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USW LOCAL 1137

*Representing the Maintenance, Storeroom,
Transportation and Fire Control employees of
International Paper's Courtland, AL mill*

OFFICERS:

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Guards: David Garrison, Robert Poellnitz*

News and Notes —

We hope everyone had a safe and happy 4th of July Holiday weekend!

The OSHA VPP Audit will be the week of July 13. Some of you may be interviewed by the audit team and some may be assigned to tour with the audit team, to make 'quick-fixes' on issues found.

At our June meeting, the body voted to send 7 people to the USW District 9 Education Conference in August. This is an excellent opportunity for some of our people to get some great training from the USW staff.

There will be a meeting of the USW's IP Conference held in Pittsburgh the week of August 3. We will vote at the July meeting on sending someone to this important meeting.

Stewards Meeting
Friday July 10
7:30 am
Training Center
Room 108

The Fall outage is now scheduled to begin on or about November 2. The last two weeks of September are now available for vacations if you want to switch to one of these previously blocked out weeks. Anyone who has either or both of the first two weeks of November scheduled for vacation will still be able to take them but no more will be added to those weeks.

We have eight grievances outstanding to discuss at this month's meeting. We have four second-step answers and 4 third-step answers.

U.S. Congressman Parker Griffith visited the mill on June 22. Although we are disappointed that he hasn't signed on to co-sponsor the Employee Free Choice Act, we did get a commitment from his staff that he would support the bill by voting for it.



Upcoming Meetings:

Monday July 13

Monday August 10

Monday September 14

3:45 PM

*Alan Loosier was the
winner of the
USW jacket
at our June meeting.*



"The American Labor Movement has consistently demonstrated its devotion to the public interest. It is, and has been, good for all America."

John F. Kennedy

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Local 1137 Committees — The following committees, required by the USW Constitution, have been appointed. These committees will meet as needed and training will be provided as available.:

Workers' Compensation Committee: Edwin Smith, Joe Crow and Kevin Messer.

Human Rights Committee: Prenell Dunbar, Sharon Jackson, Billy Leone and Robert Poellnitz.

Organizing Committee: James Messer, David Dutton, David Garrison, Tris Peck and Edwin Smith.

Health and Safety Committee: Tim Agee, George Carthen, Robert Cook, Cyndel Hood and Kenneth Sewell.

Women's Committee: Sharon Jackson, Janie Bush, Cyndel Hood, Karen Odom and Rhonda Trapp.

We also have these Local committees appointed:

Building Committee: David Dutton, Don Hutto and Larry Owens.

Overtime Committee: Billy Leone, James Messer, Tris Peck and Edwin Smith.

Utilities Issues Committee: James Messer and Edwin Smith. We will also bring one or two of the various Utility Workers into the meetings as needed.

According to Article VIII, Section 1, of the USW Constitution — *“The President shall appoint all committees not otherwise provided for and shall be ex-officio member of all committees.”*

Our **Grievance Committee** (Bill Flippo, George Johnson, James Messer, Johnny Phillips and Edwin Smith) was elected at the same time as our officers.

As many of you know, Robert “Babe” Wilson is now on active duty in Afghanistan. Terry Honeycutt recently spoke with Babe and passed along this contact information:

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FOB SHARANA
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E-Mail:
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We encourage everyone to send him a letter, card or e-mail and maybe include a snap shot or two.



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Everyone, especially our stewards, should check out our website at www.usw1137.org fairly often. We try to keep it updated with the latest information for our members. If you have anything you would like to see posted there, let us know and we will try to do it. We have links there to several interesting websites for union members.

Suggestions and ideas for the newsletter can be turned in to any of the officers. We want this to be interesting and useful for the members of Local 1137 so let us know what you want and need to see in the newsletter and on the website!

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