I attended the final hearing on the Temporary Air Permit of the Laidlaw Facility in Berlin. It was an informative meeting on the processes used by DES in evaluating the emissions from the proposed facility. The meeting was mostly a formality and there was no opposition to the plant from the attendees, as a result the Final Temporary Air Permit has been issued as of July 26, 2010. We met with representatives from Babcock & Wilcox to discuss the status of the plant and agreements B&W would be seeking in the construction of the facility. At this time B & W is in the process of producing a preconstruction cost estimate that can be used to finalize the funding and financial closing on Dec, 1st 2010. Laidlaw also is required to have fuel purchasing agreements in place before the Dec. 1 date. Once the closing takes place construction will start immediately in order to take advantage of energy credits. B&W plans on using the National Maintenance Agreement on the site. This is the same agreement we are currently working under at the Merrimack Station project. The job is looking to be a forty hour project with duration of 20 months.

Last week the Governor signed SB 495 the public procurement bill into law. The new law is a win for the building trades because it will set up a committee to look at the current procurement practices in the state which amount to low bid, and allow as many as 5 projects to move forward that take into consideration things like apprenticeship training, health insurance, retirement benefits and a livable wage. We are hopeful the committee will see the value of these benefits, not only to the workers but also to the state since workers with insurance and pensions are not relying on state services.

Work over the past month has been slow with no new work starting. Work on the road has also been slow with members working in NY, IL, TN and CA.

We currently have:
* 161 working for local contractors
* 23 working locally for out of town contractors
* 19 working on the road
* 35 members out of work

AZCO has arrived at Bow and hired 4 members to date for work on the service water pump house and BOP piping.

BSE has hired 3 members for work on the conveyor systems at Bow that is scheduled to be completed by September.

JE Shekell has hired 2 members for work on the control room HVAC system that is scheduled to be completed by mid August.

JM Aarud has won some stainless steel fusion welding work at the Waste Management Land Fill and Gas Plant in Rochester. They have hired 2 members to date and hope to land more work there in the near future.

MJ Electric has been awarded the BOP instrumentation package at Bow and is scheduled to hire in September.

ES Boules has been awarded the I & C package for the Sterling Boiler work at Bow and is not sure if they are going to self perform that work or sub it to NPI, CCB, or S&M.

Local 773 in Glens Falls, NY has begun to hire travelers for the construction of a new Paper Machine in Hudson Falls, NY working 6-10s and the AMD Plant in Malta, NY working between 40-50 hours a week.
Apprenticeship & Training
Kim Trisciani / Training Coordinator

Apprentice Training:
The 2009-2010 Apprentice of the Year winner is Albin Vasquez, third year apprentice with NPI. Congratulations to Albin! A formal presentation will take place at the September quarterly union meeting.

Welcome to our 5 new apprentices: Mike Boyle (NPI), Mike Moran (NPI), Henry Santosuoasso (BSE), Blake Smith (RTH) and Andrew Wilbrandt (RTH)

The 2010-2011 academic year will kick off on Wednesday, September 8th with the quarterly Union Meeting which is mandatory for all apprentices. Orientation will be held on Tuesday, September 14th. Notification of these dates went out to all apprentices July 13th. Any apprentice who has not received their notification is required to contact the Training Coordinator to update their contact information.

Any questions, comments or suggestions for the Apprentice and Training Program are welcomed and encouraged.

UA Weld Test Event:
Weld tests will be held quarterly. Our test event on July 21st was successful with twelve members testing. NPI, RTH and HVAC Unlimited have committed to participate in the quarterly test events as contractor representatives. Interested members are encouraged to register via the Local’s website, www.ualu131.org so appropriate arrangements can be made. The next weld test event will be held October 20, 2010.

UA Welding and UA Medical Gas Installer Continuity requirements are required every six (6) months.... please check your credentials and submit your continuity documents accordingly.

Plumbing Seminars 2010:
August 2 * November 1
Registration begins at 5:30 PM. Class starts promptly at 6:00 PM! IPC 2009 codebooks are required. Current NH Plumbing license and UA Membership card with dues paid current are required.

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2010 THE STATE OF NH IS NOW USING THE 2009 IPC BUILDING, MECHANICAL & PLUMBING CODES!

Office Bits & Bytes
Mo Demers / Office Administrator

The Local 131 website is a great source of information and I’d like to strongly recommend getting registered and using it on a regular basis. The website is available to you 24 hours a day - 7 days a week. Certainly there are times when you need some piece of information and the local office isn’t open to call. It’s probably on the website!

• You usually stop by the hall to pay your dues, but you’re working out of town and need to mail it. Then you realize you can’t remember the street address for the local office. It’s on the website!
• You just can’t seem to remember the current monthly dues rate. It’s on the website!
• You’re planning a hiking trip with the family and you need to know whether or not we honor a certain holiday. Well, you know that it’s printed in the contract, but who the dickens remembers where they put that, if you even have a copy. It’s on the website!
• You’ve been talking about a certain labor law in NH and you know it might be online somewhere, but you can’t remember the web address to the Department of Labor. It’s on the website!
• You’re filling out some unemployment forms and you need the address and phone number for one of our contractors that you worked for. It’s on the website!
• You remember reading something in one of the newsletters, and you’d really like to look it up, but you don’t save your copies from month to month. It’s on the website!
• There’s an apprenticeship class scheduled for tonight, but it’s snowing like crazy. You really need to know if the class has been cancelled before you drive all the way down from Berlin. It’s on the website!
• You just heard that a brother you worked with has passed away, but you don’t know where he lived recently and can’t find his obituary in the local papers. You really want to attend the services, if you could just find out when and where. It’s on the website!
• You just received a letter from your daughter’s pediatrician that you owe them $ 1, 720.43!! You KNOW the insurance should have covered it. Gotta call Insurance Programmers NOW! But you don’t know the phone number. It’s on the website!

As you can see, there’s a lot to be found on the website. All you have to do is look! Check it out!

www.ualu131.org
MEMBER NEWS

Condolences to the family & friends of:

Brother Herbert Elliott, who passed away July 16, 2010
Brother Walter Kenney, who passed away June 30, 2010

Congratulations

Albin Vasquez  “2010 Apprentice Of The Year”

Albin is a 3rd year apprentice presently working for Northern Peabody. During the 2009/2010 training session, Albin maintained a 91% grade average!

TRIVIA

The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: $16,400

The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000

The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.

You are lost and alone in the woods. You stumble across an old cabin, and decide to stay there for the night. You want some heat and light. The only things you find in the cabin are a candle, an oil lamp and a wood burning stove. You look in your backpack and discover you only have one match left. What do you light first?

Jimmy Griffin / President

>> 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 14th, 10:00 am. 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! for the year) 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!