

Spring News at Chicago Assembly Plant

Summer Shutdown

Chicago Assembly will have the summer shutdown the weeks of **June 27th** and **July 4th**. For the new employees that have not been here for a summer shutdown this is the annual 2 week period the company uses to retool and perform maintenance. For **classified employees** that are scheduled to work the shutdown period, the **normal vacation procedure** will be in effect and the list will be posted.

Schedule for April

In recent weeks the schedule has been fluid to say the least. The tentative schedule for CAP is that the next Saturday scheduled is April 30th. For the weeks of April 4th and 11th it is planned that 40 hours of production will be needed. As always this is contingent on parts and other variables that can always change at any given time.

Sales Numbers

The sales numbers were released on Friday for Ford Motor and the figure was **16% higher** than the previous year. According to all the analysis, one of the biggest factors in this increase was due to the **2011 Ford Explorer** launch. When we think about the part shortages we are facing one thing to keep in mind is that the Explorer and other Ford products are selling much better than the expectations. For the month of March, Ford outsold GM and all other auto companies in the U.S. for the 2nd time in decades.

Upcoming Items

In the coming weeks the quality jackets that you were fitted for will be coming in and passed out over a 3 day period. Check the flyers posted around the plant for the dates that the jackets will be passed out and your District Representatives will also have the dates. Again remember that the jackets and other items that we receive are not gifts from the company but negotiated items that the **UAW** negotiates for the membership.

In Solidarity,

Grant Morton, Plant Chairman.