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## SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS

### Notice of Nominations and Election of Officers

Please take notice that the Nomination of Candidates for office in this Local Union will take place on Friday, July 18, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. at the office of the Local Union No. 103 Apprenticeship and Training Site, 4277 E. County Road 67, Chesterfield, Indiana 46017.

Nominations will be taken for the following offices: Business Manager, President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, three (3) Trustees, three (3) Auditors, Conductor and Guard.

The election shall be by mail referendum and ballots must be returned so they can be picked up at the designated United States Post Office at 8:30 a.m. on Friday, August 29, 2008. Ballots will be counted at the Indianapolis office of Local No. 103, 6814 E. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46218 on August 29, 2008 immediately after they are picked up from the Post Office.

The term of office for the elected officers shall be three (3) years, and all elected officers will have the duties, rights and responsibilities that are set forth in the laws of the Union. By virtue of their office, the Business Manager, President, Vice-President, Recording-Corresponding Secretary, Financial Secretary and Treasurer, shall be delegates to the General Convention of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

The Nomination and Election of Officers will be conducted pursuant to the By-Laws of this Local Union and the Constitution of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

## Business Manager's Report

By BRUCE TARVIN, President & Business Manager



We're in the middle of the 2008 work season and we still have many members not working. The weather and slow starting jobs have been responsible. We have had rain every week since the first of March. The shortage of hours due to the rain along

with the high price of gas, diesel fuel, groceries and everything it takes to live, has made it very hard to keep up the standard of living we are accustomed to. Some members are reportedly spending more on gasoline in a month than they are on their mortgage payments.

I encourage everyone to reflect on these issues and vote in November. This without a doubt will be the most important election in regard to many issues including Organized Labor. We need to take a very long look at the candidates, and I ask you to support the candidate who will support us and improve our standard of living to what it should be.

Hopefully, the weather conditions will soon turn in our favor and the many jobs can get started so our second half of the 2008 season can be a very profitable one.

INDOT has let \$560 million dollars of work from Jan to May, with another \$400 million to be let by the end of this year. This should provide a lot of work for our members throughout the state.

On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the Indianapolis members ratified a new 3 year Building Agreement. There were no changes in the existing language, and we will see increases of \$1.55 a year for the next 3 years.

The Kokomo, Lafayette, and Marion Building Agreements were ratified, with the same money that the Indianapolis agreement and this

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## LOCAL 103 NEWS

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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

#### INDIANAPOLIS

District No. 1, Fourth (4th) Friday Quarterly  
8:00 p.m. 6814 East 21st St., Indianapolis,  
Indiana

#### FORT WAYNE

District No. 2, Second (2nd) Thursday Quar-  
terly, 8:00 p.m. 1211 Coliseum Blvd., Fort  
Wayne, Indiana

#### KOKOMO

District No. 3, Third (3rd) Tuesday Quarterly  
8:00 p.m., 514 W. Superior St., Kokomo,  
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## Business Manager's Report

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represents a 4% increase in wages.

Health & Welfare was held to a very minimal increase of .25 cents last year. I am going to do all that I can to hopefully get that done again this year. We need to have some good weather so we can build our hours back to normal this year and hold any increase to the bare minimum.

In closing, I once again, would like to thank all the service men and women serving this country around the world so that we may live in a free country. I pray for their safe return and a speedy end to this war.

Fraternally,

Bruce Tarvin,

Local #103 Business Manager &  
President



Bruce Tarvin and John Nunley with the January 2008 Graduates from the Apprenticeship, Pat Cale, Bartholomew Smith, Mike Ellis and Steve Bell.

## Local 103 Servicemen

Apprentice Anthony Steinbrunner is still deployed in Kuwait, Journeyman Corey Cain is currently deployed in Iraq. Journeymen John Abercrombie, Robert Brown and Larry Zickmund are all on military leave at unknown locations. We pray for their safe return and for their families to have strength while they are apart.



Corey Cain on deployment in Iraq.

