



JANUARY 2008 WEBSITE REPORT

WINDSOR ENGINE

STATE OF THE PLANT

As of this writing January 27/08 Dept. 8685 Engine Assembly has had a down shift the week of Jan.14/08 the #3 shift was down for the week only the #2 shift worked. This was an inverse seniority layoff. At that time the company was indicating that we may have another down shift in February but that has since been cancelled and as of Jan 23/08 the company is indicating as of now there is no time on the schedule. I must add that these schedules can change quickly due to the company trying to keep inventories low. Also Dept. 8656 Rods laid off one shift as well and only worked 2 shifts during that week. All other machining depts. ran but most or all overtime was taken out of the weekend.

RALLY AT JEFF WATSONS OFFICE

On Jan. 17/08 we had a rally in Essex at Jeff Watsons office over his Governments refusal to ante up their share of financial incentives for the re-opening of Essex Engine Plant. I want to thank all of our members who showed up on such short notice. We had at least 500 people show up. Also it was nice to see some of our laid off members there as well. Mike Vince showed strong Leadership in his debate with Jeff. Lets all hope that the Progressive Conservative government starts to listen and not only help Ford and our members but also put together a comprehensive Manufacturing Policy in place before it is too late. HOW MANY MORE MANUFACTURING JOBS HAVE TO BE LOST BEFORE THEY START TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF CANADA!!

UNITED WAY

This years United Way campaign was outstanding considering all of the challenges our members have faced. With approximately 1,500 less people our members contributed \$1,340,371. Congratulations to everyone. Special Thanks to the co-chairs of W.E.P. Shaneen Whited and Ed Oosterbaan on a job well done. Also thanks to all the canvassers who canvassed our plant.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

W.E.P. Community Outreach program was nominated and in fact received the Ford 2007 Global Diversity And Worklife Summit Award. We were one of 26 groups to receive this award out of over 300 applicants in Ford world wide. Congratulations to this hard working and dedicated committee. And thanks to all the members of W.E.P. for supporting this great cause. In 2007 we raised and donated at least \$15,000.00 to many needy organizations in the community.

In Solidarity
Jeff Vilag
Plant Chairperson
Windsor Engine