

Rank-and-File Autoworkers Conference

Sunday, November 14, 2010 • 11am – 4pm

University of Toledo, Scott Park Campus • Room 1300

Toledo, OH

"We know it's pretty hard to support a family and everything on a \$15-an-hour wage, but we also know that we have to keep General Motors and Ford and Chrysler competitive."

—Bob King, as quoted in Oct. 31, 2010 Detroit News/Free Press

What We Want:

SOLIDARITY

with Local 23 (Indianapolis GM Metal Fab) and Local 5960 (GM Lake Orion) members. Solidarity as a principle for the upcoming 2011 Contract Negotiations.

Working Agenda:

10:30—Registration

11-12—Plenary:

Welcome, introductions and updates on Local 23 and Local 5960. Reports from autoworkers at Ford, Chrysler, Jeep, GM, parts plants & retirees.

12-12:45—Lunch in Lobby (will provide lunch & ask for a donation)

12:45-2—Workshops

Break down into groups by work groups to discuss how to build an effective fight against concessions. What resolutions can we introduce to develop a discussion in our locals? At the March Bargaining Convention? How can we prepare ourselves for the 2011 contract negotiations?

2:15-3:15—Plenary: Developing Campaigns

A representative from each workshop will give a 3-min. summary of workshop followed by general discussion. What's our plan regarding submitting resolutions to the March Bargaining Committee? Are there some campaigns we could undertake? A couple of examples: the right to read/discuss the contract; organizing to make sure the vote is accurately conducted and reported.

3:15-4—Upcoming events:

Organizing an informational picket at the 2011 Auto Show; report on upcoming School of the Americas action

Email Dianne Feeley at feeleyd@earthlink.net by noon Saturday, November 13 to let us know you are attending.

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Directions to Scott Park Campus:

from the North: Take I-75 to exit 203B (Detroit Ave. US-24) toward OH-51/Monroe St. Turn Right onto N. Detroit Ave., turn Right onto Nebraska Ave., turn Left onto Parkside Blvd. Approximately 300 yards south of Nebraska on the right is Scott Park Campus, East Entrance (Parking Area 22).

from the South: Take I-75 North to exit 201A toward OH-25 South/Collingwood Ave, stay straight to go to Logan St., turn Left onto Collingwood Blvd., turn Left onto Nebraska, turn Left onto Parkside Blvd. Approximately 300 yards south of Nebraska on the right is Scott Park Campus, East Entrance (Parking Area 22).

If you have resolutions you'd like to see discussed at the Nov. 14th conference, email them to Wendy Thompson at Wthomp4490@aol.com by noon Saturday November 13. We will distribute them to all via email beforehand and have them available at the conference. These might include the right to read/discuss the contract before vote, restoration of COLA diversions, opposition to 2-tier & whipsawing, reclaim the right to strike, restore retiree health care & COLA, reverse consolidation of trades, keep plants scheduled to close open and open underutilized/closed plants for reconversion to green jobs at traditional pay — a real moratorium on plant closings!

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