



# Update IAM LL 1943

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## Union Dues

We are transitioning from monthly dues to weekly deductions for union dues this month. Here is an explanation of how this will take place. Under the current system, monthly union dues for the previous month are deducted on the second Thursday of the next month. So next Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, April's dues will be deducted in the amount of \$64.05. On Thursday May 19<sup>th</sup>, Union dues for weeks ending May 7 and May 14 will be deducted. That amount will be \$29.56. On Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup>, Union dues for week ending May 21 will be deducted. That amount will be \$14.78. That same amount will be deducted weekly until there is a change in Union dues either because Grade 1 base pay changes, or if there is a change in International dues. We reached the \$14.78 figure by taking monthly dues (\$64.05) and multiplying that by 12 (months in a year) and then dividing by 52 (weeks in a year). Future changes in monthly dues will be calculated in the same manner to convert to weekly deductions. We negotiated this change to provide everyone with a steadier paycheck from week to week. If you have any questions about Union dues deductions, call anyone at the Union Hall at 425-3679. If you have questions about where your Local Union dues are spent, a ledger of every check written is provided at each month's membership meeting.

## King's Island Day!!

It's official! Our annual Union Picnic @ King's Island will be held July 31st. For those of you that have been able to attend in the past, this is a great time and a wonderful opportunity to get together with your Union Brothers and Sisters and their families. Tickets will be available at the Union Hall starting in June or maybe a little earlier. T-shirts will be available at the time you buy your tickets. Prices will be the same as last year: \$25 for regular tickets and \$5 for King's Island season pass holders. The past two years we have had around 1000 attendees each year. Lets see if we can top our personal best and get 1500 people out there.

## SB5

We received training in gathering petitions to repeal Senate Bill 5 at our Steward's meeting on Tuesday. We have petitions at the Union Hall that can be signed anytime from 7:30 a.m. through 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. A trained circulator must witness your signature in order for it to be valid. Everyone at the union Hall is a trained circulator, as are many Stewards. In the event you are not a registered voter, we have voter registration cards as well. After filling out a voter registration card, you can sign the petition. We feel very strongly that all Ohioans, especially those who belong to Unions, should want to see this issue on the ballot in November. By signing the petition, you will be helping place this issue on the ballot. We need to gather nearly 250,000 signatures across the State of Ohio, and want 1,750 coming from AK Steel and Pilot Chemical. We also believe that it's in your best interest to have your spouse and voting age children sign the petition. Relatives, friends, retirees, and neighbors are also welcome to sign the petition. This is the largest fight organized labor has had in our lifetimes; it's time for us all to join it.

## May Membership Meeting

The May Membership Meeting will be next Thursday at Forest Hills Country Club @ 4 p.m. The Good and Welfare Committee will be drawing the winning raffle tickets for their Gun Raffle at this meeting. A little bird told me that there will also be a few door prizes handed out. Come on out and join in the fun!!

## Verizon Wireless

Brad Bonds will be at the Union Hall on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 p.m. to help you save money on your plans, phones and accessories. Verizon now offers the I-phone. If you are interested in that product come see Brad or call him at (513) 254-8868.

## Yellow Ribbon Gate Collection

The Yellow Ribbon Gate Collection was a huge success. Thanks to your generosity, they collected \$828.00 and a truck load of items for our servicemen and women stationed overseas. The Committee is planning on taking the items to the Yellow Ribbon Support Center on Monday, May 9. The money collected will be presented to Keith Maupin to help pay for postage. If you are interested in going to the Yellow Ribbon Support Center, please meet at the Union Hall at 9:00 a.m. on Monday. The Good and Welfare Committee thanks you for your participation in this annual gate collection.

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