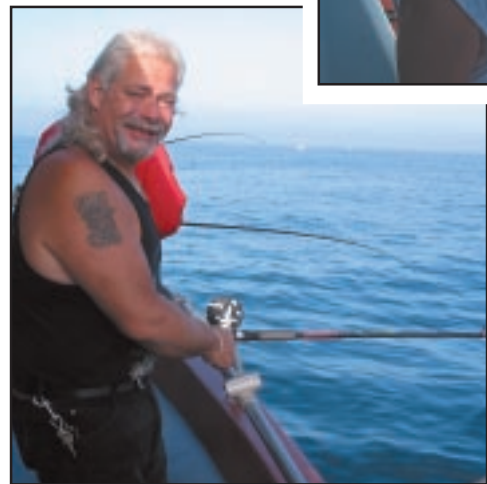
*Above: Bert Groom (front) amused his shipmates by eating the bait.*



*Photo right: Spencer Graham reels in a salmon, as the boat crew waits with a net.*



*Front to Back: Jim Bearden, Larry Monger and Gary Jackson cast their lines.*



*Dave Brueher drops his line.*



*L to R: Mark Johnson, Jon Holden, Pat Kinsella, Dave Henry and Dave Brueher patiently wait for a bite on their line.*

## The ‘Big Catch’ Awards



*Above: Derby winners display their prize winning catch. L to R: Rodney Soares (3rd place), Don Morris (2nd place), Larry Brown (1st place).*

*Photo right: Steve Ray (r) was a good sport as he received the “puker award” complete with Pepto Bismal and a towel.*



*Photo below: At District Council, Mark Johnson, Joe Crockett and Jim Darrah (front L to R) report the derby collected \$3,000 for MNPL*





RETIREMENT NEWS

# August Retired Club Minutes

by Mary Wood,  
Retired Club Secretary

At the August 11th business meeting, Al Wydick called the meeting to order at 11 a.m. The Lord’s Prayer was said followed by the flag salute and the singing of “God Bless America.”

**Roll Call of Officers:** All officers were present. Minutes were accepted as printed.

**Communications:** The Club received a letter from Charlotte and Ron Roller’s daughter with their address in the nursing home.

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

**New Members:** The Club welcomed Jim Hutchins, along with Brandon Cristie (5 years old), Kevin Fochtman (11 years old).

**Business Rep Report:** Business Rep Paul Knebel reported on activities at Boeing and noted the Union will be asking retirees to help with candidate elections this fall.



Two retirees danced to one of their favorite tunes.

Seniors are a huge voting block and can help with get-out-the-vote efforts and targeted races. We need elected officials to be more accountable to the citizens.

**Health & Welfare:** Ill brothers and sisters this past month included: Jerome Larson, Gilbert Iles, Richard Zinsli, Leland Cook, Mary DeLura, Norma Luedke, June Baker, Shirley Bryan, Rudolph Roth, Andrew Stricker and Frances Varney. Get well cards were sent.

A moment of silence was held for the following members who have passed away: Duane Addison, Dorothy Ballard, Murdock Blakesly, John Braun, Richard Bush, Joe Cassi, Kenneth Clow, Daniel Finney, William Fritz, Willard Goosen, Del Gowdy, Irma Guidi, Neta Jacobs, Robert Kazen, Servanus Kartes, Owen Kniffen, Marion Kuebler, Theodore Lackie, Eric Mailanen, Carl McDaniel, William Neumiller, Dorothy Pattsner, Mark Poon, Calvin Schnell, Don Shamblin, Tony Sorenson, Arlena Stratton, Lester Stull, Donald Tanquary. Sympathy cards were sent to the families.

**Calendar of Events:**  
Sept. 1 - Labor Day Holiday - No Meeting  
Sept. 8 Business Meeting  
Sept. 15 Bingo  
Sept. 22 Video Potluck  
Sept. 29 Pie Day

**Travel Report:** For further information on the following trips, contact Mary King (206-363-5915) or Irene Tilford (425-432-0501):

**Sept. 27 - Stampede Pass Rail Express,** includes breakfast, train, entrance to Central Washington State Fair ..... \$115

**Sept. 27-28 - Great Rivers Express** includes trip above plus train to Portland, hotel in Dalles, Columbia Gorge Cruise, dinner and more. .... \$295

**Oct. 19 - Reno, Lake Tahoe - bus tour,** many perks, 6 days ..... \$239

**Jan. 25, 2004 - Cruise Mexican Riviera** on the Carnival Pride, 7 days, ..... \$699

**Executive Board:** Officers discussed having a chiropractor come and talk to the Club about staying well and ways to help in our daily lives. **Motion/Seconded/**



The Retired Club regularly provides music for those attending, as well as a free lunch every Monday at noon at the Seattle Union hall.

