The State permitting process is in the final stages for the 70 megawatt Laidlaw Biomass Project in Berlin. The Department of Environmental Services has issued a Draft Temporary Air Permit for the project. With the issuance of the draft the department will conduct one more hearing in Berlin at the Berlin City Hall, July 1, 2010 at 6pm. The public comment period will close the following day July 2, 2010. After the final hearing and the comment period the department will compile all the comments and make a decision regarding the air permit by July 26th. The decision will be sent to the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee, which has set the deadline of July 26 for all final documents to be submitted. The SEC will be making their decision on the plant in late August or early September. We are hopeful the SEC will issue the permits and construction will start in late fall on the project.

The National Building Trades, our congressional delegation and Senator Jeanne Shaheen are continuing to put pressure on the US Department Of Labor to reissue the Manchester Job Corps Center with a PLA provision in the bid documents. The DOL has requested more information from the building trades as to the benefits of a PLA before they make a decision on the Manchester project.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone that helped with the local outing and a special thanks to Jim Griffin for his commitment to the event. It was a great day.

Also congratulations to our newly elected Executive Board member Mike Fanning.

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July
The 4th of July is a very special holiday. One of the greatest symbols of this patriotic celebration is the American flag. Many folks display the good old “red, white and blue” without realizing its history or the ceremony attached to it.

The Grand Union Flag- 1775: also known as the Continental flag, it is the first true U. S. Flag. It combined the British Union Jack and the thirteen stripes signifying the Colonial unity. The thirteen alternating red & white stripes represented the original colonies. The use of the British Union in the upper corner indicated a continued loyalty, as Americans then saw it, to the government against which they fought.

The First Stars and Stripes - It is the first official American Flag to be recognized internationally & is the flag that resulted from Congressional action June 14, 1777. It was commissioned by George Washington. There has never been confirmation that Betsy Ross actually created the very first version of this flag.

The Star Spangled Banner: Created by the Flag Act of May 1, 1795, adding 2 stripes & 2 stars for the new states of Vermont & Kentucky. This was the flag carried by Meriwether Lewis & William Clark during their 1804 expedition into the Northwest Territory. Francis Scott Key immortalized it during the bombardment of Fort McHenry, September 13, 1814

The 1818 Flag: Realizing that the addition of a new Star AND a new stripe for each new state was impractical, Congress passed the Flag Act of 1818 which returned the flag design to 13 Stripes & specified 20 stars, one for each of the 20 states then in the Union.

Today’s “Old Glory” – From 1818 to the present, the multiple changes of the flag consisted solely of the addition of individual stars with the addition of each new state. In August 1959, the 50th star was added when Hawaii has added to the union.

Flag Etiquette

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing.
- The flag should not be used as a drapery, for covering a speaker’s desk, draping a platform, or for any other decoration.
- The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms.
- When the flag is flown at half-staff, it should first be raised to full staff and then lowered to half-staff. When lowering a flag that is at half-staff, it should first be raised to full staff and then lowered.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.
The Bulletin Board

Congratulations to Mike Fanning on his election to the Local Union 131 Executive Board

TRIVIA

- Honey is the only food that does not spoil. Honey found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs has been tasted by archaeologists and found edible.
- The Beatles are the only band to ever hold the Top Five spots on the "Billboard" singles chart all at the same time. (April 4th, 1964)
- The only part of the human body that has no blood supply is the cornea in the eye. It takes in oxygen directly from the air.

Early Monday morning Mary found her husband in the garage, murdered. The police determined he had been dead for 24 hrs. When questioned, Mary and the staff gave these alibis:
* Mary said she was sleeping.
* The Cook was making breakfast.
* The Gardener was picking vegetables.
* The Maid was getting the mail.
* The Butler was cleaning the closet.

The police arrested the murderer right on the spot.

Who did it and how did they know?

>> RETIREES’ BREAKFASTS <<
every first Monday – 9:00 am Windmill Restaurant, Loudon Rd, Concord

>> RETIREES’ ASSOCIATION MEETINGS <<
Discontinued for the summer

There are NO meetings during the summer! The next meeting will be September.

Retiree’s Breakfasts will continue through the summer.

Summer Events of Interest
- The Pease Air Force Base will be hosting an air show on August 28th and 29th.
- B17 Bombers @ Manchester Airport - Sept 22,23 & 24

We already have many special features lined up for the next several meetings in the fall!

Retiree membership dues (just $20!) are due in September. These funds are used for charitable works for our own retirees (flowers and cards for the ill – donations to those in hardship – etc - )

Please be sure to get your dues in ASAP!