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## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, July 18, 2008 - 8:00 PM

\*\*\*\* Apprenticeship & Training Site \*\*\*\*

4277 East County Road 67, Anderson, Indiana

# OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

## INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT No. 1 By MIKE HIBBS Organizer

Hello to All

SUNESIS Construction:

This will be a name we all will get tired of hearing for a long time and for many reasons. This out of state Ohio contractor which I had mentioned in my last news letter has set up camp in local 103. Sunesis management has made it well known to state, local, and other public officials that it does not have any intentions of hiring any Indiana construction workers to work on any of their **MAJOR MOVES** projects. This is work which we have historically and would normally do on these projects. Sunesis has secured 35 million dollars of work on (**MAJOR MOVES**) and other INDOT projects

within our local's jurisdiction and they continue to bid many more projects. Imagine that!! Not having any local Indiana construction workers, working on **MAJOR MOVES** projects, wages are leaving our state and going into the pockets of out of state, Ohio construction workers. We all should contact our State Representatives and ask them WHY! To get a good look at this company check them out at [www.sunesisexposed.com](http://www.sunesisexposed.com). This web site should give you and all members of local 103 a good picture of whom and what we are dealing with. I would like to invite all our members who would be interested in helping out in our organizing efforts with SUNESIS to contact me at our District 1 Office. We will be looking at many ORGANIZING strategies throughout

this campaign and we welcome any member participation with our efforts.

Thanks Have a Great Summer

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*Apprentice Cele Cvetkoski during Trenchbox safety class.*



*Apprentice David Sams operating the Road Tech Paver.*



*Apprentice Ray Turner operating the directional bore machine.*

## Labor Day Parade - Indianapolis

If you are interested in marching in the Labor Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, AUGUST 30, 2008, please contact your district office for more information. We would love a great turn out this year!!

## In Memoriam

Our sincere sympathies go to the bereaved families as we share with them the loss of these good friends and brother members of Local 103

Name	Register #	Deceased Date	District
Robert Rollins, Jr.	693236	12/17/2007	1
Charles Caudill, Jr.	791902	1/11/2008	1
Roy Clark	2083153	2/1/2008	1
Scott H. Patton	2148685	2/3/2008	1
James R. Hoskins	2618687	2/4/2008	1
Jack E. Waggoner	530684	2/14/2008	1
Phillip D. Sullivan	1916208	2/22/2008	1
James W. Hatfield	1166405	2/26/2008	2
Billy R. Patterson	1441369	3/3/2008	1
Ralph D. Powell	1823490	3/17/2008	1
Robert Swank	379471	4/20/08	2
Earl W. Beauchamp	1174854	5/20/08	1

## Local 103 Motorcycle Club

Due to the upcoming election and Building Agreement ratifications, we have been unable to schedule any rides at this time.

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## DISTRICT No. 1 Continued

By JOHN D. BALLARD

Financial Sec., Business Representative

Well, we are getting a slow start this year. We had a bad winter with the State lettings being pushed back to early spring making the jobs start a little later. With the rain about every third or fourth day, it has really hurt. However, when it all straightens out, the work that has been let should carry us on through pretty good the rest of the season.

Gradex has been working on Pendleton Pike since early in the year doing pipe work and road removal with E & B Paving doing the paving. Gradex is also working in Greenwood on Graham Rd. from County Line to Greenwood Road. Milestone is working on US 40 east of 465 to just west of German Church Rd.

The pipeline work coming into Johnson and Shelby Counties is supposed to start around the 1<sup>st</sup> of July but we still haven't gotten the notification from the International.

We got the Indy and Kokomo Building Agreements settled and it seems as though everyone is happy with the outcome. Everyone please have a safe year and if you need anything just give us a call.



Brian Bramer observes Micah Rawls rolling patterns during asphalt class.

## DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued

By JIM WESTCOTT

Business Representative

By the time you receive this letter I hope all of you are working. It's been a wet spring as all of you are aware. The asphalt contractors are starting the season in better shape than last year in my area. The dirt contractors could all use some more work.

The Hoosier Park Casino in Anderson has been open since June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This has been a good job for several of our members. The contractors that have been working on this project are Kreager Bros., Hagerman, Central Engineering, E&B Paving, Pizana Trucking, EDCO, Fox, Beaty, Javelina, Miller Pipeline, and Maxim.

The demolition job at Guide in Anderson is progressing well. We have several members that got to work all winter on this project. Beaty and Schutt-Lookabill have bridge work in Anderson.

Poindexter is still working at Nestle in Anderson, they also have a job at 146<sup>th</sup> and Cumberland Rd. E&B Paving has been working on St.Rd.13, 232, Towne Rd., 37 and 31. Rieth-Riley has work on St.Rd. 9 in Greenfield and on 32 in Westfield. Calumet has two roundabouts on Towne Rd. and a job on West 121<sup>st</sup>. Milestone is working on U.S.52 and on Keystone in Carmel, they are going to double shift this project. The Performing Arts and City Center project in Carmel is going well. Some of the contractors on this site have been Milestone, Hagerman, Kreager Bros., Crider and Crider, The Simmons Company, Illini Drilled Foundation, Beaty, Maxim and Hydraserve.