## Passed (M/S/P).

It was recommended that the Club send two members and request the District to send six members to the IAM Retirement Conference in Las Vegas in November. **M/S/P.**

The Club will hold Octoberfest celebration on October 27. We encourage members to bring craft items that can be sold at our gift tables. Also we will display hobbies and crafts that our members are involved in. One of our members suggested that we have a “White Elephant” table. Bring gently used items no longer needed, and they can be sold. Proceeds to be used by our Club. **M/S/P.**

The annual Retired Club Christmas lunch will be on December 8th. Caterer and price to be determined at a later date.

**Good and Welfare:** The toll-free number to call for prescriptions in Canada is 1-888-621-3039.

Jim Bostwick, Mary King, and Al Menke are on the nominating committee. The Committee will report the names of candidates at our September meeting. There will also be nominations from the floor. Election will be held at the October business meeting.

Mary Wood reported for the

Alliance of Retired Americans (ARA). As an ARA officer, Mary attended a meeting with Congressman Adam Smith along with other ARA members. The main issue of discussion was the prescription drug bill now being debated in Congress. The Club urges retirees and members to call their Congressman and urge them not to support the pending bills. Call your Representative toll free at 877-331-2000.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

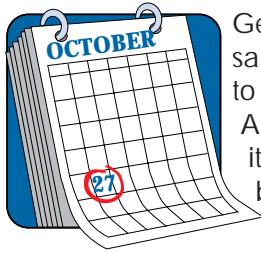
**Birthdays & Anniversaries:** The Club celebrated the following August birthdays: Al Wydick, Mary Allen, Frances Dinwiddie. August anniversaries included: Charlie and Irene Nelson (59 years), Sonny and Margaret Ehkle (42 years), Ron and Rose Cory (46 years).

**Adjournment:** Adjourned at noon.

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## Plan to Attend Octoberfest October 27 - 11 a.m. - Seattle Union Hall



Lunch will feature sausage, German potato salad and sauerkraut. Bring craft items to sell or hobbies to display. Also bring gently used items no longer needed to be sold as a White Elephant.

## Retirees

Congratulations to the following members who retired from Boeing:

Merle M. Burns	Cuong Nguyen
William Hendon	Julia Orcutt
Danny Hughley	David Sacksteder
William Larsen	Naomi Swenson
Maria Matallana	

**Local 1951:** George Shockley - Fluor Daniel (Hanford); Tim Gradl - South Columbia Basin Irrigation District; William Spino - Rabanco; Myron Lassiter - Fluor Daniel (Hanford); Doug Gourley - Motor Freight; Don Carlton - Edwards Equipment; Gary Hammond - Edwards Equipment.

**Local 86:** Richard Rheinschmidt - Spokesman Review; Theodore Doherr - Triumph Composite Systems; Donald Anderson - Triumph Composite Systems; John Bono - Safeway

## Senior Politics

by Cy Noble, Retired Club Legislative Chair

The citizens of the United States have more opportunities to vote for legislators and issues that affect their lives than any other country in the world. With this in mind: we are only days away from the Primary Election on September 16. We recommend that you consult page 3 of this paper for a list of candidates the Union has endorsed, as well as checking the State’s Voters Guide.

The House of Representatives in Washington DC passed the Reimportation Bill (HR2210). This allows us to purchase FDA-approved prescription medicine from approved facilities in Canada, Europe and other nations. It passed 243-186 and will go to the U.S. Senate and President.

George Kourpias, President of the Alliance for Retired Americans, sent a letter to those who signed the recent rapid action. “President Bush and his allies in Congress and Corporate America are hell bent on dismantling the two most successful government programs in history: Social Security and Medicare. These programs have protected tens of millions of Americans from the suffering and indignity of poverty in their retirement years. I’m confident we can beat the benefit busters if individuals like you continue to take action and keep turning up the heat on our elected officials in Washington DC.”

