

NEWSLETTER –AUGUST 7, 2009

“If matters go badly now, they will not always do so.”

Summertime is in full swing and I hope that everyone is staying out of the heat and getting cool. The work picture is changing but not for the better and it looks as though next year may not be much better either. We need to brace ourselves for these slow and uncertain times. This all stems from our country's economic slowdown which has finally come our way. The country's economy will survive and turn around, as will we. If there are any requests for travelers to work in any of our sister local's areas, I shall make them available ASAP. Now is the time to make sure that your credentials and/or certifications are current. If you are in need of a certification and/or refresher course, please call the JAC to be put on the list for the next available class.

The New September 1st Wage Rate and Dues Sheet is enclosed.

Motorcycle Ride from Local 709 Hall to Green Valley on Saturday, August 29, 2009 - Meet at the hall at 8am to register for the ride. We will have coffee and donuts available before heading out on the ride. A great time was had by all who attended last year. Call Chris at the hall to RSVP.

Attention All Apprentices: A Time Change for all School Classes beginning this Fall semester. Classes will begin at 5:00pm sharp and end at 9:00pm. Be on the lookout in the mail for class assignments which will be mailed out shortly after this newsletter. Classes begin September 8, 9, & 10.

Monthly Dues Reminder - \$19.00 - 26.00 Monthly Dues (Dependent on classification)
3 Months + 1 Day = \$50 Reinstatement Fee + Dues
6 Months + 1 Day = Expulsion (Must call Business Manager for amount)

Reminder for those that have Automatic Payment of Monthly Base Dues through Union Yes Federal Credit Union. Please be advised that your account must have a minimum balance, at the beginning of each month, equal to that of \$25 plus the amount which you have requested to be paid to Local 709. If not, no payment will be sent to Local 709 and that month's dues will not be paid. Your authorization of payment is for a set amount only each month. You will not receive a notice either from the Credit Union nor Local 709 regarding there being no dues payment. Please contact Maribel or Judy to check on your current charges due.

Another Reminder to always keep your contact information current. If we do not have your correct and current contact information, then we will be unable to contact you should there be a need. This means either through mailings or phone calls. Just because you put a new phone number in the out-of-work book, this does not mean that the computers have been updated. You must notify Maribel or Judy of all changes immediately.

Irwindale Speedway vouchers are available. Vouchers are very limited and are on a first come, first served basis with a limit of only two (2) per member. Please see Maribel or Judy at the hall.

Reminder - HIPAA Rules require a Signed NASI Medical Privacy Authorization Form to allow others access to your health records. The same is true for your spouse and any other dependents over the age of 18. If forms are needed, please contact Maribel or Judy at the hall or visit www.nasifund.org/PDFs/Welfare_Fund/authorizationForm.pdf

Congratulations to 24/7 Fire Protection – They have become the first contractor since the 90’s to be signatory to Local 709’s Fabrication Agreement. Here’s to the beginning of a new facet of our working relationship.

Fraternally yours,



Michael P. Huerta
Business Manager/Financial Secretary

Dates to Remember:

- August 11, 2009 – Retiree Fishing Trip*
- August 26, 2009 – Retiree Pot Luck / Bingo*
- September 1, 2009 – New Wage & Benefit Rates for All*
- September 7, 2009 – Labor Day Holiday (Double Time Rate)*
- September 8, 2009 – Retiree Fishing Trip*
- September 14, 2009 – Regular Union Meeting*

Reminder Check payable to: LOCAL 709

Check/Money Order No. _____

Journeyman \$26; Apprentice \$26; Residential \$24; Retired (65 B4 12/31/01) \$15; Retired (65 B4 12/31/06) \$19; Retired (All Other) \$20 Mail to: 12140 Rivera Road., Whittier, CA 90606 Amount \$ _____	
Month(s) Paying:	
Initiation Due:	
Death Assessment:	\$21 for 2008
Reinstatement Fee:	

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