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**Meetings & Events
 September 2024**

9/05	1:30 pm	S.O.A.R.
9/10	3:00 pm	Women of Steel
9/12	3:30 pm	Comm. & E. Board Mtg
9/16		Quad City Fed. Of Labor
9/17	6:20 am	Regular Business Mtg
	7:20 am	" "
	3:20 pm	" "
	6:20 pm	" "
	11:20 pm	" "
9/19	4:30 pm	Local 105-1 (Bowe Machine)

CONTRACT EXPIRES MAY 16, 2026
PREPARE NOW – SAVE \$\$\$\$ -
88 WEEKS REMAINING

2025 VACATIONS

Please keep in mind the following dates and information regarding the 2025 vacation selection.

2025 calendars should be available by 9/2/2024

9/2-9/23 will be the pre-selection survey for weeks of DAAAT vacation. Remember you can go up by 1 week at selection time.

- If a member doesn't make a selection, they will be given 2 weeks of DAAAT, same as last year

9/23-10/2 liability to be set during this time
 10/7-12/9 vacation selection

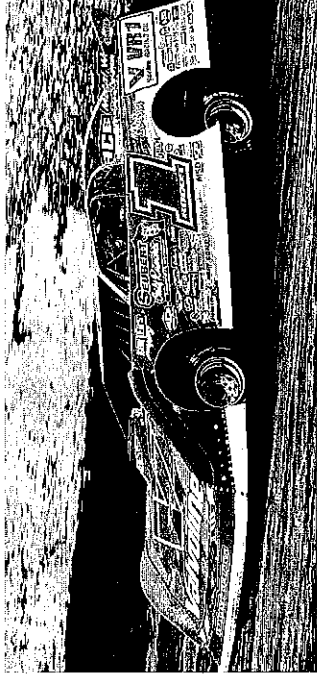
Please call the hall if you have any questions.



Solidarity Event

Brothers and Sisters! We are back with another Solidarity opportunity to come together September 6th for A Night at The Races! "Night of Destruction" at The Davenport Speedway. Gates open at 5:00pm. Tickets are available at the Union Hall. \$10 per Ticket, Kids 10 and under are FREE! Bring your Family and friends out to enjoy a night with your Union Family as we gear up for the upcoming contract. The races that night will feature CHEATERS NIGHT and TRAILER RACES along with their normal race lineup. There will be a section just for us in the stands. Reach out to one of us if you have any questions.

In Solidarity
 Your CAT Team
 Paul Meier, Genaro Gomez "G", Tony Peck



With Deepest Sympathy:

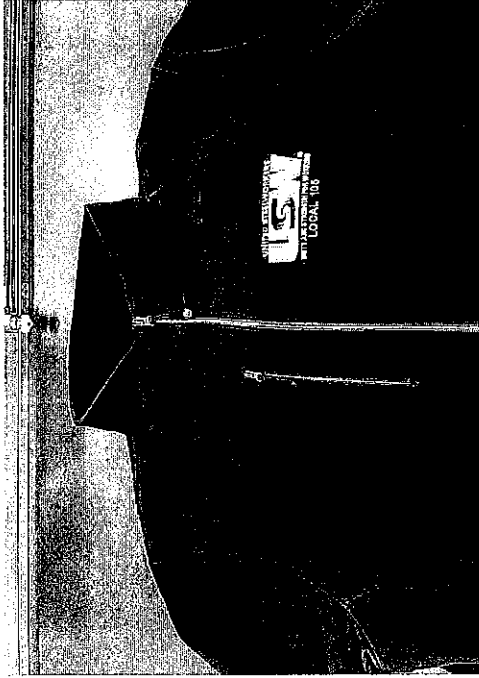
The Family of:

Donald Ketelsen (Andy Ketelsen Grandfather)