Gradex and E&B are working on Grande Boulevard in Carmel, Gradex also has a job at the new Greenfield



From left to right: Johnny Swafford, Carmon Stewart, Jim Kirschbaum, Chet Dunscombe, Jeff Romeril, Billy Roach, Tracy White, Charles T. York, Tim McBryar, Bob Smith, Dave Smith and Mark Stewart at the Indiana Downs Casino.

Middle School, site work at 126<sup>th</sup> and Promise Rd., and at 131<sup>st</sup> and 37. Crider and Crider has a nice job on Hazel-Dell. Atlas is still working in Westfield. The Simmons Company, Complete Masonry, Kleis, and Flying Hook have been working at the new Pendleton Middle School.

Ripberger, The Simmons Company, and Millennium Steel are working at Mt. Vernon High School. Ripberger and The Simmons Company are working on the Greenfield High School. Central Engineering is working on the Mt. Comfort Elementary School. Reynolds is working on a Treatment Plant in Noblesville.

In closing I hope all of the members have a safe and prosperous year.

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### **DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued** **By BRIAN BRAMER** **Business Representative**

The 2008 Construction Season is off to a slow start in the eastern part of District #1. I hope by the time you read this, things have picked up some. The asphalt work in the eastern counties is going to be slow this year. The work on I70 & US27 that Milestone is working on is coming along and should be done by mid summer. The second phase of US 27 going into Richmond should start sometime this fall. SK Construction has a nice pipe job in Richmond off Industries Road. Milestone is working on the Gateway Road extension project in Wayne County. The 3D Company is working on the Transportation unit-Sub-District building in Cambridge City. Gradex has the work on US27 east of Liberty in Union County. MK Betts is finishing up the work at the Waste Water Treatment Plant in Liberty. Force Construction is working on the second phase of Mt. Pleasant Road in Union County. Dave O'Mara is working on SR 44 in Rushville. The John R. Jurgensen Co. is working on the SR244 road rehabilitation project in Milroy. Gradex & E&B Paving are still working on the sewer and water project in New Castle. Milestone has the work on SR 44 in Shelbyville. F.A. Wilhelm is doing the work on the Indiana Downs Casino with Gradex doing all the dirt work. The Temporary

Casino should open mid June with the main Casino opening the first of next year. The overall work in the eastern part of District #1 isn't bad but we could use some more. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming meetings.

### **DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued** **By CURT BALSER** **Business Representative**

This spring hasn't been kind to the construction business, but hopefully the weather will start to cooperate and business will pick up for everyone.

Thanks to all the Stewards that attended the annual Stewards class in March. We had a good turn out and hopefully everyone learned something. If you have any subjects that we haven't covered in the previous classes, let me know as we are always looking for new ideas.

I'm sure work hours will be increasing this summer for most of you and I want to remind all of you to work safely as accident rates tend to increase with the increase in man hours.

I wish you and your families a safe and happy summer. On a final note, don't forget to vote this fall in the Presidential Election. With gas prices and inflation making all our paychecks shrink, we need to send a message to Washington that the working people in American are demanding some help.

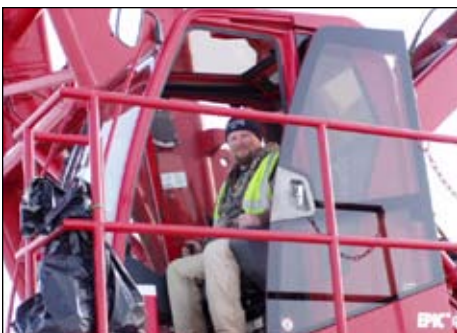
### **DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued** **By JEFF SCOTT** **Business Representative**

The work season is half over and it's been slow for some members. Fuel prices and all the rain in March and May haven't helped. On the west side of Indy, work at the airport is still pretty good. We still have

several contractors working here. The terminal and parking garage are finishing up. But, we still have several forklifts working on these two. There is still a lot of finish grading and pipe work to do this year. The airport is supposed to open this fall. Gradex, Milestone, Harper Co., Midwest Mole and Rieth-Riley are all finishing up work left over from last year. Gradex has picked up two new jobs this year. Central Engineering is working a service road and pipe work. The Harper Co. got another phase at Fedex. They have several of our members working. We still have a few operators with D.W. Nicholson at Fedex. HIS Constructors, the Simmons Co. and Kreager Bros. all have work on the north side of the airport. The stadium job is going well. We still have people working with J.C. Ripberger, Far West Construction, D.A.G. Construction, Crown Corr Inc., Kreager Bros., Maxim and R.H. Marlin are all working here.

