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## Business Manager's Report

By BRUCE TARVIN, President & Business Manager



It is the first of June, and as I write this article, I have to say that this is the worst year that I have seen in the forty-one years of being a member of Local 103. The work has been very slow coming from the State Lettings. And the weather has been worse than bad! The rain has played a major roll in the work not getting started. It has rained just about every week this year. Hopefully, the weather will make a change to our favor and we will be able to get some work started.

District 3 seems to have the lions share of the work this year with the Windmills, and all of the road and bridge work in their area.

District 2 has some nice road work in their area. The state took a \$24 million job away from Primco (non-union) and gave it to E&B

Paving. Primco had not met the minority requirements the state requires and this will put a lot of members to work for a couple of years.

District 1 has some good road projects with Walsh on the 465 project, and Milestone, E&B Paving, Reith-Riley and Calumet are all having some good work, too. With a little luck and good weather, maybe our members can still have a half-way decent year.

As most of you know, we have been picketing Mullen Crane, a non-union company from Idaho. Mike Hibbs and Steve McKinley have done a great job on this picket line. They have some great help from the members on manning the picket line. Mullen Crane had refused to talk to us, and thought they could go to Local 150 and sign an Agreement and we would go away. This did not work! Jim Sweeney, President of Local 150, told them that before he would let them sign an Agreement with Local 150, they would have to sign our Agreements and also Agreements for Local 649, where they also had a picket. This brought on a meeting in Chicago that Mike Hibbs, Steve McKinley

and I attended. Hopefully, we will have them signed in the very near future. I would like to thank all of the members that have helped on the picket line, without them, this would not have been done.

By now you should all be receiving the increase on the new Highway Agreement that went into effect on April 1, 2009. If you have not received the increase yet, call your agent and let him know. Your Health & Welfare increased by \$0.30, to a total of \$4.60 per hour, \$0.20 went to Pension and an increase on the check of \$0.80.

There was a new unemployment Bill signed into law this year. I am happy to say that it does not reduce your benefits or change your eligibility. House Speaker, Pat Bauer, played a major role in getting this Bill passed into law. We should take the time to say thank you to Speaker Bauer.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the members of the Local who faithfully supports the Officers, Agents and staff of the Local, so they can better serve the Membership.

Fraternally,  
Bruce Tarvin,  
Local #103 Business Manager &  
President

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#### 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. 2080 Lincolnway Ct., Fort  
Wayne, Indiana

#### KOKOMO

District No. 3, Third (3rd) Tuesday Quarterly  
8:00 p.m., 514 W. Superior St., Kokomo,  
Indiana

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## APPRENTICESHIP & TRAINING REPORT

Our scheduled classes for this year have come to an end. Attendance among our journeymen for all of our classes was up and very encouraging. Journeyman upgrade is as important to our trade as starting new, and training current apprentices. We strongly encourage our journeymen to come and see what your training program has to offer you. It is our goal to make available at all times, and to the best of our ability, what this membership has built at this training facility.

We have recently purchased a couple new pieces of equipment. We now have a new JD 672D Motor grader with 6 wheel drive; a Bobcat 332 Mini-excavator; both with all the latest technology to keep training as up-to-date as possible. I have also been investigating various simulator software programs for training. In December, John Deere brought their latest version of the Excavator simulator here for demonstration. This software was incredibly realistic. A few of the different exercises were; loading trucks, laying pipe, and working with a trench box. I was also invited along with other regional Locals to attend a demon-

stration at Caterpillars' learning center in Peoria, Illinois of their Generation II simulator software that they have recently produced and feel it matches John Deere in simulator programs. They have succeeded in this endeavor and will soon release its Generation II software for 627 G Scaper.

We know that simulators can never replace the feel you get from the machine and spending time in the seat, but they can be very helpful in preventing possible accidents associated with early training, fuel costs, and of course the wear and tear on the equipment itself.

In closing, I would like to send out a special "Thank You" to operator Brandon Buck for his donation of time and tri-axle dump truck to our asphalt class this year. You really gave the class that on-the-job feel! Thank you.

Everyone here at the training site wishes you a very wonderful and prosperous season of work and we will look forward to seeing you this winter.

Respectfully,

James "Randy" Ratican

## Local 103 Servicemen

We would like to welcome back Anthony Steinbrunner and Corey Cain. Anthony returned on December 30, 2008 and Corey returned in March 2009 from the war. We are very pleased they made it home safely. Shea Kelley was deployed to Iraq on April 30th. John Abercrombie is now at Fort McCoy continuing his training. We still have no word on Larry Zickmund, Robert Brown, James Dickey or Robert Gilliam. If anyone has any information, please contact your district hall. Our retirees make every effort to send care packages to those we can locate overseas. We wish all our servicemen a safe return and our blessings go out to their families.

