



THE 1833 REPORT

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WHO WILL BE NEXT TO CARRY THE TORCH?

By Ken Hooker, President Local 1833

The history of our union is as diverse as the members it represents. Today the faces of our union are continually changing. The industries and classifications our members work in are moving the IAM into new territories and confronting new problems with innovative ideas.

IAM members are as unique as the many nations and cultures of this world. We all tend to look at our union through our own looking glass. Each and every one of us has representation through our union. With that perspective, I could ask ten different members what the union has meant to them and I would receive ten different answers. Some would be very positive, others negative.

As a leader of this union, I have to ask the question in the simplest term, "why"? A members' level of participation in the union makes the difference. If a member participates and understands information provided on a daily basis, most members would have a positive view of the union. If our Union Representatives are talking to members on the floor and keeping them informed, that would lead to a positive perspective of the union. If a member's grievance is handled on time and with due diligence by their Steward and Shop Committee, that would lead to a positive perspective of the union by our members.

If there are members with a negative view of the union, then we have failed to make the connection necessary for their respect.

Respect is a characteristic we all deserve and admire. It is not just given, it is earned. I know our sisters and brothers on the frontline, our Stewards, Shop Committees, Local Lodge Committees, Executive Board and all the volunteers work hard every day to earn the respect of our members. For a lot of us stepping up to the plate was a new and sometimes difficult challenge. In years past, as well as today, we were lucky to have the Local's support and training to help get us to the next level.

Currently, Patty Bledsoe, Bldg C Shop Committee, is the distinguished Educator who carries the torch for Local 1833. This is a very essential position. The responsibility to educate our members to become union representatives and future leaders deserves our respect. The Educator helps us to confront new problems with new and innovative ideas and keep current with the changing times.

Recently Local 1833 lost a dear union brother, friend and past Educator, "Brother Johnny Daniel" to his battle with cancer. To those of us in leadership positions and

strong union members of our Local, Johnny Daniel carried that torch. He prepared us for oncoming challenges. He enabled us to help our fellow union brothers and sisters. Johnny believed in our union contracts and honored the sacrifice made to get them. He gave us the confidence to carry that torch and defend our contract and our members. He was a true unionist and true to the IAM. Johnny was always willing to help even after retiring.

Johnny's son, Chris Daniel, is a member of our Local and works for Northwest as an ESE. Our good friend Johnny Daniel will be missed but will always be in our hearts.



Johnny F. Daniel
March 28, 1940 - April 21, 2009

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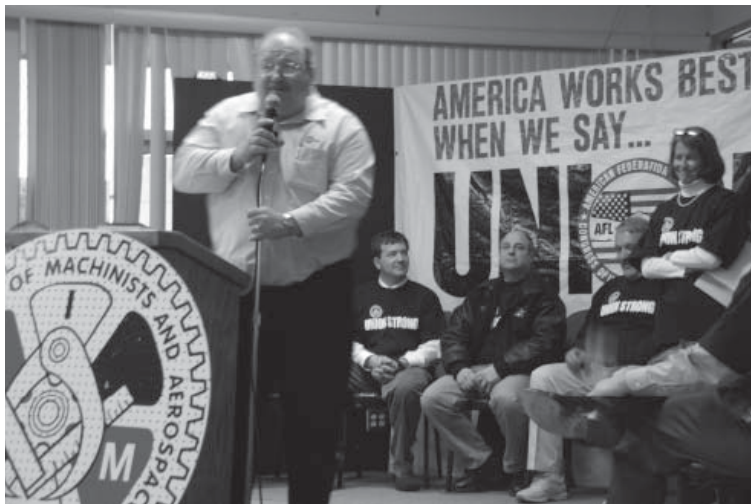
SOLIDARITY RALLY



Lisa Stager, Legislative Director, District 143, R. Thomas Buffenbarger IAM International President with Twin City Union Leaders.



Local 1833 members at rally



Local 1833 President Ken Hooker

March 29th, 2009
Eagles Club, Bloomington MN

Surrounded by supporters from organized labor and elected officials, IAM leaders and Local 1833 members reaffirmed their commitment to unionize what will be the world's largest air carrier, the new Delta Air Lines.

The organizing campaign for Delta has been a long and difficult effort.

"We're going to win this campaign . . . and we're going to get justice for working people," said R. Thomas Buffenbarger, international president of the IAMAW. Buffenbarger said the union is not intimidated by the fact that many Delta workers are located in Atlanta and other areas that have long been regarded as tough to unionize.

