



Weekly Update

IAMAW LOCAL LODGE 1943



June 2, 2021

All Groups:

Membership Meeting

Our next membership meeting will be Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. at your Union Hall. We will be bringing the customary motions to pay the bills and to vote on the newly initiated members coming into the membership.

Local Lodge 1943 Picnic

This year the Union picnic will be at Stricker's Grove located at 11490 Hamilton Cleves Road Hamilton, Ohio 45013 on July 11, 2021. This event will begin at 12:00 pm and last until 8:00 pm. We will be distributing the tickets when they become available, in June. Please contact your Union Hall with any questions.

This event will be at no cost to the members and their families. Due to this being a free event, we ask that you only receive tickets for your immediate family. Each member will be allotted a maximum of six (6) tickets at no cost, any tickets needed over six (6) will be at a cost of \$25 per ticket. This is a way to keep costs within the allotted budget approved by the Membership and allow everyone to benefit. Children ages 2 and under will not require a ticket. This event is currently only open to active members and their families due to capacity concerns. There are other events for the retirees that will take place throughout the year. Thank you for your understanding.

Entry into the park includes the following: free parking, 15 rides, 2 roller coasters, free mini-golf, horseshoes, corn-hole, shaded picnic areas, and 2 shelter houses. There will also be free popcorn, cotton candy, sno cones, ice cream, soft drinks and beer.

A free buffet will be served from 3:00 – 5:30 pm. which includes: hot dogs, brats, metts, hamburgers, cheeseburgers, baked beans, potato salad, pasta mix, and cole slaw.

This Week in Labor History

June 1, 1921 - Established by Congress in 1920, the Railroad Labor Board cuts rail workers' wages 12.5 percent. Following a series of further actions by the Board over the next year, 400,000 railroad shop workers went out on what would be a bitter three month-long strike on July 1, 1922.

June 2, 1952 - The U.S. Supreme Court rules that President Harry Truman had no authority when he seized control of the nation's steel mills on April 8 – the day before a nationwide steelworkers' strike was set to begin – to keep them in production for the Korean War effort. 600,000 steelworkers went on strike on June 3, effectively ending production for the next six weeks.

June 3, 1916 - Forty miners at the Oliver Iron Mining Company on the Mesabi Iron Range in northern Minnesota walk off the job. The strike was marked by violence and repression. The civil liberties of strikers were violated, mine guards and police used force to intimidate strikers, union leaders were jailed, and the company refused to negotiate with the workers. The strike ended in mid-September when the workers won some of their demands.

June 6, 1937 - A general strike by some 12,000 auto workers and others in Lansing, MI, shuts down the city for a month in what would become known as the city's "Labor Holiday." The strike was precipitated by the arrest of nine workers, including the wife of the local union president.

Cleveland Cliffs

Breaking News

This Is Not a Drill! The Contracts Are Finally Here!

After a long and arduous journey back and forth from the printer, and several reviews, the contracts have finally been delivered. We are in the process of picking them up from Labor Relations and will be distributing them as expeditiously as possible. Your Committeepersons will coordinate with the Stewards to get them passed out to the members. Please reach out to your Committeeperson with any questions or concerns.



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6G Pipe Welding Course

There will be a 6G Pipe Welding course offered from June 7th through July 9th. This course is only offered a few times a year. If you have a Pipefitter /Welder job bid and need this training see your Maintenance Section Manager and they will determine if they can send you. For more information contact Willie Parman at the Union Hall 513-423-6573

Planning to Retire Soon? Please Read

These tables have been created to assist you with understanding the significance of various dates in 2021. Please be aware that the AK Steel/Cleveland Cliffs pension plan is a completely separate plan from the IAM National Pension Fund plan. You will have to apply for each pension separately.

The small table can be used to determine when you should apply for your IAM pension based on which month you want to retire in. For example: If you want to retire on any day in November of 2021, then the earliest you are able to apply for your IAM pension is June 4th, 2021. You may contact the fund at 1-800-424-9608 and they will mail you an application. However, we recommend that you apply online at www.iammpf.org. If you need assistance with the online application process, please contact Bill Heater at the Union Hall 513-423-6573.

The small table does not apply to the AK Steel pension. For the AK Steel pension, you can apply approximately 3 months ahead of your retirement date. Contact Kathy Johnson at 513-425-6408.

Retire in:	Pension effective date:	1st day eligible to apply:
Jan-21	2/1/2021	8/5/2020
Feb-21	3/1/2021	9/2/2020
Mar-21	4/1/2021	10/3/2020
Apr-21	5/1/2021	11/2/2020
May-21	6/1/2021	12/3/2020
Jun-21	7/1/2021	1/2/2021
Jul-21	8/1/2021	2/2/2021
Aug-21	9/1/2021	3/5/2021
Sep-21	10/1/2021	4/4/2021
Oct-21	11/1/2021	5/5/2021
Nov-21	12/1/2021	6/4/2021
Dec-21	1/1/2022	7/5/2021

The large table is a list of significant dates in 2021 for each pension plan. Use these dates, along with the accompanying explanations, to help determine the best time to retire based on your circumstances.

Date:	Applicable Pension:	Significance of Date:
8/31/2021	AK/Cliffs	This is the last day you can retire and still have your AK Steel pension paid in the form of a lump sum calculated using 2021 actuarial tables. This is because your lump sum calculation is based on the date your pension commences, not the date of retirement. If you retire after this date (September or later), your lump sum will be calculated using 2022 tables. This will result in the lump sum amount possibly being lower, or possibly being higher. The 2022 tables will not be available until the end of October 2021.
12/31/2021	IAM	This is the date we are recommending to retire on or before if your goal is to retire before the IAM Pension Fund change takes effect. Your pension effective date is the first of the month following the month you retire. So, if you retire any day in November, your pension effective date is December 1st. Accordingly, if you retire any day in December, your pension effective date is January 1st. Be aware that 1/1/2022 is the date the IAM Pension Fund plan changes will take effect. The Trustees of the Fund have clarified that a member can retire in December and not be affected by the Rehabilitation Plan changes (assuming a properly completed application has been received before 12/30/2021).
12/31/2021	AK/Cliffs	You must be employed by AK/Cliffs on this date to be eligible for your 2022 vacation. Therefore, if you retire on 12/30/2021 (or before) you will not be entitled to your 2022 vacation. Put another way: you must retire on 12/31/2021 (or later) to be eligible for your 2022 vacation pay.
1/1/2022	IAM	This is the date the Pension Rehabilitation Plan changes begin. If you have not retired by 12/31/2021 with a properly completed application to the fund before 12/30/2021, you will be subject to the new plan rules.