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Friday, July 31st, 2009 - 8:00 PM

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

4277 East County Road 67, Anderson, Indiana

# OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

## INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT No. 1

By **BRIAN BRAMER**

**Vice Pres., Business Representative**

The "2009" Construction Season is off to a slow start with all the rain, but it is looking like it is going to be a pretty good year.

The Sheehan Pipeline work is still going good for us, especially as wet as it has been. Milestone is working on S.R. 44 in Shelbyville. H.I.S Construction, Poindexter, and Rieth-Riley all have a part of the work on S.R. 44 from west of Shelbyville to I-65. Calumet picked up Fairland Rd. & 500 West. Mitchell & Stark is doing

the Morrystown Wastewater Treatment Plant. 3D Company is doing National Road Heritage trail along U.S. 40 in Lewisville. Shelly & Sands and Milestone have some resurface work on I-70. Calumet is also working on U.S. 40 in Milton. Milestone has the U.S.27 job in Richmond and the U.S. 40 job at 16th - 5th Streets, Earlham College, and Clear Creek. Gradex and Milestone are working on the U.S. 27 job east of Liberty to the Ohio state line. Hunt Paving has some bridge work on S.R. 44 and S.R. 3. Milestone has the bridge work on S.R. 1 over Mixed Creek. Rieth-Riley and Dave

O'Mara are working on Carthage Pike. Beaty Construction picked up Cardinal Greenway Phase 3 on Roundbarn Rd. in Richmond. MK Betts picked up Tertiary Building Modifications in Richmond. There is still more Special Economic Stimulus Lettings coming up in the upcoming months!

I would like to thank my Stewards that always do a great job! And a HUGE 'Thank You' to all of the members that called their State Representatives and showed up for the rally at the Statehouse for the Unemployment House Bill 1379. It was an enormous victory for organized labor. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the up-coming meetings.

## Local 103 Motorcycle Club

We are in the process of putting together a schedule for rides in the 2009 season. If you have any suggestions or would like to help organize the club in your district, please contact Mike Hibbs at 317-353-1308.

## 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
Herbert R. Morris	1076995	12/11/2008	2
Eldon E. Shoemaker	1427464	12/14/2008	2
Frank Presley	1979798	1/10/2009	1
Fred Stock	1132049	1/19/2009	3
Robert R. Frazier	1254317	1/26/2009	1
James O. Monroe	2408117	2/09/2009	3
Michael R. Schnitker	1831117	2/17/2009	1
Mark A. Muse	2499447	2/17/2009	1
David J. Miller	1570214	2/20/2009	1
Lawrence J. Haas	693219	2/27/2009	1
Carlie G. Smothers	1753476	2/27/2009	3
Robert D. Fox	2125790	3/09/2009	1
Bobby L. Cain	681305	3/30/2009	1
Lester L. Keefer	1201994	4/01/2009	2
Vernie Dehaven	1026812	5/18/2009	3
Max W. Naylor	1606934	5/20/2009	2

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*Group photo Hazmat Class 2009.*

## Labor Day Parade - Indianapolis

If you are interested in marching in the Labor Day Parade in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday, September 5, 2009, please contact your district hall for more information. We would love a great turn out this year!! The city of Indianapolis holds a free barbecue lunch for all members and their family who join in the parade.

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### DISTRICT No. 1 Continued

By JOHN D. BALLARD

Financial Sec., Business Representative

Well, to say the least it has been an interesting first half of the year. With contract negotiations on the Highway contract, the hopes and dreams of last year's National Election for the Democrat Party, and also on the State level, which came into play with an attack on every working person in the state over the under-funding of unemployment, thanks to having control of the House in this state, we as construction workers still have the same rights as everyone else in this state. Regardless of the attack on us from the Senate Republicans that wanted to strip hard working men and women of their right to draw unemployment benefits at probably one time they most needed help in a long time. Thanks to everyone that helped with letters and e-mail to their Representatives.

With private work being down or none at all, along with something I hate to bring up, mother nature hasn't helped one bit with a very wet March and one of the wettest Aprils ever. We have had a very slow start to the work season. But, we're struggling along I do believe uncertainty about future work can't be helped because of all the economic factors facing our Country as well as the State today. Although I believe we will be better off than a lot of the other trades because of Highway work, utility and infrastructure improvements.