The Convention Center and the demo of the Hoosier Dome are going to get started in the near future. Kreager Bros. and Beaty Construction have started work on the 34 story hotel going in at West and Washington Streets. We have a lot of work at Riley Hospital. We have members with Pepper Construction,

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Bill Parson at the Benton County Windmill Farm.



Bill Parson setting the turbine section of the windmill.

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Apprentice Allen Lauer Jr. doing volunteer work at the Police and Fireman's Memorial.

Hagerman, Marlin, Kreager Bros. and Maxim. The Simmons Co. has two target jobs on school work on MLK St. Poindexter has three target jobs in my area. They have two at Amerplex doing site work and pipe. They have an apartment job at 79<sup>th</sup> and Townshipline Road. This all is some pretty good work. The road work is decent in my area. Fox and E & B Paving are working on SR 67 and South Perimeter Road. Calumet has work on Holt Rd. from Kentucky Ave. north to I70. Milestone still has a lot of work on 465 from 56<sup>th</sup> St. to I74. Berns, James H. Drew and Site Tech all have work on the project. Weddle Bros. has been working on the 34<sup>th</sup> St. bridge over 465. Berns picked up the Rockville Rd. interchange. This is a good job for them. They started in May on this job. Walsh has the 21<sup>st</sup> St. bridge over 465 but they can't start until Weddle Bros. is done on 34<sup>th</sup> St. This work is on 465 and is going to 56<sup>th</sup> St. to Kentucky Ave. in the next few years.

In closing, I hope the weather and work gets better for everyone.

## DISTRICT NO. 1 MEETING

No Meeting Due to the General membership Meeting

## FORT WAYNE DISTRICT No. 2 By RANDAL L. HOPKINS Treasurer, Business Representative

Work in the southern part of District 2 in Delaware County is off to a decent start with work continuing at Ball Memorial Hospital with Hagerman and Kreager Bros. The 3D Co. is working on the Ball State Student Recreation and Wellness Center and the BSU Park Hall Pond. MCM Mgmt. is doing the demo work at the old Muncie Transmission. Work is continuing with most of the steel down. Brooks is working on a \$1.3 million project at Country Club Rd. & SR 32. E & B Paving has a \$1.5 million job paving SR 67 from Daleville headed east. They also picked up the Ball State University stadium parking lot.

In Randolph County, at the ethanol plant we have Winbco wrapping things up. Oberle was the low bidder on Monroe Central Jr./Sr. High School. This is a \$2.9 million renovation to the school. Lica is resurfacing SR 27 from Winchester to Lynn. This project came in at \$1.845 million. E & B Paving picked up a \$2.7 million paving project on SR 36 from SR 27 to SR 35. Schutt-Lookabill was awarded the bridge deck replacement on SR 1 just south of SR 28. Brooks is resurfacing SR 28 just east of SR 1. Milestone and Lica are finishing up the \$8.2 million project thru Farmland.

In Jay County, Fox is working at the Jay County Landfill relocating a



Kevin Jones running the skid steer at the Police and Fireman's Memorial in Fort Wayne.



Bill Wyrick, Bruce Niemietz and Dan Fox with Central Rent a Crane.

ditch. Brooks is working in Portland on Wayne St. with Midwest Mole doing the boring under the railroad. This is a \$5.5 million project. They are also over in Dunkirk working on SR 167 which is a \$6 million project. They picked up some small structure replacement in Jay and Wells counties. The Jay School project building and renovation went bad unfortunately.

In Adams County, the \$25 million school project also went bad with Star getting site work. Lica is finishing up the sewer job in Berne which ran thru the winter. Lica also picked up the intersection improvement on US 224, 1.7 miles east of US 27. In Berne, Atlas Excavating picked up a \$1.4 million sanitary sewer separation with Scheidleman picking up a sanitary force main extension. Thieneman Construction was the low bidder on a \$5.6 million waste water treatment plant in Decatur. The pre-job is set for this month. Fleming is working on Phase III at the Decatur Industrial Park.

In Blackford County, Brooks is working on SR 26 thru Hartford City and Pioneer & Associates picked up a \$1 million bridge replacement job on SR 26 over Little Lick Creek. The proposed ethanol plant is still in limbo at this moment.

In Wells County, work is continuing at Aluminum Products new building with Fox Contractors moving the dirt and grading floors for concrete with Martin setting the steel. Winbco is wrapping up the ethanol plant with only cranes and a lull operator left moving material. Shambaugh & Sons and Fox continue working. Miller

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Pipeline ran a gas line to the plant and is now finishing up. Big Inch is finishing up their project at the pumping station.