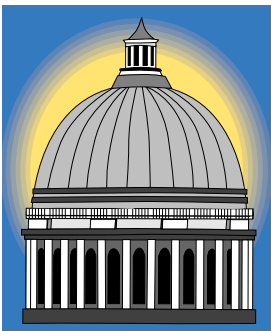
### Growing Doubts Loom Over Medicare Debate

Doubts over the wisdom of current efforts to change

the Medicare program continue to escalate. “Among the facts not being made clear to older Americans is the prescription drug benefit won’t go into effect until 2006,” says Ruben Burks, Secretary-Treasurer of the Alliance for Retired Americans. “Another factor clouding the issue is

how the program will work in 10 years,” says Burks who reminds seniors that the House Resolution (H.R. 1) requires Medicare to compete with private plans. The changes would be phased in beginning in 2010. When fully implemented, in 2014, insurance companies would submit bids for how much they would charge per patient each year and beneficiaries would then decide whether to stay in the traditional government-run Medicare or move to a private plan. According to Burks, “Supporters of this approach insist that it will help curtain costs, but a new study released this week by the Commonwealth Fund shows that Medicare beneficiaries in private plans have seen their out-of-pocket expenses double over the past four years.”

The Senate bill (S.1) also allows private plans to participate in Medicare but their costs would have no effect on premiums for the traditional plan. A compromise being considered by the conference committee would set up a demonstration project utilizing the House changes for a limited time to see how they work. “The Alliance opposes any pilot project and calls on older Americans to urge their legislators to vote against such an approach which we fear would give a very distorted picture of how such a plan would really work,” says Burks.





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# 1st Annual "Puppy Putt" Motorcycle run to benefit Guide Dogs of America



## Saturday, September 13

### EVENT TIMES:

8:30 a.m. - Check-in 3 p.m. - Last bike in  
10:30 a.m. Last bike out 5 p.m. Awards ceremony

Participants will meet and start from two locations:

- **North End:** Indian Motorcycle Burlington, 1851 Bouslog Rd, Burlington, Across from I-5 Auto World
- **South End:** Hinshaw Honda, 1602 W. Valley Hwy S.

Ride will conclude at IAM 751 Seattle Hall, 9125 15th Pl. S.

**Pre-registration:** \$20 donation for rider/driver, \$10 per passenger  
**Day of Ride:** \$25 donation for rider/driver, \$10 for passenger.

For more information or to be mailed a brochure, please call 206-764-0335 or [www.iam751.org/puppyputt](http://www.iam751.org/puppyputt)



# Best ‘Dam’ Workers in the World

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dam for 26 years and served an IAM apprenticeship here, noted, “One of the great things about Grand Coulee is you determine the way and method to do your work. Each job could be done at least 20 different ways. Management lets the worker assigned to the task decide how to complete the project. This empowerment gives employees a sense of ownership and pride.”

This employee independence, coupled with trust from management, is not easy to find in the workplace today.

Jim Maher shared similar sentiments and stated, “This is the best job I ever had, by far, and is a great place to work. We have good communication, management is very supportive and gives us whatever tools we need to do our job.”

“Each employee has an extreme amount of pride in workmanship,” added Jim. “Although our talent levels vary, everyone tries to do their best every day. That’s what keeps the lights on!”

Dan Camp, who has worked at the dam since 1976, values that he can fol-

low a project through from start to finish as far as machining – rather than handing it off to someone else. The variety of work and job security enticed two IAM members to quit Boeing in Puget Sound and accept jobs at Grand Coulee in the early 1990’s. Both employees are happy with that decision.

equator or you could build a highway from Seattle to Miami and back. At 550 feet high, Grand Coulee is as tall as the Washington Monument - with as much of the dam visible above the water as rests below the river.

The enormous dam has more than paid for itself with the power it has generated. Yet it also spurred many other jobs in the northwest by offering cheap hydro-electric power to industries such as aluminum and Boeing.

While Grand Coulee Dam is famous for the electricity it generates, it also serves two other critical functions - irrigation and flood control. Water is pumped from Lake Roosevelt (backed up behind the dam) to Banks Lake reservoir, where it eventually provides irrigation for over half a million acres of the Columbia basin from Coulee City in the north to Pasco in the south. To fill Banks Lank, 12 pumps each move more than 1,600 cubic feet per second or 781,128 gallons per minute. Seldom do tourists visiting the dam realize that the fields of potatoes, corn, apples and other crops they see on their way to Grand Coulee would not exist if the pump/generator plant had not been constructed or was not working properly.

