



SEPTEMBER 2008 WEBSITE REPORT

ESSEX ENGINE

The equipment removal continues at EEP, anyone walking into the plant would be greeted with a large area of empty floor space that was once the V6 head dept. The removal continued towards the south end of the plant with a large section of the V6 crank and broach area coming out and to the east the V6 rough end and crank load is empty space as well. The demolition will continue into the old 150K area that will be totally cleared out while the V6 cam and rod areas have some soft removals for equipment that will be reworked. The layout of the new engine line continues to change daily, the latest change is the engine drop will remain in place with some rework and expansion and not go into the V6 head area in front of the union office. The first engines are slated to roll off the line in December of 2009 so we will be into the New Year before we start to see any postings for the new program at EEP. The machining areas will also be into the new year before we see any IMS postings with a few trades coming in on the front end a little earlier but with the market changing daily the time lines continue to change as well.

ELECTION

I took a drive thru the Essex riding and could not believe the Jeff Watson signs. The leader of this country and Watson's boss is not a conservative but a member of the Reform and Western Alliance parties that joined the conservative party to get back in power after they were left with just two seats when Mulroney left. These two parties would never have even been given a vote in Ontario because they were PRO WEST and even spoke of a separate Western Canada. Now we slap a Conservative sign on their chest and they can lead this country. A vote for the CONSERVATIVE PARTY is a vote for Alberta, I urge everyone to vote strategic in the Essex riding on the last day, see who the strongest candidate that can knock off Watson and get behind them or the agenda of all jobs going to Alberta will continue.

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