The planning of the new office building for District 2 is progressing well. Within the next month we should be breaking ground which is a long time coming. Our members should be very proud of the fact that we will soon be able to hold our meeting in our own hall. Our new address will be on Lincolnway Ct. just north of Airport Expressway on Bluffton Rd.

In closing, be sure to VOTE in November. This could be the most important election of your lifetime. Be safe this season and I hope to see you at the upcoming meetings.

### **DISTRICT NO. 2 Continued** **By TODD SMART** **Business Representative**

This work season is underway, it seems as though we had a decent start. We were down to 35 members on the board by the first of May, but we seem to have stalled out a little bit since then. It's not that the work isn't there,



Todd Duval with Kreager Brothers at the water treatment plant on Spy Run Ave.

although there have been a lot of bids over the engineers estimate, it just seems to be getting pushed back for one reason or another. The housing slump has created a large void in the work for many of our contractors. But there have been several nice projects that our contractors have been successful on.

The Harrison Square project is moving along nicely, with Fleming still doing the excavation and digging the footers for Hagerman. They are doing the concrete on the project. Bercot Gibson is also there digging for the electricians. Smith Erectors is setting the steel. The parking garage work is underway with United Foundations drilling the auger pile and Martin will be setting the precast. The I69 project is continuing this year with Fox moving the dirt and putting in the pipe. Brooks is laying the asphalt and CRI is pouring the barrier wall. Pioneer is continuing the bridge work and the sound wall on this project. Brooks was also successful in getting awarded the State Road 14 project from Scott Rd. to Hadley Rd. Scheidleman is putting in the storm sewer and Infrasource is relocating the gas services. Kreager Brothers will be doing the mass excavation. Another large road project going on in my area is the US 24 widening. Wagner has started pulling up the slopes and putting in the rip rap so the bridges can be started. Then they will move on to the main line. Fox has all the pipe work on this project.

Kreager Brothers are working at both water treatment plants as well as the IPFW Medical building and



Jeff Bercot working on the Jefferson Blvd. project.

the Air National Guard. Hagerman is also working at the water treatment plant off of Spy Run. Fox has work at the landfill and the Biosolids on Lake Ave. Fleming is still working on the US 33 projects as well as the St. Joe Center Rd. job. They are also working on the new Tri State University sports field, putting in the storm sewer and retention ponds. Laporte Construction picked up a nice project in Steuben County, a \$750,000 bike and pedestrian trail. RL McCoy has two nice bridge jobs in my area, one over the St. Joe River next to IPFW that is 3.8 million and one over I69 on County Road 200 in Steuben County.

The resurface work in the area has been very good so far this year, with E&B, Brooks and Phend & Brown being very successful. Phend & Brown picked up two nice projects in Whitley County, St. Rd. 14 and St. Rd. 5 and 30. Brooks has been awarded a phase of the concrete repair of I469 as well as patching on US 27 and two Allen County resurface packages. They will be busy on the Ardmore and Taylor intersection improvement and the Ivy Tech project. All three E&B plants are busy, they have work in all five of the counties I cover. The Huntington crew has been working on St. Rd. 218 and St. Rd. 124 as well as St. Rd. 14 in Whitley County. The Fort Wayne crews are busy with the Jefferson Blvd. and Getz Rd. project, where Bercot Gibson is doing the excavation and utility work. E&B was awarded the St. Rd. 37 project

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### **REMINDER TO 103 MEMBERS, 103R MEMBERS** **AND ALL NON-RETIRED MEMBERS OR RETIRED MEMBERS 62** **YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER:**

The 2008 Hardship Fund Assessment of \$20.00, which is considered part of your dues obligation is due with your 3rd quarter 2008 union dues payment.

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which was a 2.5 million dollar job and runway shoulder reconstruction at the airport worth 1.3 million.

The big upcoming projects are the two Parkview expansions; the one in Whitley County and the 500 million dollar expansion on DuPont Rd. which is suppose to bid around the first of August.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Jones and Allen Lauer, two apprentices, for their volunteer work at the new Police and Firefighters Memorial on Wells Street in Fort Wayne. This is just one of the many projects this local gets involved in to give something back to the community. Because without volunteers like Kevin, Allen and Fox and Martin, donating equipment, it would not be possible, so thanks again you guys did a great job representing Local 103 on this worthwhile project.

I hope all of you have a safe work season this year and don't forget to VOTE in November. If there is anything I can do to help don't hesitate to call me, you are the eyes and ears of the local, I can't be everywhere, call and let me know if you see any problems and I will be there to help solve them.

### DISTRICT NO. 2 MEETING

Thursday, July 10, 2008 - 8:00 p.m.  
1211 COLISEUM BLVD.



