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Union Voice

**From The Desk Of
Rita Rogers**

Hello All!

As we continue to make our way through the layoffs, furloughs and other changes regarding our jobs, I appreciate your patience with the union leadership as they focused and assisted committees, who worked hard to prepare and presented suggestions to the Company Leadership (RE- Logistics Center) on ways to become more efficient and save costs!

We advised the company that while we do not have all the answers we surely deserve the right to sit down and discuss outsourcing issues prior to the company's plans to give our jobs to the cheaper bidder!

After an awesome presentation from the union last week the company leadership have requested additional detailed information from us (regarding the committee's presentation) and we are working to provide it by Friday the 19th.

Your union will continue to communicate and update you regarding these important matters and truly wish the best! You should be proud of everyone on the committees and also others who assisted when called upon! Take care of yourself and each other!

Contact your union Representatives for any questions and remember you are The Fighting Machinist! Do what we do best! TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF AND EACH OTHER.

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Wichita Club Raises Funds For Laid-Off

*Benet Wilson
Aviation Week
June 8, 2009*

The first-ever Wichita Aero Club Ball managed to donate \$31,000 to the United Way of the Plains to benefit laid-off aerospace workers in the region. More than 10,000 industry workers have lost their jobs in Wichita.

The event attracted 200 attendees, said club executive director Dave Franson. "The original plan was to hold a black tie ball and present the club's trophy to a worthy individual," he said. "But with the current economic conditions and job losses,

we felt it wasn't a good year to do that," he said. "Instead, we asked people to take the money they would have spent on tuxedos and ball gowns and spend it on the auction."

Tables were purchased by companies including Cessna, Bombardier, Learjet, Hawker Beechcraft, FlightSafety International, the Wichita Eagle, Yingling Aviation and Sullivan, Higdon & Sink, said Franson. "We had 50 items up for our live and silent auction, and there were a lot of generous folks out there," he said. "Wichita is an extremely generous town and it was impressive to see how people came out and opened their pocketbooks."



Saturday July 4th, 2009

American stance, which undermines the interests of America's workers, also isn't amusing for the millions of jobless workers in this nation.

In fact, the Chamber's false argument that Buy America provisions will start a "trade war" is a tired one. The stimulus requires that U.S. material be used in projects funded by the bill, but also states that the clause should not override U.S. international trade commitments.

It is common sense that a small portion of your tax dollars in a stimulus

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Buy America... or Bye, Bye American Jobs.



Chamber of Commerce Sides with Foreign Embassies Against Buy American

There they go again. Those running the show at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce are attacking again the Buy American provision in the economic stimulus package.

Ignoring, once more, that Buy American makes fundamental economic sense by ensuring at least some of our taxpayer bailout money is invested in American-made

productions, the Chamber is siding with foreign embassies battling the Buy American provisions. In a June 2 letter to lawmakers, Bruce Josten, the Chamber's executive vice president for government affairs, asked Congress to exclude Buy American provisions from all legislation.

More recently, the Chamber held a joint press conference June 11 with the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters to decry the Buy American provisions in the stimulus. For a trade association with "U.S." in its name, siding with foreign corporations against those in the United States is, well, you fill in the word that best describes it.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is effectively suggesting that America needs to buy more Canadian to dig out of our economic hole. That position doesn't pass the U.S. economic interest laugh test.

The Chamber's anti-Buy

July Monthly Meeting

Saturday July 11th, 2009

E-Board Meets at 12:30 pm

Regular Meeting at 2:00 pm

We Will Be Meeting Downstairs

In the Echo Chamber



Be Safe Celebrating Our Independence

Well this is your sister coming at you again from the safety committee we meet every second Wednesday at 4:00 pm in the old first aid room at plant 2. Come and join us and give us your input on what is safe in your work area and what isn't.



Well guys and girls we are looking at another Independence Day and all across our country they are bringing out everything it takes to make sure it's a great celebration. If you're in a hurry and have too much going on you may not plan properly. Be careful with fireworks. You or someone you know might be breaking the law when shooting off fireworks; the rule is to shoot them where you buy them. Remember that some fireworks can be deadly if not used by someone who is trained and experienced in handling this kind of power. If not handled properly you can start a fire that can and will get out of control real fast. This can result in burning your house or your neighbor's house down, or someone's farm. Or even a business to those that live near down town.

The point is to have fun so what could happen doesn't. We should make a checklist before getting started. Keep fireworks away from open flames. Make sure the grill is not too close to the house. Is the propane tank connected to the grill properly so no fumes escape while lighting your grill. Make sure the apron you use hasn't got lighter fluid on it after squirting it on the coals. Because that can catch on fire even if it has dried, it can still ignite and be a hazard to you.

If you have a pool make sure the little ones don't get too close to the edge and that they have flotation devices on them at all times. Pool parties at home or even at the lake can turn into tragedy in a moments time. Never swim alone because even the best of swimmers can get into trouble from a cramp or getting choked on the water after diving in. Respect the water and you will live to swim again.

A fun idea would be to go where you can learn about why we celebrate the 4th of July

and your family will get a whole new meaning to the celebration. The men and women who fought and died for us gave us the right to live in peace and know we don't have to be governed by someone dictating to us. We have the freedom to live work and worship where we want and in peace. We have the freedom to do almost whatever we want. We can travel all across the United States without having to have papers or passports to go from state to state. We can camp out under the stars with few worries but you do have to watch out for the wild life at some camp sights. Look up the words independence and freedom and you'll know its meaning and how it came to be.

Back when America was in its infancy they didn't have much, but they did what they could. They had each other and some lemonade. They would sit on the front porch or in the yard on a hot day thinking that it was the best day. So let's get popping and say Happy Birthday America. Be safe and enjoy your time off. If you know someone that is laid off invite them to your parties and cheer them up.

Again have a happy 4th of July. With all solidarity your sister Linda Ligons
GOD is good all the time all the time HE is good.

{Buy American from Page 1} package dedicated to stimulating the American economy be spent in America.

Furthermore, the U.S. has been a leading proponent of the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), which opens the U.S. market to foreign bids. Some of the very countries criticizing Buy America policy have made no such reciprocal efforts to open their markets.



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Freedom's natal day is here.
Fire the guns and shout for freedom,
See the flag above unfurled!
Hail the stars and stripes forever,
Dearest flag in all the world.
~Florence A. Jones

Pictures Taken From This Years American Heart Walk

It was a beautiful day for a healthy heart walk. If you would like to see more pictures from this years Heart Walk go to www.il733iam.com and click on the link to view a slide show.

