It looks like warm weather is finally here and it brings our annual outing at Bear Brook State Park. We will have the outing on Saturday, June 14th at 11:00 AM rain or shine. Tickets are available at the hall and some jobsites. They are $5.00 per person and you get a pig roast by member Cliff Moberg, 2 lobsters, steamers, hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages, and refreshments. Retirees and apprentices are free but they must call and get a ticket so we can keep an accurate count of who is attending. Last year we had almost 250 members attend. We will try to have a softball game this year with the journeymen against the apprentices. There will also be horseshoe games. The cutoff date to purchase tickets will be June 4th.

It was brought up at the meeting to look into a Local 131 golf tournament this year. In order to do this I will need a rough idea on how many members would like to participate. Please call my office and let me know if you would be interested (ext. 12).

At our recent union meeting the members voted to put $0.40 of the contract increase into the Health & Welfare (continued)
Plumbing Seminars for 2003:
May 12\textsuperscript{th}, August 11\textsuperscript{th} and November 10\textsuperscript{th}
All Seminars start promptly at 6:30 pm. The 2000 International Plumbing Code books are required and are available for $48 each.

Valve Repair Training:
The basic valve repair class is scheduled to start on April 21\textsuperscript{st} and will run Monday’s and Wednesday’s through May 21\textsuperscript{st}. The class will also include two Saturday’s, May 10\textsuperscript{th} and 17\textsuperscript{th}.

Arrangements are underway with the Atlantic Group to provide an advanced valve repair class, which will be held in August.

Pipe Tradesman Training:
Classes for the 2002/2003 Academic Year are scheduled to complete on May 19\textsuperscript{th}.

Apprentice Training:
Classes for the 2002/2003 Academic Year are scheduled to complete on May 22\textsuperscript{nd}.

I would like to THANK ALL of you who have expressed interest in the UA Local 131 Training program… I will be in contact with each of you as arrangements for the 2003/2004 Academic Year get underway!

‘GRUMBLING IN HANOVER’
The grumbling in Hanover turned out to be just that. Only one employee out of 30 is willing to fight for his right to organize.

HB 821 ‘RIGHT TO WORK’
As most of you know, the Right to Work bill was defeated in the N.H. Legislature again. A huge amount of effort went into defeating this bill. Again I THANK all that participated. Now we must THANK our Legislators that voted in our best interest.
I ask you once again to get involved and write your Legislators a nice short ‘Thank You’ letter. Anyone wishing more information, can give me a call at the office. I have a letter outline available and a list of how each House Representative voted.

PROGRESS IN BERLIN
The NH Building Trades Organizers have attempted to help our contractors and our members in the north country and it seems to have had some effect. Most recently, CCB worked a shutdown for the mill and NGS, Limbach and Sullivan & Merritt are looking to bid work at the mill.

NEXT TARGETS
With the large amount of school renovations and new construction scheduled, we are attempting to get our contractors involved and get some of this work. We are also actively pursuing the new baseball stadium project, and related construction.

POLITICS
The next battle we need help with, is the attack on the Fair Labor Standards Act. This legislation established the 40 hour work week. President Bush and his Republican cronies, are attempting to pass the Family Time Flexibility Act. It is designed to end the payment of overtime, and give you compensatory time off at the employers discretion. It also establishes an 80 hour, two week pay period. NH Senator Judd Gregg is a sponsor of this legislation. We need to contact our Congressmen and Senators and express our dismay. I have addresses and phone numbers on the way.

We need your support.
Thank you,
Fraternally,………… Tim Poulin
The Organizers column points out the new area of concern for the labor effort in New Hampshire. Watch your mailbox!!

We are sending out a flier with a map of the state of New Hampshire that shows the areas in Districts One and Two. In the flier will be the names and addresses of the respective Senators and Representatives for each District. In the battle for “Right To Work”, the most powerful force to win the fight was all the letters that came from individuals like you!! ? We need you to rally again, and FAST, since they are trying to railroad this Family Time Flexibility Act through by MAY 10th, before anyone notices!! The personal letters are the ones that the politicians listen to the most, since they are truly the opinion of the people. However, there will also be a web site listed in the flier if you would prefer to speak out electronically!! Keep up the good fight!

**The Bulletin Board**

UNION MEETING / NOTIFIED
Wednesday 5/14/2003  7:00 PM
>Nominations for June Elections<

Password for website, 2nd quarter 2003 is “iraq” (all lower case)

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, June 14, 2003  Summer Outing at Bear Brook / Tickets $5.00 - available now
Saturday, October 4, 2003  Apprentice Graduation & Service Award Banquet

**Office Odds & Ends**

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**The Corner Office**

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and $0.50 into wages effective June 1, 2003. It was also voted to stop the $0.30 per hour Target Fund deduction from wages, also effective June 1st.

You have received a letter recently from Insurance Programmers explaining the new HIIPA laws pertaining to our insurance coverage. This is a Right To Privacy issue. We regret that Dave and I can no longer discuss your appeals or problems. By law, we cannot know any details whatsoever about your medical circumstances. Even as trustees, we can’t speak on specific individuals, only general issues. You must deal with Insurance Programmers directly.

Please keep our troops and members in Iraq in your prayers. Dennis

**Manpower Hour**

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Limbach is bidding work on the Manchester Schools as well as the Manchester Water Works’ new treatment facility.

It looks like the Manchester Riverfront Development is becoming a reality. We will be meeting again with the developer and contractors for this project.

As many of you know Randy Browning was called to active duty in February. His unit has recently been deployed to Kuwait. We are asking anyone interested in sending Randy mail or anything for a care package to bring it by the hall and we will send it out. We would like to try to send something every few weeks.

Dave