The Machinists union, he noted, was organized in Atlanta in 1888. "The union was born in the south because railroad workers had enough of the plantation mentality that governed their lives," Buffenbarger said. "We know we can take on this fight – and we will win this fight."

"It's important to understand that this fight is a fight for every transportation union in America," said Robert Roach, Jr., General Vice President for Transportation of the IAMAW.

Under the federal Railway Labor Act, votes from a majority of the employees who would be covered by a union contract – not just a majority who participate in the vote – is needed for the union to win. The Machinists face the additional challenge of reaching workers spread through airports across the country, with many of the Delta employees concentrated in the south.

"Without a union, workers at the newly merged airline will have no voice in their pay, benefits or working conditions", the labor leaders said. Roach noted that in testimony before Congress, Delta CEO Richard Anderson said he would eliminate the union pension plan, increase employee health insurance premiums and undermine the seniority system.



R. Thomas Buffenbarger, International President

Flight attendant Rene Foss – a member of the Association of Flight Attendants, which also is organizing at Delta – put it



Minnesota Representatives Keith Ellison and Betty McCollum

this way: “We can stand together and keep our unions and our rights or we can stand alone and keep our fingers crossed. Delta’s philosophy is divide and conquer. Our philosophy is if we unite we can conquer and stop Kenny Steal Moore aka Richard Anderson. If you let

him, he will do it. Human labor should not be viewed as a

mere commodity, but for what it is - the life blood of the middle class.”

Support from elected officials

Elected officials turned out to support the Machinists in their campaign. They included Al Franken, U.S. Representatives Keith Ellison and Betty McCollum, gubernatorial candidate Mark Dayton and state Representatives Frank Hornstein and Leon Lillie. All donned blue Machinists’ T-shirts emblazoned with “Union Strong” in white letters on the front. Organizing campaigns at Delta and other corporations are nothing less than a struggle to preserve the middle class, Ellison said. “The American people are counting on us to restore their quality of life.”

McCollum, whose mother was a union flight attendant, urged those gathered at the rally to tell others “what a difference a union makes. It made a difference in my life.”

Franken was declared the winner of the November 2008 race for U.S. Senate in Minnesota, but is still waiting to be seated while opponent Norm Coleman files legal appeals. Franken said he is eager to go to work and “ask tough questions about airline mergers” like the one between Delta and Northwest.

State labor leaders, including Minnesota AFL-CIO President Ray Waldron, pledged their support to the Machinists.

Elliot Seide, director of AFSCME Council 5, said the state’s largest public employee union stands ready to send member-organizers to aid the organizing. “Your fight is our fight.” Seide said.



Speakers encouraging the masses



R. Thomas Buffenbarger and Al Franken speak directly with 1833 members



A captive audience

RETIREE AND SHOP COM

RETIREE'S CLUB NEWS

Lauree Cook, Recording Secretary

The 1833 Retiree's Social Club is looking forward to our annual picnic on Thursday, June 18th at Highland Park. Any former IAM member is welcome to join at a cost of \$7.00 per person per year. This is also for spouses or significant others.

The meetings are on the **third Thursday** of each month. Business meetings alternate with lunches. We meet at the Eagle's Club in Bloomington (Old Shakopee Road and Old Cedar Ave.) on May 21st, July 16th, September 17th, and November 19th. All meetings begin at 12:30 P.M.

Lunches are held at The Royal Cliff in Eagan just off Cedar (77) and Cliff Road. We meet on August 20th, October 15th and the Christmas party will be on December 17th. Social hour starts at 11:30 A.M. with the meal served at 12:30 P.M. Lunches will cost \$16.25 per person with guests adding \$1.00. (Christmas will be a bit more.) **The picnic will be on June 18th at Highland Park. Food will be served from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

The travel club has casino visits each month which are a great way to get acquainted with other members of the club. Any questions, call Maynard or Shirley at 651-454-3482 or Lauree at 952-934-5888. Or if you prefer, send a note to: Local 1833 Retiree's Club, PO Box 22276, Eagan, MN 55122. (This is also where checks are mailed for the luncheons.) Hope to see you at a gathering soon!



BLDG C COFPS SHOP COMMITTEE REPORT



By Vickie Cheek

Patty Bledsoe

Jacqueline Bolin

WE ARE UNION PROUD!

We are happy for Tom Hoppenstedt and wish him well in retirement. After 40 years, Tom has begun a new journey in his life and with his family. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom for his years of service and dedication to the membership of the IAMAW. Tom will truly be missed by all!

