



## JUNE / JULY 2008 WEBSITE REPORT

### WINDSOR ENGINE

#### STATE OF THE PLANT

The last couple of months have been extremely busy at the W.E.P. unfortunately not the kind of busy we would like. There have been many changes throughout the site but none more depressing than what is happening here at the W.E.P. and the Annex. Due to the very sharp rise in the price of oil our 5.4ltr. Engine has been affected dramatically. As of this writing approx. 185,000 engines have been taken out of our schedule, the company has taken the position that the best way to take that much volume out was by moving the 6.8 litre production from the L.V.L. back over to the W.E.P. On top of that our Production Schedule will be reduced from 2400 down to 2240 now, and then be re-adjusted again down to 2040 in September. The H.V.L. will also work 4 days a week now until the end of the year and we also have five down weeks scheduled from now until December 1/08 those being the weeks of July 21, July 28, August 18, September 22, and November 24. In the next month or so we should have a better idea of what December looks like. The company has also chosen to move all 5.4 Block and Crank machining over to the W.E.P. as well. This will deal another big blow to our members as we anticipate another 250- 300 job loss.

We can only hope that the price of oil and our Canadian dollar starts to come down and come down quick this may help ease consumer's minds and spark more truck sales. There is no reason for oil to be trading at \$140.00 a barrel when a year ago oil was in the \$60.00 -- \$70.00 a barrel range. Investors and speculators are doing everything possible to put fear into everyone's mind and make billions of dollars profit off oil and the Canadian and American government continue to sit on their asses and do nothing. These governments need to wake up and realize that their responsibility is to take care of their citizens, not just BIG BUSINESS.

#### 2008 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

If there is any doubt in anyone's mind that the decision to enter bargaining early was the wrong thing to do then all you need to do is to look at what has happened in the few short months since we ratified. There is absolutely no doubt in my mind that we would not have come out of bargaining in September with the deal that we did in May. Thanks to everyone who came out to the Ratification meeting and agreed with us on this new contract.

#### W.E.P. COMMUNITY OUTREACH

On June 7/08 we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Community Outreach Golf Tournament, it was a great day enjoyed by everyone who participated. On behalf of the Outreach Committee I would like to express my thanks to all the hole sponsors and volunteers who came out and helped us. Without your support it would not have been as successful as it turned out to be. Also special thanks to Rose City Ford and Performance Ford for being the lead sponsors and making a huge contribution to the Outreach Program. With everyone's support we were able to raise at least \$11,000.00. The big winners of the day will be the community where all funds will be distributed.

In Solidarity,

Jeff Vilag  
Plant Chairperson  
Windsor Engine