



Auto Show Tickets

Your UAW Leadership has secured 2 2012 Chicago Auto Show tickets for every Local 551 member. Starting today at the end of day shift through the beginning of night shift tickets can be picked up in the mezzanine. All members must show their I.D. to pick up tickets, if you are picking up tickets for another member, have their I.D. with you to obtain tickets.

Upcoming Schedule

This month the schedule around launch will require the plant to tentatively go to the 4X10 agreement the week of February 6th and 13th. Many have ask is this occurring due to slowing sales of our products. The answer to this is no, the reason for the schedule is that during the launch of a new vehicle it is mandated to run only 40 hours to ensure quality. The Ford Explorer continues to sale at a brisk rate with demand outstripping supply.

Profit Sharing coming in March

The company last Friday announced a year total profit of more than 20 billion dollars. Much of the profit year total was a one-time tax credit that the company exercised from loses years ago. This part of the year total profit will not be included in the profit sharing component but the check for eligible members in March will still be substantial. The average for U.S. UAW eligible employees will be \$2450 but of course is dependent on hours worked.

Equality of Sacrifice

The issue of the Equality of Sacrifice grievance has been a big question amongst the membership. In addressing the status, I have no new information from the last update. The grievance is being deliberated by the arbitrator and as soon as a decision is rendered I will put out the information in letter form and on the local website.

In Solidarity,

Plant Chairman

Grant Morton.