Gradex and E & B got started back on Pendleton Pike around March and should finish up this year. That same pair picked the rehab job in Cumberland just east of Milestone's job on US 40 from Franklin Road to German Church Road and that job should finish up this year. Atlas is finishing a sewer project in Southport and also

starting another phase just south of that one should run through most of the summer. Poindexter has a site job on 56th Street in Lawrence, a pedestrian trail in Greenwood and finish work on Cooper Tire in Franklin. Reith-Riley picked up a good job on State Road 44 going east from I65 into Shelby County, with Poindexter doing the dirt work. The pipeline job running through Johnson and Shelby Counties has been a great job this past winter and spring that should run through most of the summer with topsoil work. Bob Monger, our steward has done an outstanding job and I would like to thank him for his efforts along with all the 103 operators, everyone has done a great job!! (Even you Teet)

Please feel free to come to the Labor Day Parade in Indy on that Saturday, if you have questions, please call me at the Indy hall. Everyone be careful and stay safe this summer, and thanks to everyone that helped during the past few months.

### DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued

By MIKE HIBBS

Business Representative

Hello to All

THANKS or THANK YOU!!!

Is not nearly enough to express how much I can say about the members



Mr. Rat along with picketers Kenny Sarault, Mike Smith, Brad Freestone, Lance Winn and Alan Froslic against Mullen Crane in Fowler, Indiana.

who stood together and stayed together thru all the bad weather and long hours as we erected our pickets on Mullen Crane & Transport from Soda Springs, Idaho. When one or all of us stand together for what we believe in speaks for itself, Believe Me!! Everyone heard Local 103 all the way to Portland, Oregon, Idaho and Canada. We can't say get ready the wind farm work is coming, IT'S HERE!! Now we have to stand ready to go to work. To date we have over 300 mills in the air and by the end of the year we will have another 300. All of this work is and should stay operators work. But if non-union contractors from out of state keep coming in to our local and setting up shop, it won't be ours for long. We have to get a handle on it now and keep it that way.

On April 13, 2009, we took aim at one of the biggest NON-Union crane, transport and rigging companies in the northwest United States and Canada. Mullen Crane and Transport came to our Local with 7 cranes, 4 forklifts and crew of 8 to 10 helpers to perform work we were already doing. After many continuous attempts to contact Ray Mullen, owner of Mullen Crane, HE decided that he was not going to

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work Local 103 operators, although his cranes were already being operated by SUSPENDED members from out of state Locals.

By the time you read this we should have a contract signed with Mullen Crane. But our fight is not over. We have to keep a vigil mind-set because over the next several years the wind mills will keep our operators working for a long time. We can't let our guard down in this economy.

Moving on to other subjects, I would like to wish my good friend, partner and Brother Curt Balsler many days of good fun and fishing and whatever else he chooses to do in his retirement. Curt and I have worked together on many projects for the Local and we have always seemed to come out on top of most of them. I will be replacing Curt as the Stationary Representative for Local 103 and continue to Organize as much as time will allow me.

We were able to reach a three year agreement with Irving Materials, Inc. (IMI) this winter and it seems that almost everyone has returned to work from the December layoffs.

We are getting started on Hanson Aggregate negotiations in Fort Wayne and Independent Pipe in Indy. Those contracts should be wrapped up by the end of June.

I hope everyone has a great work season this year and PLEASE BE SAFE!

Thanks again to all my Brothers and Sisters who stuck it out on the picket line.

### **DISTRICT NO. 1 Continued** **By JAMES A. WESTCOTT** **Business Representative**

Members,

Work in the areas that I cover (Hamilton, Hancock, and Madison Counties) is looking good for this year, but it wouldn't hurt to see more.

Gradex is working on the third phase of the Anderson Airport, with E&B Paving doing the asphalt. Gradex is also working at 131st St. & Pennington Rd., Greenfield Middle School, 136th & Keystone, and US 40 in Cumberland.

Poindexter is working at OPUS, 104th St. and Olio Rd., Cherry Tree Elementary, Graystone and Nestle in Anderson.

Central Engineering is working on 300 North in Hancock County, Mt. Comfort Rd. & I-70, and 196th St. & Tomlinson Rd.

The Simmons Company is working at the Pendleton Middle School, Mt. Vernon High School and Greenfield High School.

Dave O'Mara is working on U.S. 52 in New Palestine.

Milestone is finishing up on Keystone and working on a bridge job at 700 West, I-70 east of Greenfield, and



*Fox digging the footers on the Orthopedics Northeast project.*

600 South in Hancock County.

Walsh is working at 136th St. & Keystone with Gradex doing the dirt and pipe work. Crider & Crider is finishing up the work on Hazel-Dell Parkway.

Rieth-Riley is working on St. Rd. 32 in Westfield, St. Rd. 238 & Olio Rd., 116th St. & Keystone, and Mt. Comfort Rd. & I-70.

Shelly and Sands is working on St. Rd. 238, and on I-70.

In addition to the work at the Anderson Airport, E&B Paving is working on various streets in Chesterfield, and on 5th St. in Anderson.

Schutt-Lookabill is working on U.S. 40 in Cumberland.

