

Apr 5, 11:26 am

Re-vote in Grand Rapids GM plant

In a letter dated April 2, 2010 on the letterhead of UAW Local 167, the following was posted in the plant before 11 pm on Sunday April 4, when C-Shift returned from the Easter Holiday:

“ On Friday April 2, 2010, Management (Ed DiEnno & Dale Johnson) called the union leadership to a meeting. The people present at this meeting were Gerald Karien (Assistant Director Region 1D), Harvey Woodard (Regional Rep 1D) Mark Monroe [Bargaining Chairman], John Kuk [A-Shift committeeperson] and Lloyd Holland [President of local 167]. We discussed changes to the contract that was turned down on April 1, 2010. After lengthy discussions, the committee did get two changes out of the meeting. The first is management will not take 40 hours of vacation for the July Vacation Shutdown Week for the length of the new contract [sos note: which means you can choose to take a week off without pay]. The second is current employees hired before 04-01-10 will be able to sponsor a person for preferential hiring [sos note: to a \$12 an hour job with no benefits and a no tolerance attendance policy]. These changes to the contract only apply after ratification. This will be the last offer from management [sos note: YEA!], Bill Shaw says there will be no changes to the Pay and Benefits. Please understand this. The committee along with the E-Board has decided to bring these new changes back to the floor for a vote. This vote will be posted in the communications boards so please look and thank you for your time and support.

In Solidarity,
Mark Monroe”

Ratification vote is scheduled for 6am April 8 thru 6am April 9, 2010

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sos note:

It has been reported that the Rochester plant is to vote on the EXACT proposal that the Wyoming plant turned away in a 2-1 margin.

We challenge Rocherster to beat the Grand Rapids voye NO!

Right on the GM website:

“Buick GMC sales increase 54 percent in March”

“GM sales rose 13 percent through February”

“Lutz (GM Vice Chairman) says ‘ GM is improving cashflow and profitability faster than projected.”