Robert Brummett at the Chrysler-Getrag Plant in Tipton.



Rob Freestone operating the crane at the Benton County Windmill Farm.

### KOKOMO DISTRICT No. 3

By DON KEITH  
Business Representative

The work in Kokomo got off to a good start. We have several projects in the surrounding areas.

The Chrysler Getrag project in Tipton County has several contractors working with most of the dirt work completed. Rieth Riley will be getting started on the blacktop soon. Chrysler has started pouring concrete in the main building and the other out buildings have most of the steel structures standing. I want to thank Brian Whitehead for doing a great job as steward keeping non-bargaining employees off of our equipment.

Fox is working on SR 26 from Dixon Road to 31 in Kokomo. E&B will be doing the blacktop on that project. Miller Pipeline was out there moving gas lines. The first of the over passes for the 31 Bypass will be bid in

### Semi-Annual Auditors & Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2008

7:00 PM

6814 East 21st Street  
Indianapolis, IN

August so it looks like this project is still in our future.

E&B will be starting on SR 31 from 18 to old 24 in Peru. They will also be working on SR 31 from SR 28 to SR 38 but not much of this project will be in District 3 territory. You will also find them on the 28 project for the Chrysler Getrag Facility in Tipton.

Logansport is a busy place with Fox working at the landfill. Deichman has been working on the Ivy Tech Community College for most of the winter and has been going strong this spring. They have picked up projects on Broadway and County Road 600 as well. These projects should keep the guys busy most of the summer. Poindexter has been working at the Miami County jail and recently got started on the Ivy Tech project.

In Grant County we have two Michigan contractors moving dirt and laying pipe in Marion at the Meijer project. Fox is working with Brooks on SR 37.

Fox also has guys out at the landfill in Wabash. The ethanol plant in North Manchester is winding down. There are still a couple of men out there on forklifts. Phend and Brown is working at County Road 800 as well as SR 114. The ethanol plant in LaFountain is still in the planning stages and is having trouble getting the proper permits.

It looks like it will be a pretty good year. We just need to get a little more State work in the area.



Rob Freestone off-loading windmills at the rail site.

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### **DISTRICT No. 3 Continued** **By STEVE MCKINLEY** **Business Representative**

The first half of 2008 has been fairly good despite all of the rain we've had in the western half of District 3.

Work at Purdue University is strong with F.A. Wilhelm working on new student housing. Hagerman and Kreager Brothers are working on the new Hockmeyer Hall. Kettlehut has recently begun construction on the Aviation Technology Building located at the Purdue University Airport. Kettlehut has also started work at the Purdue Research Park with The Simmons Company doing the site preparation and utilities.

Bowen Engineering is working on three jobs, two with Indiana American Water and the third at the West Lafayette Waste Water Treatment Plant. Work on the Clarian Arnett Hospital will be wrapping up this fall. We have several members working for different contractors at the new St. Elizabeth Hospital on Creasy Lane. Triad, Frontier, Kemper has begun work on the new CSO tunnel in downtown Lafayette. That work should continue through 2009. Poindexter and Kreager Brothers are each working on a detention pond. Kreager Brothers is on CR 550 and Poindexter is behind Ivy Tech, each with several operators.

Milestone and Gradex are steadily making progress on the widening of State Road 26, east of Interstate 65. This project should wrap up by late fall. Milestone has been awarded the State Road 26 contract from I65 to US 52. The beginning phases will be completed at night, with the entire project set to be finished in 2010. Milestone is still working on State Road 43 North of I65.

Rieth-Riley is resurfacing State Road 25 South, from 231 to State Road 28. Beaty is working with

Rieth-Riley on the bridge on State Road 28 over I65.

Boldt Company completed work at The Benton County Wind Farm in March with 87 wind mills in production. They began Phase 1 of the Fowler Ridge Wind Farm in June. There are 222 wind mills in this phase and should employ 30-35 operators lasting through the remainder of the year. There are plans for Phase 2 and 3 to follow next year.

The last leg of the Hoosier Heartland Corridor from Lafayette to Logansport will begin this fall. Bids on the overpasses in Northeast Tippecanoe County will be in August with work to follow in October. The bridgework will continue through 2009 with the mainline starting in 2010. I am optimistic that this project will employ many operators for several years.

I would like to encourage everyone to attend your District Meetings and The General Membership meeting in July. Have a safe and happy summer.

### **DISTRICT NO. 3 MEETING**

Tuesday, July 15, 2008 - 8:00 p.m.  
514 W. SUPERIOR STREET  
KOKOMO, INDIANA



*Ron Pell setting the turbine blades at the Windmill Farm.*



*Jeremiah Davis, Joe Dowell and Bill Parson at the Windmill Farm.*

### **July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade and Fireworks**

July 3<sup>rd</sup> the town of Chesterfield will be holding their fireworks display at the IUOE Apprenticeship and Training Site.