Visitors to the enormous dam see very little of the activity required to keep the power plants operating. In fact, what appears to be only a trickle of water spills over the dam today. Instead gravity forces millions of gallons of water into a large pipe (called a penstock) and through the

third powerhouse, which was built in the 1970’s. There, three generators each deliver 650 megawatts, which serves approximately 500,000 people per generator. Three additional generators in the third powerhouse produce 850 megawatts each to deliver power to 700,000 people per generator.

Joe Bouillon has worked at the dam for 23 years and has been an IAM member since 1956. He, like many others, has stayed at the dam. Joe stated, “This is a

good job with good wages. The work is interesting and always changing, which is why I stay. You don’t do the same thing over and over.”

John Berland, who has served as Union Steward at the dam for the past five years, is currently involved in contract negotiations, along with IAM Business Rep Craig McClure. They hope to have a proposal to vote on in late September that would be retroactive to June 1. He noted, “Overall members are pretty satisfied with their jobs. It shows in the low turnover rate here. Once a person is hired they usually stay for years – until they retire.”

Each of us have been impacted by these 18 members for without their skills and expertise, the massive power output and the flow of irrigation water provided by Grand Coulee would not continue. IAM members working at Grand Coulee include: Ladd Blankenship, Steven Giese, Randy Fischer, Hubert Minor, Robert Lippert, Eric Smith, William Vancik, Robert Farmer, Gary Rosco, Michael Dalton, Joseph Bouillon, James Maher, Daniel Kosloski, John Berland, Daniel Camp, Michael Dennis, Kim Clark, and Donald Weyer.

Dan Kosloski (l) shows Ron McGaha repairs being made on one of the dam’s gates. The chain for the gate weighs 6,000 pounds.



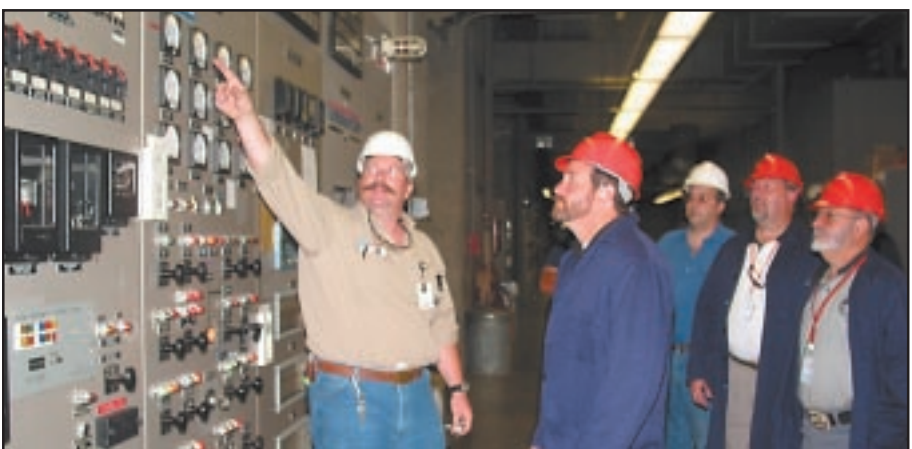
Mike Dalton (r) shows Mark Blondin (l) and Ron McGaha the huge air compressors they maintain in the third power plant.



Since there are no spare parts for the dam, the machine shop is continually making parts. Kim Clark (center) tells Bruce Spalding (l) and Craig McClure that employees determine how to build each part. This freedom boosts employee morale.



L to R: Union Steward John Berland introduces Bruce Spalding and Mark Blondin to Joe Bouillon, who works in the machine shop.



Jim Maher (l) explains the electrical panel that shows how much power the turbine is generating.



Photo right: L to R: Randy Fischer, Mike Dalton, Jim Maher, Bruce Spalding and Mark Blondin talk above the generators in the power plant.



In the third power plant, members show Union officials one of the giant turbines that produce 850 megawatts, which provides power to 700,000 people. L to R: Jim Maher, Ron McGaha, Craig McClure, Randy Fischer, Bruce Spalding, Mark Blondin and Mike Dalton.