The United Association recently held their annual instructor training seminar at Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor Michigan. This year Local 131 had two instructors complete the five-year program and graduate. Congratulations to Tim Poulin and Training Coordinator Kim Trisciani.

I would like to thank the members from the North Country that took the time to turn out for the Building Trades Breakfast Meeting in Berlin on August 25th. Local 131 was very well represented by our members and their families who took time out of their weekend to bring to light the issues that face residents of Coos County. An estimated 15 million dollars in wages will be generated during the construction of the federal prison, the majority of which will almost certainly be going to people from outside the region and the state. We believe the issues raised during discussions that morning as well as pressure put on local politicians can only help in our effort. We believe local people should benefit from the influx of federal money, not only in the hospitality industry through rooms and meals but with good wages, benefits and skills that allow them to earn a decent living.

The New Hampshire Chapter of the Alliance for Retired Americans has scheduled a meeting for September 10th at 11am here at the union hall. Any retired member or member who will be retiring soon is encouraged to attend. The NH chapter is just getting off the ground but is dedicated to working with other ARA chapters throughout the country to protect and improve retiree’s quality of life. We encourage all retiree’s to become active in this organization.

Work in the local area seems to continue to be status quo. No new activity of work to take on extra members. Work on the road is available to everyone with the closest work in Harrisburg Pennsylvania on a Coal Burner or Nuke with plenty of outage work throughout the country during the month of September. We currently have members on the road in PA, WA, UT, MA, MN, CT, FL, NV, SC, NM, NY, NE, and AZ.

We currently have:
* 140 working for local contractors
* 11 working locally for out of town contractors
* 43 working on the road
* 44 out of work

We have a new contractor signed with the local called Eastern Seaboard Mechanical Co-owned by member Bob MacIver with work being bid in the PNSY and surrounding area. Congratulations and good luck to our newly signed contractor.

NPI is still waiting for the work in Hanover to open up so they can get some manpower on the three jobs they have won at Dartmouth College. It is pretty typical of the College to have slow starts on their work.

RTH won the bid on the Londonderry Bus Terminal and the VA Hospital in Manchester along with some small jobs at the PNSY.

HVACU is still keeping all the manpower they have hired as they are getting more work awarded to them on existing jobs.

Amari Company has been putting on extra plumbers for short hits to help them keep up with their busy workload throughout the state.

The training season is back upon us and I can’t express enough how important it is to have updated skills, UA certifications, and Licenses in the trade. It seems as though every call we receive for manpower is for licensed plumbers, med-gas brazers, UA21 and UA22 certified welders. Please take advantage of all the free training we offer because the only thing we sell is a highly skilled and trained labor force.
**Apprenticeship & Training**  
Kim Trisciani / Training Coordinator

**APPRENTICE CLASSES FOR 2007/2008:**  
Classes will start Tuesday September 11th  
ALL APPRENTICES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND classes on September 11 & 13 and the quarterly meeting on September 12th.

September 11th, 6 pm: A representative from Comerica will be here to explain our Annuity fund benefits and options. All members are encouraged to attend!

**ORBITAL WELDING CERTIFICATION:** As stated at our August meeting…. There is a demand for UA Certified Orbital Welders for various projects…. Looking for six (6) to participate in the forty-hour certification course!

PLEASE CHECK OUT OUR LOCAL WEBPAGE!  
HTTP://WWW.UALU131.ORG

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**Office Bits & Bytes**  
Mo Demers / Office Administrator

Well, slowly more and more of you are logging on and getting registered. That’s great! There’s a wealth of information in there. The trick is check back OFTEN! Things change frequently, sometimes daily. And we can’t say it enough: please let us know anything you consider newsworthy for the rest of the membership. This is YOUR resource and we don’t want it to get stale.

Summer is winding down and all the kids are heading back to school. What about you? One of the great things about membership in the union is access to training. There is always a growing need for varied skills. The more current you are and the more skills and certifications you have, the more desirable you become to the contractors. The union prides itself on providing its contractors with “SKILLED” labor. And all you need do is ask! There are many, many courses that are, or can be, provided for no or little cost. The greatest hurdle is getting enough members to fill a class to make it feasible. So consider what old skills you might want to brush up on. Or think about all the new qualifications you could use in the field. Then pick up the phone and call! It’s here for you.

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**2007 Plumbing Seminars**  
*November 5*

All seminars begin at 6 pm. Current NH Plumbing License and UA Membership card required for registration.

**Effective July 1, 2007** apprentice registration fee’s for the State of NH will be...$60 initial application & $40 annually. All apprentices must be registered with the State of NH!

**Effective August 17, 2007** The 2006 edition of the International plumbing code and residential code have been adopted by the State of NH. IPC 2006 codebooks are available through the JATC for $65 each.

**REMINDER**
All UA certified welders and medical gas installers… continuity is required every six (6) months. If you are unable to satisfy this requirement on the job, you may do so here at the hall!
The Bulletin Board

- Union Meeting -
  Wednesday - Sept 12, 2007
This is a Quarterly Notified Meeting
Post card notices have been sent.

“That which does not kill us, merely postpones the inevitable”
(author unknown)

Member News

Condolences to:
Family & friends of David Chalbeck,
who passed away Aug. 4th

Family & friends of Roger Laliberte,
who passed away July 31st

Get Well Wishes to:
John Walker, who is recovering from severe
injuries from a motorcycle accident.

Curt Schelzel’s wife, who is recovering from
serious injuries from a moped accident.

INFORMATIONAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

September 10 - 11:00AM
“NH Alliance of Retired Americans”
meeting

September 11 - 6:00PM
“Comerica”
benefits discussion

Just a reminder! Monthly meetings start up again this month. The
first meeting is September 11, 10 am at the Union Hall. Coffee
and snack are served. And spouses are ALWAYS welcome.

Notices:

- Dennis Adams and Richard Zannini have both offered to come to the September meeting
to discuss their roles in the industry and their jobs with the UA (if their schedules permit). Hopefully both of them will be available, but we can expect at least one of them to make it.
- 2007/2008 Annual Dues are due at the September meeting. Dues are $10.00 for the whole year! Please try to get your dues in as soon as possible, as this is the only income we have. The Retiree Funds are used for aide and assistance for retirees down on their luck, as well as “Get Well” and “Sympathy” cards, refreshments at meetings and other expenses.
- The Retirees Association hopes to honor Local 131 brothers who are surviving WWII vets. We hope to make a presentation at the upcoming Service Awards Breakfast. If you are, or you know of any of our retirees who are WWII vets, please contact me ASAP. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all the staff are on the outside of this newsletter every month.