

# **UAW Local 551 Making History**

## **Explorer Launch**

November was a big day for Chicago Assembly Plant, with the Explorer officially being produced on Job 1 on November 1st. As big and monumental as this day was some bigger moments are in store for the plant in the coming months. The tentative date for the kickoff of shipping Explorers to dealers, or OK to ship is December 1st. More details will be on the way as we get closer to the official date.

## **International Contract**

It is that time to think about negotiations next summer, and a critical part of this process is input from the membership. Over the next couple of days in the mezzanine resolution sheets will be available to fill out and suggest any changes to the contract. Please fill out the resolution sheets and be as specific as possible and place them in the locked box in the corner of the mezzanine. After the Union separates and organizes the resolution sheets the Recording Secretary will send them to Detroit to the IUAW.

## **Topics on Pay and Hours**

For the afternoon shift on November 1, any worker that worked past midnight into election day was paid double time due to it being a paid UAW day off. Any issues with this should be brought up to the district representative in your area. We will be paid 10 hours holiday pay for November 15th and 10 hours for November 25th. As stated in the AWS(alternative work schedule) any time a holiday falls during the week the plant will be on the 4x10 agreement and workers will be paid 10 hours if the day is Monday-Thursday, 8 hours on Friday.

## **Union Meeting**

November 21st at 2 pm our monthly union meeting will occur and this month we will have a pot luck dinner for new workers and transferees. The bigger the crowd the better so try to make it out for this months union meeting.

## **Equity of Sacrifice Grievance**

Many members have asked about the status of Equity of Sacrifice Grievance and the answer is that we have not been informed of the decision yet. As soon as I am informed of the resolution of the grievance information will be put out to the membership.

**In Solidarity,**

**Grant Morton, Plant Chairman.**