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Meetings & Events February 2021

2/11	4pm	Comm. & E Board Mtg.
2/15	6pm	Q-C Fed Delegates Mtg @Local 25
2/16	6:20am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20am	" " "
	3:20pm	" " "
	6:20pm	" " "
	11:20pm	" " "
2/17	12 noon	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
	3 pm	Local 105-2 (Sivyer Steel)
2/18	4:30 pm	Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine)

All meetings @ USW Local 105 Union Hall
Unless designated otherwise

From the President

Good News! Since the layoffs in July we have had some attrition from retirements that need to be backfilled in some areas.

The plate business is still slow but on the coil side we continue to be busy.

In December we recalled 9 general mechanics and posted for an additional 5 general mechanic trainees and 4 journey level general mechanics. We also posted for 3 journey level roll grinders in December.

Those postings are down, and the resumes are being reviewed, testing is being done and interviews will be schedule for those that pass the test.

In January we recalled one brick mason and posted for one journey level brick mason. That posting came down with no bidders and it was then made available to employees on layoff.

Internal recalls were offered to the Sheet Finishing department and then his week we initiated a recall of 21 production employees from the street, to fill some of the spots created by attrition.

COVID-19

We are currently at 329 positive cases that have been identified at the plant since the beginning of the pandemic.

We continue to discuss potential preventative measures with the company. Most of these measures rely on us but we are pushing on things that can be implemented that are not PPE or administrative in nature.

We must continue to clean and disinfect our work areas such as break tables, control panels, crane and truck cabs and pulpits. The company must continue to clean common areas such as the turnstiles, restrooms, vending areas etc. They also need to continue the use of the fogging disinfectant in break areas, conference rooms and offices.

The company purchased 100 air purifiers to be placed in break rooms and pulpits. Those air purifiers were distributed this week to the departments. If there break areas or pulpits that did not receive one of the air purifiers, requests

must be made through the department for any additional air purifiers.

If you are sick stay home, clean your work areas often, wash your hands, wear your face covering when you enter and exit the plant to the red PPE line and whenever you can not physically distance at least 6 feet from other people.

COVID Vaccine

The COVID vaccine is starting to become available in our communities. The vaccine distribution is controlled by the county health departments. The news reports on the different vaccine recipients categories show that each state determines the specifics of who and when people can get the vaccine. Iowa and Illinois 1B categories for example define "essential worker" different, the age categories are different and while Illinois is vaccinating people in the 1B group now, Iowa is not set to start with the 1B group until at least Feb. 1st. The bottom line is if you are interested in more information on the availability of the COVID vaccine in your community, you need to contact your county health department.

We continue to work with the company to have the vaccine offered here at the plant for anyone that wants it. If and when that becomes a reality I will let you know.

European aviation agency: 737 Max to be cleared next week

<https://www.seattletimes.com/business/boeing-737-max-to-get-clearance-in-europe-next-week/>

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By DAVID RISING
The Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The Boeing 737 Max will be approved to resume flights in Europe next week, following nearly two years of reviews after the aircraft was involved in two deadly crashes that saw the planes grounded worldwide, the head of the European aviation safety agency said Tuesday.

Patrick Ky, executive director of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency, or EASA, told reporters the planes will be permitted to fly so long as they meet conditions specified by the agency and that pilots are up to date on their training.

"It will be cleared to fly again from next week," he said at an online event hosted by Germany's Aviation Press Club.

The planes were grounded in March 2019 following the crashes of a Lion Air flight near Jakarta on Oct. 29, 2018, and an Ethiopian Airlines flight on March 10, 2019, killing a total of 346 people. Investigators determined that the cause of the crashes was a faulty computer system that pushed the plane's nose downward in flight and couldn't be overridden by pilots.

Changes mandated by EASA, based in Cologne, Germany, include a recertification of the plane's flight-control system, called the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System, or MCAS, which was not a part of previous 737 models.

When EASA published its proposed air worthiness directive for the Max in November, Ky said the agency's review of the aircraft "began with the MCAS but went far beyond."

He said the agency reviewed the entire flight control system and broadened its assessment to include all aspects of design that could influence how the flight controls operated, which resulted in other changes required.

It also investigated human factors, which led to new pilot training requirements to ensure they are familiar with all aspects of the aircraft's flight control system and "will react appropriately to typical failure scenarios."

The proposed air worthiness directive was open for public comments for a month, which have now been analyzed and incorporated into the final air worthiness directive where needed, Ky said.

"We expect to publish it next week, which means that the Max will be cleared to fly again in Europe from our perspective," he said.

Airlines will still need to ensure their pilots have received the training needed to fly the plane, and that the maintenance and changes necessary have been carried out after the long grounding. Some EU states will have to lift their own individual grounding notices as well.

The 737 Max returned to the skies in the United States last month, after the Federal Aviation Administration approved changes that Boeing made to the automated flight control system.

It has also been allowed by Brazil to resume flights, and Transport Canada said earlier this week that it had been cleared to start flying again Wednesday.

Thanks Received:

"A special thanks for your scholarship drawing opportunity offered by Local 105. My granddaughter, Margaret Honeycutt, was drawn and will receive one of the awards. I'm proud of my many years of union solidarity and support. It is really appreciated." – "Frosty" Meinert



Winter Texans Alcoa Retiree's Group

The winter Texans Alcoa retiree's group that normally meet at Mr. Gratti's Pizza in McAllen, TX have canceled their rendezvous until further notice. Questions? Contact: Gerry Hueser at 563 340-3132.