

RED TALES

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Union Picnic – Over 2,000 members, families and friends of Local 1833 consumed more than 2,000 burgers, 1,000 hot dogs, and 1,000 bratwursts. Kids and their families visited the nearby water park by the hundreds. Saturday, June 20 was the third annual Local 1833 picnic. By any measure, it was huge success.

We had visitors from several Delta stations, the Iron Range Reservation Center and the Sioux City Reservation Center. Other visitors came from FSD, FAR, DTW, SEA, Florida, Virginia, Maryland and California. Members of the Twin Cities labor movement joined us as well.

Quite a day. Great volunteers, food, beverages, sun. It doesn't get any better. Thanks to Brian Smith and Pat Sullivan, who organized another great event.

Union Meeting – The next night shift meeting will be on Thursday, June 25 at 11:15 PM. It will be held at the Bloomington Eagles Club. Please attend this very important meeting.

Radio Etiquette – Northwest management in MSP has issued an unsigned memo reminding everyone using the radio of proper procedure. There is even a list of prohibited words or "words to avoid". Among these are,

oops, huh, yep, ahhh, nope, oh oh stop and okey dokey. Please don't be a violator. The memo warns us, "Remember the whole world is listening." Seriously?

Pucks (Work Assignments)– We have had an outbreak of management moving RTSM assignment task bars recently. Northwest management has begun RTSM meetings again to try to iron out problems with the system. If you are a lead, please let us know if this is happening. We will file a grievance for you because management is doing your job. Leads, please assign yourself to any flights you are working so that the work you do is accurately recorded.

FMLA – The new federal regulations for Family Medical Leave significantly expand rights for employees who are in the armed services or have a spouse in the services. We will be printing these new regulations in Red Tales after we have clarification on certain points.

Pension Story- (Continued from Pg. 2)
4- In the future Delta's contribution to the IAM Pension Plan can be increased through negotiations with the union. Our starting point for those negotiations will be the 7% Delta already says they are willing to match in a 401k. For an employee with 20 years in the NPP, this would mean a \$1200/month payment for life, guaranteed in writing.