J.C. Ripberger is working at Fishers High School, Mt. Vernon Middle School, Greenfield High School, and Briar Creek Elementary.

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### **Member Announcements**

Chester and Jenifer Stafford brought new daughter, Casey Arianna Stafford, into this world on January 20, 2009.

Tony Broerman became a proud father to a son, Dakota Joseph, born January 29, 2009.

Laramie Jackson wed Dawn Dewey on December 5th in Fort Wayne.

Jill Wisthoff wed Brent Lough on June 6th in Fort Wayne. The couple honeymooned in New Mexico.

*If you have a significant announcement, please contact your local hall with details for the next newsletter.*

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Pepper Construction has a job at Cross Point in Fishers.

Hagerman Construction is working at the Carmel Performing Arts Center and Anderson University.

Bowen Engineering is working at the Chenny Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant in Fishers.

I hope all of our members have a safe and prosperous year.

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

After a long cold winter, the rain started in March. With the economy already slow and all the spring rain, work is off to a slow start. However, the workload on the west side of Indy is pretty good.

The RCA demolition should be done in May. Sabre Demolition, Geottle, Smock-Fansler, HIS, Beaty Construction, The Simmons Company, F.A. Wilhelm, Purdy Masonry, and Illini Drilled Foundations have all had work for several of our members and some are still working on the new Convention Center job. Ben Hur started the steel package the first of May and Far West is doing the excavation for the plumbers. There's still a lot of work to do on this project.

There's a new 34 story Marriott, a 14 story Springhill Suites and the rehab



International instructor Robert Harrold helps with hands on training in full hazmat suit.

of the existing 7 story hotel. These hotels are all at Washington and West streets in downtown Indianapolis. F.A. Wilhelm, The Simmons Company, Poindexter, Hunt, GLS and Maxim all have members working at this jobsite. There are 4 tower cranes and 4 hoists on this job.

Bowen has been working at the Water Company at 16th and Southport Road. Beaty and The Simmons Company have been finishing up on the jobs they have around the airport. Walsh and E & B Paving have a \$130 million job on I465, from just south of Washington Street to north of 21st Street. Walsh subbed the removal of the mainline and ramps to Denney's Excavating and the bridges to Crackers East. They also subbed the work on the 10th Street interchange, and the work north of 10th to Gradex. Specialties, James H. Drew Corporation, Fox and Midwest Mole all have work on this project. Milestone is finishing the job on I465. Berns Construction and Schutt-Lookabill are finishing the job on Rockville Road. Walsh picked up another \$13 million job at Crawfordsville Road and 136. Milestone picked up the Hanna Avenue Bridge. This is all part of the Accelerate 465 Project on the Westside of Indy. Rieth-Riley has some resurfacing and concrete patch work in the area. Crider & Crider has some school work to finish on New Augusta Road. Poindexter is finishing the work they have at Ameri-plex. Calumet had a good dirt job at Eagle Creek Reservoir. So, we have a lot of work on I465 with more to come. A lot of our members are working on this job.

All in all work is pretty good on the west side of Indy; we just need some good dry weather.



Instructor Les Wyss (AKA Bucket) teaches rolling patterns during asphalt class 2009.

### 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 lower part of District 2 got off to a slow start with a rainy and windy spring as usual. However, things are picking up and I am hopeful that the boards will be cleared soon and we will have a prosperous year.

In Adams County, Thieneman Construction is working in Decatur at the Sewage Treatment plant. In Berne, Atlas Excavating is finishing up a sewer job. Lica is doing the street repair over the sewer cuts.

In Blackford County, E & B Paving picked up the asphalt resurface of SR 26 between SR 1 and SR 167. Beaty is a sub-contractor doing the bridge work while the 3D Company is doing the dirt work. We have several operators already on this project.

In Randolph County, Calumet Civil Contractors got the bridge replacement on SR 32 over Sparrow Creek.

In Jay County, Brooks is working in Dunkirk on SR 167 and in Portland on Wayne Street on sewer jobs. In Redkey, E & B Paving will begin a complete reconstruction of SR 1 with J.G. Case doing the prep work. In

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Winchester, Lica wrapped up the downtown Courthouse project and Oberle & Associates finished at the school in Parker City.

In Delaware County, E & B Paving won the Heekin Park fitness trail and basketball courts in Muncie. Also in Muncie, work continues at Ball State University on New York Avenue and the new dorm paving by E & B Paving. Brooks Construction will be doing the stadium lot.

If you haven't made it out to the new office building yet, hopefully you will set aside time for the July district meeting to check it out.

Wishing everyone a prosperous and safe work season.