A warm welcome to Vickie Cheek who has joined the Building C Shop Committee effective April 2009. Vickie's years of service and knowledge will be beneficial to our membership and we are glad to have her.

We are distributing IAM Union Strong T-shirts and IAM wings pins. We have had great reception from our members and word has spread throughout Building C.

We are planning a big Solidarity Day for all of Building C. We will pick a day of the week for everyone to wear their T-shirts and IAM pins. Please stop by the union office if you haven't received a T-shirt or pin.

Please visit IAM District 143 at www.iam143.org if you are not receiving e-mails. Updated information can be sent to you by signing up or by calling the IAM HOTLINE 800-952-6554 for updates.

We are not allowed to communicate with you by putting information in Company mailboxes and now we are being critiqued on what we are posting on our union bulletin boards. Please try to keep as informed as possible. They are worried!!!
WE ARE UNION STRONG!

COMMITTEE NEWS

BLDG N COMMITTEE REPORT



By Roger McCausland, Chief Steward

No doubt 2009 is going to be a year of change. For most of us, the change has already hit our work areas and families. Simulator Operations has lost numerous employees due to the Delta merger, with more to come throughout the year. Some have been offered jobs in Atlanta, others weren't so lucky. I tend to see change, good or bad, as a part of life.

When I was younger, 1989 was a year of change in my life. The company I worked for decided to close down the manufacturing plant in Minnesota. They would absorb the work in two other states and I decided to move to California with the work. I asked my girlfriend if she would marry me and make the move together. We all remember the October '89 quake in California. We were living in the middle of that 7.2 earthquake and decided California was not for us. We traveled back cross-country, this time unemployed, as newlyweds to Minnesota. Today I see my family and job are because of those changes in 1989.

With the upcoming consolidation of work, we are told In-flight training from building F will move over to building N. We will also get some of Delta's door trainers from Atlanta and they will get some of NWA's equipment. MSP building N will be the combined training center for pilots and flight attendants. There will be many changes to our building to make this happen. A lot of construction is needed to get all this done before the January 2010 training classes begin.

When looking back at 2009, I truly hope we can say the Delta merger changed our life for the better, just like that earthquake changed my life, all those years ago.

ESSC SHOP COMMITTEE REPORT



By Kip Hedges, Lee Fargent, And Dan McCurdy

Delta Flights – On April 23 Northwest baggage handlers will begin working the Delta Air Lines 767 to CDG. On May 1 we will start working all other Delta mainline flights, approximately 14 flights per day. From May 1 to May 19, we will work those flights on the E Concourse. Those flights will then move to the F Concourse. All Delta regional jets will be worked by Mesaba, but we will continue to transfer bags tail to tail. The Delta flights include 2 very early morning departures. Local preference bids for 4:10AM full time starts will be posted.

American Airlines – Apparently we are not the only ones who have executives who feel they deserve bonuses in the middle of a financial crisis and hard times. The Dallas News reported on Wednesday, April 15 that hundreds of angry baggage handlers gathered outside American's corporate headquarters to protest lack of progress in contract negotiations, while executives gave themselves handsome bonuses. Union workers have given large concessions to help keep that airline afloat. Fred Harris, long time baggage handler attending the rally, told the Dallas News, "If they want dedication, if they want sacrifice from us, then we expect the same from them." Well put, Fred.

Union Yes From A Legal Standpoint

Roger Poehls, a Workers Compensation Attorney will explain why union workers fare better than non union workers when dealing with the legal system. He will also explain how to make sure you get everything you are legally entitled to when you are injured at work. He will be speaking at the Bloomington Eagles Club on Thursday, May 14 from 1:30PM to 3:30PM and again on Thursday, May 23 from 8:30 to 10:30. Everyone is welcome.

T-Shirts – If you have not gotten a Union Strong T-Shirt yet, we still have some left. You can get one at the Shop Committee Office.

OFFICIAL CALL 2009 IAMAW DISTRICT 141 CONVENTION

In accordance with the provisions of Article V, Section 1, of the District Lodge 141 Bylaws, Official Call is hereby issued for nominations to the 2009 District Lodge 141 Convention. This convention call is only for members of United and US Airways in good standing and in Air Transport D. L. 141.

The District 141 Convention will be held **September 21-25, 2009** at the Golden Nugget in Las Vegas, NV.

Nominations for **Two (2) delegate** positions will be accepted at the regular union business meeting held at the Eagles Club Post # 3208 located at 9152 Old Cedar Ave., Bloomington, Minnesota on **May 14, 2009**.