If you wish to attend, fireworks will begin approximately 9 – 9:30 p.m. (dusk) and are an incredible display over the water.

The following day we will again be a part of the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Chesterfield. Anyone interested should meet at the training site no later than 10:15 a.m. to prepare for the line up. Any apprentice who attends will earn class time for it. Kids are encouraged to attend and ride in the parade. The parade begins at noon and usually lasts until 1 or 1:30.

This is the most fun you will ever have in a parade!!

Any questions please call Judy at 765-378-0013

# RETIREES CLUB

## DISTRICT 1 RETIREES CLUB

District 1 Retirees extend a warm welcome to our snowbirds that have returned to their summer perches.

We have collected can goods at our luncheons to give to a local food bank. Those donations have been greatly appreciated.

A couple times this past season, a few of us have taken a bus trip to the Argosy River Boat down at Lawrenceburg. We all had a very enjoyable time. Some came back richer and some poorer but we all had a lovely time. We were even able to watch all the construction that is going on and be able to sit back and have a good laugh in trying to figure if they knew as much as we did on how it should be done.

We have our luncheons the second Wednesday of each month. We meet at different locations but mostly at Ryan's Steak Buffet on Shadeland Ave. Watch for your card telling where the next one will be held at.

We are now including our wives. They seem to be enjoying getting to know each other and join in our adventures. The other districts are welcome to join us also. If anyone has any questions, feel free to call Dave Sutton at 317-881-8787 or Doug Hampton at 317-899-5055.

## DISTRICT 2 RETIREES CLUB

The District 2 Retirees Club would like to congratulate Charles Acheson, who heads up the Retirees Club. Charlie is being awarded his gold commemorative watch this year for being a 50 year member. He was thinking back to the days when he started and wages averaged \$3.50 per hour. Things sure have changed! The meetings had a slow turn out over the winter months due to vacationing members. Now that spring has hit, we are hoping to see more of our fellow retirees join us at meetings. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Legion Post 82 next to the Fort Wayne Union Hall. Suggestions for activities are always welcome, whether they are informational or recreational. Please contact Charlie at 260-625-4257 with suggestions or questions.

## DISTRICT 3 RETIREES CLUB

District 3 Retirees meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 514 W Superior Street, Kokomo at 10:30 am. All District 3 retirees are welcome to attend for general conversation with coffee and donuts along with a 50/50 raffle each month. Ideas and topics for the meetings are more than welcome. Please contact Lori at 765-459-4189 with suggestions or questions about upcoming events. We hope to see you there.

# Congratulations

## 25 Years

Max D. Barber  
Roger D. Crites  
Joe R. Darnell  
Randall T. Franklin  
Allen W. Hefley  
Bobby F. Jarvis  
Terry L. Knecht  
Michael K. Lauer  
Bill L. Martin  
Rex Perry  
Danny R. Phillips  
Ernest Rotert  
Joe D. Shroyer  
Michael W. Southard  
Albert L. Sweeney  
Lewis Troxell  
Bobby Westrater

## 30 Years

Gregory A. Barger  
Delford T. Beckner  
Jerrold M. Bender  
William T. Blazer  
Steven L. Bowyer  
Kelly L. Casselman  
John W. Chapman  
Michael L. Conn  
Donald E. Crane  
Terry R. Crawford  
Thomas A. Dickerson  
Charles E. Eiler  
Steven L. Emrick  
Michael G. Frith  
Nile L. Goeglein

Robert E. Hamm

David Hitchcock  
Randal L. Hopkins  
Jeffery R. Jackson  
James A. Neuman  
William F. Quinn  
Jim A. Reel  
John T. Reese  
Rick K. Robertson  
Monroe Sizemore  
Christopher T. Smart  
Jeffery L. Stafford  
Charles W. Stathers, Jr.  
Henry S. Stearns  
James L. Stewart  
Harold W. Sylvester  
Edwin G. Taylor  
Norman Thomas  
John O. Venters  
Michael G. Wagers  
David P. Wall  
Larry J. Wallace  
John K. West  
Wilbur R. Wheadon  
Jeffrey A. Wright  
Phillip Zachary

## 35 Years

Donald B. Charles  
Edward Creek, Sr.  
Ronald Dale  
William S. Dennis  
Jack W. Drummond  
Paul C. Emberton  
Alfred Endsley