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

Another work season is finally here and if we could just string more than three dry days together there is actually several nice projects that are waiting to get started. The State of Indiana, in anticipation of the stimulus money, has moved some project lettings ahead in order to make room for the stimulus projects later in the year. There were four state lettings in April, four in May, and three scheduled in June. Our signatory contractors have had some success bidding these projects. But unfortunately, other parts of the industry are not looking near as good. The building projects seem to be few and far between. Hospitals and colleges seem to be doing the bulk of the work.

The Parkview expansion has been a big shot in the arm for District 2, as I am writing this Fox has 57 operators working on the Project. I want to take this opportunity to thank Pepper for their efforts to keep the work out



Ned Bynum working for Hagerman at Parkview.

there done by union contractors. The project is being done by Fox, Brooks, Hagerman, Shambaugh, Kreager, Beaty, Blackhawk, Ben Hur, and LSI, for a total of about 73 Operating Engineers. The Parkview Whitley expansion has been pushed back to a late fall start at the earliest. IIT is doing some work on their campus that Bercot Gibson and Doc's Crane and Rigging has been performing. Martin has the iron on the Orthopedics Northeast project and the Huntington Library. Bunn is doing the footers for the new Marriot Hotel downtown. If you and your family get a chance to go to Harrison Square to see a Tin Caps game, you should take the opportunity, it really turned out very nice. The Operating Engineers that worked on that project should be proud of their efforts.

The dirt work in the area is picking up steam, one of the most important updates that I have for you is that IN-DOT threw out Primco's bid on the 24 project because they didn't meet the DBE requirement, and have awarded it to E&B Paving. Which means Fox will be doing the dirt work, RL McCoy will have the bridges, E&B will do the concrete and asphalt and LSI will do the signage. So far this year the contractors have picked up about 80 million dollars worth of work in the area. Brooks has St. Rd 14 with Kreager Bros. moving the dirt, Wayne

Trace Blvd. with LSI doing the signals, Aboite Ctr. Road using Kreager Bros. and LSI, the bike and pedestrian trails in Huntington and Angola, and the wedge and level job in Dekalb Co. to do this year. E&B have the St. Rd. 3 widening with Fox moving the dirt and LSI doing the signals, Ft. Wayne resurface package B, I69 in Huntington, Co. Rd.11A in Dekalb Co. with Fox moving the dirt. RL McCoy has a bridge job in Huntington Co. on I69. Wagner is still working on last year's section of 24. Land Construction picked up an environmental mitigation project in Steuben Co.

We have been fortunate enough to have signed up a couple of new contractors in the area, LSI and also Elsten Excavating and Land Development. If you are on a job with these contractors take a minute to welcome them aboard. Thanks to all of you that participated in the rally at the State House over the unemployment issue, it was a great turnout and we definitely got our point across to them. I hope all of you have a safe working season. If you have questions or need help with something don't hesitate to call.

### DISTRICT NO. 2 MEETING

Thursday, July 9, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.  
2080 LINCOLNWAY CT.  
FORT WAYNE, INDIANA

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Randy Shipman running the excavator for Central Engineering at Mt. Comfort Rd. & I70.

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## KOKOMO DISTRICT No. 3

By DON KEITH

### Business Representative

Without any help from Mother Nature, we are finally starting to see some good weather and are getting our members back to work.

The US 31 project is going to be going strong in Kokomo with HIS working on the first bridge. RL McCoy has moved in on the second one and will get started in a couple of weeks. Hopefully, Fox will be moving the dirt for them. There was a Special Call Letting held on May 21st for the bypass work. They let this project with two alternatives, one in concrete and one in blacktop. E&B was the low bidder on the blacktop and Primco was low bidder on the concrete. We will be spending the next few days lobbying the State trying to convince them to use blacktop. The City of Kokomo is talking about finishing the third phase of Dixon Road. E&B will be doing some paving on the city streets and CC&T will be working on the sidewalks. The Continental Steel project that I talked about at the last union meeting is still up in the air. As far as moving the dirt, we are working with the County Commissioners to help get this project turned around.

Shook Construction has some nice sewer treatment plant work this year on three plants located at the Grissom Air Force Base, Tipton and Kokomo. 3D



Beaty doing the shoring at Parkview Hospital.

is also working on a project at Grissom.

E&B has picked up work on SR 15 in Wabash with Deichman doing the sewer work. E&B also has a nice project on SR 28 as well as in Up-land. Gaunt and Son Asphalt picked up some work in Wabash as well and will be using one of our newly signed contractors from Fort Wayne for their electrical work, LSI.

Phend and Brown will be starting up on SR 124 the first of June. They also just finished up a nice project on SR 218. Fox will be moving back into the landfill in Logansport sometime in June. Brooks is working on SR 35 and picked up a nice project on SR 31.