If needed, an election for **Two (2) delegate** positions will be held on **June 11, 2009** at the regular union business meeting held at the Eagles Club Post #3208 located at 9152 Old Cedar Ave., Bloomington, MN.

According to **Local Lodge Bylaws**, "members unable to attend the nominating meeting may nominate in writing, such nomination to be submitted to the Recording Secretary prior to the meeting. Delegates to conventions must have attended at least six (6) regular Local Lodge meetings during the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the close of nominations.

ESE RETIREMENT PARTY

April 15 at the Bloomington Eagles Club was one more chance for all of us to say goodbye to ESE's who are retiring or taking the early out. But nobody imagined that over 800 retirees, current employees and friends would attend. Thanks to Pat Sullivan for a great job putting it together.



HONOR OUR DEAD Workers Memorial Day 2009

Memorial for Workers

*I write these words of honor, for those who gave their lives;
And for their families, their husbands and their wives.
For those whose lives were spent, doing what they must
Working for a living like every one of us.
Their time cut short, by things that didn't have to be;
To make the workplace safer, for people like you and me.
To make sure their stories will never go untold;
To always keep their memories from ever growing cold.
We must remember the price they all had to pay;
When we honor the men and women on Workers Memorial
Day.*

Mike Baird, Lodge 21, International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers

A brief ceremony was held on April 29th, Workers Memorial Day, at the District 143 grounds to honor those who have died on the job in their workplace. Thanks to Mary Sansom, Recording Secretary, and the Local 1833 Safety Committee, this day continues to be observed every year to remember and honor those who have lost their lives.

"OSHA is working so short staffed that worksites may never be inspected within a workers lifetime," said Steve Hunter, Minnesota AFL-CIO. OSHA funding and staffing has not kept pace with the growth in the nation's workforce. As a result, OSHA's ability to provide oversight has diminished with the average frequency of federal OSHA inspections now more than once every 137 years for covered workplaces. "We must change the law so all workers can have a union and safer worksites thru joint Safety Committees. We can call our Representatives today and urge them to support the Employee Free Choice Act."

Working people are looking to the new President to strengthen the OSHAct with tougher civil and criminal penalties, increase funding for OSHA to provide greater oversight, and fully implement the provisions of the MINER Act. Just last week, legislation (H.R. 2067) was introduced to strengthen health and safety penalties, bring more workers under the protection of OSHA, protect workers who blow the whistle on employers who break the law and strengthen worker safety rights.

Ken Hooker, President of Local 1833 declared, "We need to make sure we have a union contract on this property to ensure the safety measures put in place are enforced. Next year at this time we will be a family, a union family at Delta."



2009 IAMAW LOCAL 1833 SUMMER PICNIC



Join your union brothers and sisters for a day out provided by Local 1833.

You and your family will enjoy meeting new friends and visiting with old acquaintances.

Provided free of charge: brats and burgers on the grill, chips, cookies, ice cream, popcorn, beer, wine, and soda.

Live music and prizes!

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 10:00AM - 9:00PM

Johnny Cake Ridge Park East
Johnny Cake Ridge Rd. & 140th st.
Southeast Corner, Apple Valley, MN

DIRECTIONS FROM AIRPORT

Take 494 West to 77 South
To 140th Street.

Turn Left to Johnny Cake Ridge Rd.

Parking available on either Johnny Cake Ridge Road or 140th Street.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO VOLUNTEER AT THE PICNIC, CONTACT BRIAN SMITH AT 612-670-4023 OR PAT SULLIVAN AT 952-270-2163, OR WWW.LOCALIAM1833.ORG.

LOCAL 1833 MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES. MUST REGISTER AND ATTEND EVENT TO WIN.

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Local Lodge 1833 Meeting Information

Executive Board Meetings
Local 1833 Conference Room
8030 Old Cedar Avenue
Bloomington MN

Union Meetings - Eagles Club #3208
9152 Old Cedar Avenue, Bloomington MN



Executive Board Meeting	May 13, 2009	3PM
Day Shift Meeting	May 14, 2009	4PM
Executive Board Meeting	May 28, 2009	3PM
Late Shift Meeting	May 28, 2009	11:15PM
Executive Board Meeting	June 10, 2009	3PM
Day Shift Meeting	June 11, 2009	4PM
Executive Board Meeting	June 25, 2009	3PM
Late Shift Meeting	June 25, 2009	11:15PM

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Please feel free to submit articles, letters or pictures
 you would like to have printed. Submissions can be
 dropped off at the Local or sent via fax or e-mail.

**All submissions to the July/August newsletter are
 due no later than 3PM Wednesday, June 10th.**

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