Melvin Frye

Patrick J. Grady  
Leo A. Holmes  
Daniel L. Hower  
Bruce H. Little  
Denny A. Martindale  
David Miller  
James D. Miller, Sr.  
John D. Nunley  
Raymond Pierce  
Robert L. Plass  
James D. Pope  
Steven Riley  
David W. Seng  
Anthony W. Sheeks  
Hugh M. Shupert  
John L. Singleton  
John D. Spear  
John P. Spears  
Kenneth Stewart  
David L. Sutton  
Glen E. Swift  
John L. Tuddy  
Michael E. Wall  
Odell Whitfield  
John C. Winn  
Otis L. Zellers, Jr.  
Joseph L. Zody

## 40 Years

Ronald D. Barton  
James Baughman  
Lester E. Berry  
Gordon Bolinger  
Danny E. Ellis

Jackie E. Graham

Dale R. Hamblen  
Rollie O. Isaacs  
Thomas M. Korba  
Ronnie E. McCaw  
Jesse W. Miller  
Jerry L. Norwood  
Ronald A. Padgett  
Larry S. Smith  
Richard D. Steiner  
Bruce F. Tarvin  
Duane E. Walker  
David A. Walters  
Merrill B. Weaver

## 45 Years

O.H. Alley  
Donald R. Benson  
Raymond L. Boggs  
Orvle E. Clark, Jr.  
Elbert Colson, Jr.  
Marco R. Delucio  
Paul F. Fuchs  
Richard W. Haun  
John L. Hilkene  
Joseph S. Parrish  
Dickie A. Ramey  
Joe H. Rinehart  
Larry G. Roberts  
Dan V. Smart  
Donald D. Starcher  
Fred Stock  
Harold Stonebraker, Jr.  
James A. Wright  
Vernon M. Young

## 50 Years

Charles D. Acheson  
Ernest L. Bentz  
Bruce Burkett  
Noel W. Burkett  
Jack W. Dennis  
Herman Hooten  
Marvin H. Lopossa  
Donald E. McKinley  
Robert E. Miller  
Virgil Resler  
Wayne T. Whitaker

## 55 Years

David Brady  
Max Gilliom  
Lewis R. Kirkendall  
Edward K. Munson  
Richard W. Payne, Jr.  
Joseph E. Pierceall  
John Ramey  
Walter H. Schaler, Jr.  
William H. Shafer  
Fred Young

## 60 Years

Sammy Dotlich  
Ralph H. Lyons  
James Tinkle

Please attend the General Membership Meeting on July 18th to receive your recognition and awards. We hope all of our 50 Year Members can attend to receive your commemorative gold watch.

**INDIANAPOLIS AREA BUILDING AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**

**Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Hamilton, Hancock, Henry, Jay, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Randolph, Rush, Shelby, Union & Wayne**

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2008

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	CIPC	CAPCI	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	30.05	4.30	5.35	.38	.06	.05	.08	40.27
Group II	29.10	4.30	5.35	.38	.06	.05	.08	39.32
Group III	25.05	4.30	5.35	.38	.06	.05	.08	35.27
Group IV	21.35	4.30	5.35	.38	.06	.05	.08	31.57

**KOKOMO BUILDING AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**

**Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Miami, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, & White**

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2008

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	CIPC	CAPCI	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	28.76	4.30	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	39.99
Group II	25.76	4.30	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	36.99
Group III	24.19	4.30	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	35.42
Group IV	20.49	4.30	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	31.72

**FORT WAYNE BUILDING AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**

**Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wells & Whitley**

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2008

	Rate	H&W	Pens	Trng.	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	28.43	4.30	6.05	.42	.08	39.28
Group II	27.48	4.30	6.05	.42	.08	38.33
Group III	24.48	4.30	6.05	.42	.08	35.33
Group IV	20.98	4.30	6.05	.42	.08	31.83

**FORT WAYNE STEEL ERECTORS AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**

**Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wells & Whitley**

EFFECTIVE June 1, 2008

	Rate	H&W	Pens	Trng.	Gross
Group I	29.70	4.30	6.45	.41	40.86
Group II	27.90	4.30	6.45	.41	39.06
Group III	24.90	4.30	6.45	.41	36.06
Group IV	22.20	4.30	6.45	.41	33.36

**HIGHWAY AGREEMENT**

EFFECTIVE April 1, 2008

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	ICIAF	SAT	Gross
Group I	28.20	4.30	6.05	.75	.13	.03	39.46
Group II	26.48	4.30	6.05	.75	.13	.03	37.74
Group III	25.56	4.30	6.05	.75	.13	.03	36.82
Group IV	24.06	4.30	6.05	.75	.13	.03	35.32

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