I believe General Motors in Marion has requested a National Maintenance Agreement Extension to do about \$8 million worth of work that will start sometime in June and be finished sometime in January. There are no out of town bidders on this project but that could change at any time so we

will continue to watch the bidders list. Also in Marion, there is a nice project coming up at Indiana Wesleyan. Bowman was the low bidder on the student housing.

Hopefully the weather will straighten up and the State will let some more work and we will have a good year.

## DISTRICT No. 3 Continued

By STEVE MCKINLEY

### Business Representative

Work in the western half of the district is going strong despite the above average rainfall this spring.

Work on the St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette has kept several operators busy working with Tonn & Blank, ISI, Milestone and Rieth Riley. It is scheduled to open this fall. Rieth Riley has started two resurfacing projects on SR 16 in White County and SR 52 west of Lafayette. They are also working on CR 350 South.

FA Wilhelm is finishing up their work at the new student housing buildings at Purdue. Hagerman and Kreager are also close to the end on the new Hockmeyer Hall. Kettlehut is looking at completion on the Discovery Center Building. Work is underway on the Mackey Arena expansion employing FA Wilhelm, The Simmons Company and Grand Excavating.

The Hoosier Heartland project has finally started on the east side of Tippecanoe County. Walsh is working on two overpasses with Crider and Crider moving the dirt. Milestone was



District 3 operators picket Mullens Crane & Transport.

## Semi-Annual Auditors & Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2009

7:00 PM

6814 East 21st Street

Indianapolis, IN



Brad Wood running the loader for Central Engineering.

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awarded the overpass on CR 1000 East with Gradex moving the dirt there. Milestone will also be on the CR 500 E overpass. Crider and Crider was the low bidder on both the 900 E and the 300 N overpasses. Crider also came in low on the Special Call Letting on May 20th for approximately six miles of the main line running from CR 750 E to the Tippecanoe Carroll County line. This should keep many operators busy for the next several years with INDOT planning to finally complete this last leg from Lafayette to Logansport.

Wind Farms, wind farms, wind farms. Mortenson is working on the Enexo Wind Farm in northern Benton County with Rachel Contracting doing the site work. Mortenson has also started on the Fowler Ridge Phase II. Dyer Construction is the

site contractor on that project. Bowen Engineering is working on the Horizon Wind Farm in White County with Barnhart erecting the turbines. There will be five phases for Horizon. As far as I can tell from conversations I have had, they would like to complete the first three phases within the next 18 months. With these three projects there will be over 300 turbines on-line. This work provides a substantial amount of man hours for our Local.

In closing I would like to thank all of the stewards and members for assisting me with the many projects in this area.

### DISTRICT NO. 3 MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2009 - 8:00 p.m.

514 W. SUPERIOR STREET  
KOKOMO, INDIANA

### MEMBER BENEFITS

#### Mid Central Operating Engineers H&W Fund

P.O. Box 9605, Terre Haute, IN 47808-9605

Benefits & Claims: 1-877-299-3699

Bookkeeping: 1-877-299-7099

#### Central Pension Fund

4115 Chesapeake Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

Phone: 1-202-362-1000

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

The Apprenticeship & Training site is hosting the Town of Chesterfield fireworks on July 3rd at dusk. Entry is free. We will also be participating in the Town of Chesterfield annual Fourth of July parade. The parade begins at noon; however anyone who is interested in coming and walking with us in the parade should be at the training site no later than 10:30 am in order to get into the line-up. All members and their families are invited. There will be no open training here on the 3rd of July in order to prepare for the fireworks display.

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

The 2009 Hardship Fund Assessment of \$20.00, which is considered part of your dues obligation is due with your 3rd quarter 2009 union dues payment.



Wes Walker, Don Scheffer, Fred Schrader and Mike Ellis picketing Mullen Crane at the rail yard in Remington.



Setting up the picket against Mullen Crane in Remington.



Members show support at the State House Rally.

## Please Make Sure

to keep your beneficiary up to date with the PENSION and HEALTH & WELFARE offices. Changes of Beneficiary forms can be obtained from your District Office.

Visit our website at  
[www.iuoe103.org](http://www.iuoe103.org)

# RETIREES CLUB

## District 1

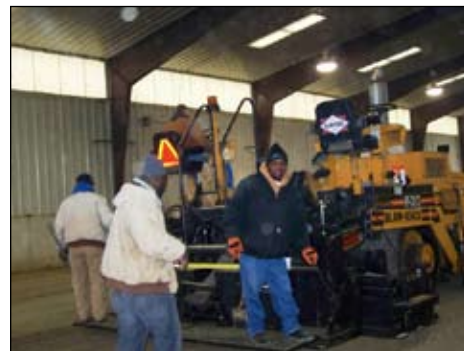
All District 1 retirees are invited to attend our monthly gatherings on the second Wednesday of each month. Watch for your mailer for the time, date, location and activity. We would like to extend a warm welcome to all other District's Retirees, mark your calendars for the second Wednesday and drive on down to Indianapolis. For any questions you may call Dave Sutton at 317-881-8787 or Doug Hampton at 317-899-5055.