New "Local 105" Weatherproof Jackets for Sale

SIZE
Med, - 4XL

PRICE
\$125.00



S.O.A.R Medicare Presentation

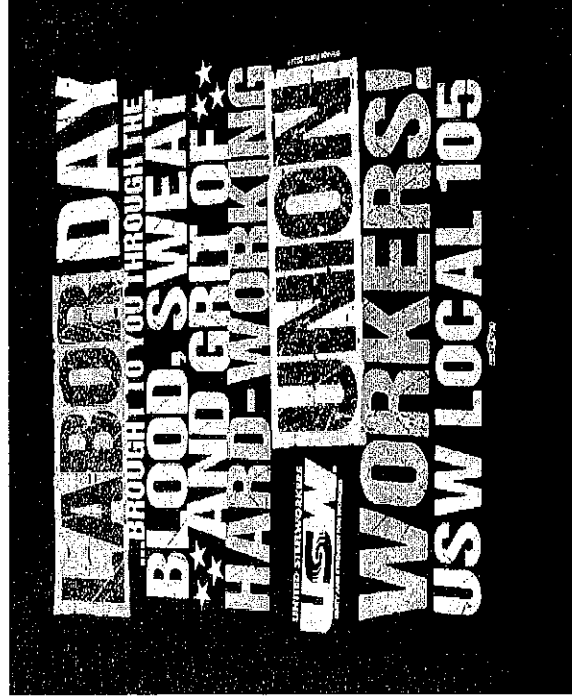
SOAR will have a guest speaker on September 5, 2024. Jerry from *SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program)* will make a general presentation on *Medicare and Social Security*. He will help those in Iowa by setting up individual appointments to help them sign up for what is best for them. If you live in Illinois, the information is still very helpful to get you started on your retirement journey. If you are newly retired, 64+, have family members or friends or just curious about choices available to you and want to learn about Medicare please join us at our Sept meeting.

Please join us the first Thursday of each month starting at 1:30 p.m. at the U.S.W. Local 105 Union Hall. Spouses, significant others and anyone with common interests are encouraged to come with you. Active USW union members or supporters age 45 or over are now eligible to join. The Local pays the first year of dues (\$12) to cover your first year's membership.

New "Local 105" Labor Day Short Sleeve Shirts for Sale

SIZE
Med, Large, XL
XXL
3XL
4XL

PRICE
\$10.25
\$12.00
\$13.00
\$15.50



**Reminder-Chili Supper will be on Dec. 8.
More info to follow**

Attention Retirees

In an effort to get you the weekly Forerunner in a timely fashion, we are doing a trial of sending the Forerunner via email each week. If you are interested, please contact the Union Hall at 563-355-1181 and provide us your email address or simply send an email to Steelworkers@uswlocal105.com stating you wish to be added to the email list.

Beneficiary update

Please make sure to update your beneficiaries for your life insurance policy provided by the Union. Usually, members fill out the beneficiary card when they sign up to join the Union. We believe there are quite a few ex-spouses still listed as beneficiaries.

Roy Hutt
USW Local 105
Vice President

Save the Date

We will be participating again in the Davenport Halloween Parade October 27th at 2pm. We are planning on having a truck and trailer in the parade this year. More details to come.

Equal Accountability Action

Earlier this week the Union rolled out an action to address the disparate treatment of Union members. Union members have been held to a higher standard than salaried employees regarding policies and work performance. For example, bargaining unit employees are the only ones to receive discipline for violations of the cell phone policy. In other cases, discipline is issued for minor mistakes by members that cause no damage or downtime. There are several issues happening around the mill and Arconic management is not listening to the membership. Issues remain regarding touch hand relief, forced OT, craft wages, and in IPS. Your Bargaining Committee will continue to voice the member's concerns, and more actions will follow if needed. The members' next chance to voice concerns to Plant Manager Jeff Weida will be at town hall meetings held 9/9-9/12 in the cafeteria.

**BE SURE TO
READ YOUR
UNION
NEWSPAPER TO
STAY IN TOUCH!**