## District 2

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. The number of our retirees has increased greatly in the Local and we'd like to extend a welcome to the newcomers. Our meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at 8:30 a.m. at Legion Post 82 next to the old Fort Wayne Union Hall for breakfast and coffee. The Legion had been up for sale but is now business as usual and meetings will remain there. 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

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.



*Larry Davis 1st year Apprentice runs paver while apprentices Anthony Williams and Kevin Jones work the screws in this years paving class.*



*Finally some dry weather to move dirt in.*



*George Williams, John Ballard and Keith Scott at the 1465 Walsh project.*



*Journeyman Richie Ochoa demo's John Deeres latest excavator simulator software.*

# Congratulations

## 25 Years

Marvin D. Badger  
George R. Blakely  
Jeff Boehle  
P. Frank Bowling  
David N. Brinkman  
Patrick G. Brugh  
Terry E. Campbell  
Sam R. Carter  
Michael L. Cramer  
Bryant L. Davis  
Bill Eck  
Donald G. Ginder  
Richard L. Huffman  
John P. Jennings  
Steven L. Lehman  
Brad Lindemann  
Roger D. Mayhugh  
George Newby  
Verdus M. Olson  
Gary Owens  
Thomas L. Reed  
Edwin C. Roberts  
Frederick J. Short  
Bernard J. Smart  
Nathan D. Smith  
Mark A. Sorg  
Charles W. St. Clair  
David W. Thornburgh  
Jerry R. Trimmell  
Jimmy R. Tuttle  
William T. Wagner  
Dewayne H. Wesley  
Jess A. Woodruff

## 30 Years

Ronald R. Albrecht  
John R. Anderson  
Kevin Boston  
Kenneth D. Brammer  
Richard A. Brown  
Mark D. Carroll

Rikkie Lee Cooper  
John J. Corral  
David L. Crane  
Michael J. Dapoz  
Melvin Diemer, Jr.  
Paul J. Dillman  
David Ewers  
Robert J. Fish  
Terry L. Ford  
Tim L. Fowler  
Lewis M. Gilkerson  
Michael D. Hapner  
Jack E. Harney  
John A. Harrison  
Richard G. Hatton  
Daniel E. Helpingstine  
Merle K. Hinton  
Craig Howell  
Richard A. Howell  
Earl W. Huffstutler  
David W. Hutchison  
James L. Keser  
Kenton D. Kline  
Paul D. Little  
Robert A. Lockhart  
Teddy R. Luzadder  
Michael W. Lynn  
David L. Miller  
Lyle S. Mohr  
Timothy D. Moores  
Brent L. Ormsby  
Rick Pardue  
Thomas A. Rhoades  
Ronald G. Richmond  
Richard N. Roberts  
Mark G. Roe  
Robert M. Roth  
Keith Scott  
Jerry L. Seifers  
Clarence M. Smith  
Edward St. Clair  
Duane J. Studebaker

Larry Teague  
Jose R. Vergara  
Charles L. Williams, III  
Elmer J. Wilson, III  
Larry W. Wolf  
Michael Wolf

## 35 Years

Rex H. Baxter  
Kevin R. Bushee  
Edison D. Byrd  
Charles Christman, Jr.  
Stephen R. Daugherty  
Carl R. Dennis  
Wayne E. Dickey, Jr.  
Robert L. Draper  
Gary R. Ensminger  
Robert B. Gallivan  
Michael L. Goble  
David R. Goodman  
Warren P. Halsey  
Jimmy R. Hicks  
G. K. Holloway  
John E. Hunter  
David E. Jeffrey  
William F. King  
Pete Moreno  
P. David Morris  
Max W. Naylor  
Joe A. Norman  
Steven R. Pierce  
James E. Plunkett, Jr.  
Lester C. Poindexter  
Richard E. Pursel  
Michael W. Trahan  
Robert L. Upshaw  
Stanley Watts  
Jesse V. Yates

## 40 Years

Merle V. Alderfer  
Robert J. Alexander

Sherman L. Bane  
Roger Bowlin  
Walter R. Bowsman  
John L. Carroll  
Rex E. Cole, Sr.  
John K. Craig  
James H. Delucio  
Thomas J. Fortman  
Dennis Gates  
James R. Grounds  
Clinton Hargis  
Donald L. Heck  
John E. Huegel  
Dewayne E. Jackson  
Bobby Jewell  
Ronald D. Kile  
Ronald J. Loffin  
Bobby R. Mace  
Paul W. Reynolds  
Dale N. Shutz  
Thomas L. Smith  
Edward S. Snell  
Archie Thomas  
Larry J. Thomas  
Oliver Tobias  
Chester Yates  
Gerard W. Zoch

## 45 Years

John R. Anderson  
Richard E. Ball  
William E. Bates  
Thomas Binney  
William C. Burdine  
George H. Eltzroth  
Wade L. Friddle  
Carl E. Gross  
Douglas F. Hampton  
Edward E. Hinkle  
David J. Holland  
Sanford L. Hooley  
Boyd Keith

Wayne M. Martin  
Thomas H. Sadler  
Jerry E. Satterly  
Ronald E. Sparks  
Donald Wiggington  
Jack C. Yeager

## 50 Years

Charles E. Cathcart  
Vernie Dehaven  
Conrad D. Etherington  
Norman L. Fisher  
Joseph W. Haltom  
Johnny J. Hopkins  
Gene R. Libertore  
John J. McMillan  
William E. Rairigh  
Donald W. Shupe  
Dean L. Skinner  
Halery Smith  
James W. Sparks  
Everly D. Summerlot  
Richard L. Thompson  
Robert L. Warner  
Gerald L. Young

## 55 Years

Harvey O. Coffey  
Clifford Linn  
Dick L. Moore  
Jerry Moore

## 60 Years

Clarence E. Barker  
George L. Fowler  
Bud E. Keller  
Ned Schultz

Please attend the General Membership Meeting on July 31st 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, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	CIPC	CAPCI	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	31.05	4.60	5.60	.38	.06	.05	.08	41.82
Group II	30.10	4.60	5.60	.38	.06	.05	.08	40.87
Group III	26.05	4.60	5.60	.38	.06	.05	.08	36.82
Group IV	22.35	4.60	5.60	.38	.06	.05	.08	33.12

**KOKOMO BUILDING AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**  
**Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Miami, Tippecanoe, Tipton, Wabash, & White**  
**EFFECTIVE June 1, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	CIPC	CAPCI	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	29.71	4.60	6.70	.34	.06	.05	.08	41.54
Group II	26.71	4.60	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	38.54
Group III	25.14	4.60	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	36.97
Group IV	21.44	4.60	6.40	.34	.06	.05	.08	33.27

**FORT WAYNE BUILDING AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**  
**Adams, Allen, DeKalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wells & Whitley**  
**EFFECTIVE April 1, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pens	Trng.	IUCSAT	Gross
Group I	29.23	4.60	6.30	.42	.08	40.63
Group II	28.28	4.60	6.30	.42	.08	39.68
Group III	25.28	4.60	6.30	.42	.08	36.68
Group IV	21.78	4.60	6.30	.42	.08	33.18

**FORT WAYNE SEWER AGREEMENT FOR COUNTIES OF:**  
**Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Huntington, Steuben, Wells & Whitley**

**EFFECTIVE August 1, 2008**

	Rate	H&W	Pens	Trng.	Gross
Group I	25.93	4.60	6.20	.30	37.03
Group II	24.62	4.60	6.20	.30	35.72
Group III	23.95	4.60	6.20	.30	35.05
Group IV	22.78	4.60	6.20	.30	33.88

**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	29.40	4.60	6.45	.41	40.86
Group II	27.60	4.60	6.45	.41	39.06
Group III	24.90	4.60	6.45	.41	36.06
Group IV	21.90	4.60	6.45	.41	33.36

**HIGHWAY HEAVY RAILROAD AND UTILITY CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT**

**EFFECTIVE April 1, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng	ICIAF	SAT	Gross
Group I	29.00	4.60	6.25	.75	.13	.03	40.76
Group II	27.28	4.60	6.25	.75	.13	.03	39.04
Group III	26.36	4.60	6.25	.75	.13	.03	38.12
Group IV	24.86	4.60	6.25	.75	.13	.03	36.62

**PIPELINE AGREEMENT**  
**EFFECTIVE April 1, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Trng Site	Pipe Trng	EPEC	Gross
Group I	34.91	4.60	6.05	.75	.75	.05	47.11
Group II	26.86	4.60	6.05	.75	.75	.05	39.06
Group III	20.74	4.60	6.05	.75	.75	.05	32.94

**DISTRIBUTION AGREEMENT**  
**EFFECTIVE May 1, 2009**

	Rate	H&W	Pen	Gross
Group I	23.75	4.60	4.70	33.05
Group II	20.50	4.60	4.70	29.80

**IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE OF ADDRESS, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM AND MAIL TO YOUR DISTRICT OFFICE.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. Sec. No \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Register No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Please inform your district office of new addresses and phone numbers!**

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**6814 East 21st Street**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46219**