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IAMAW ROCKY MOUNTAIN LODGE 47

YOUR NEWSLETTER

Keeping our Members Informed and Motivated

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Brother Rod Weigand Retires

June, 2011



Brother Rod Weigand has served as Grand Lodge Special Representative covering Colorado and New Mexico areas of the Western Territory since June of 2004 and has successfully organized thousands of members into the IAM. He has served as Director of Organizing for District 725 in Southern California and serviced memberships in the Sacramento area. He was originally from Local Lodge 821, where

he had served his brothers and sisters in various positions including: Steward, Vice President, President, Negotiator, California Conference Delegate, Legislative Conference Delegate and Grand Lodge Convention Delegate. He has conducted campaigns in the Aerospace, Service Contract and Automotive sectors of industry. Rod has been a robust figure within the IAM and has devoted greatly to the overall success of our union. Brother Rod will be sorely missed and we wish him all the best, as well as, an enjoyable fulfilling retirement. Garry Harper newly assigned Business Manager for Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 will assume Rod's duties serving Colorado and Wyoming members.



IAMAW Machinists Union "Fair Trade Campaign" Moves to Facebook

The IAMAW has started a Facebook campaign to stop the pending unfair trade deals with South Korea, Colombia and Panama. NAFTA has already cost the U.S. hundreds of thousands of jobs.

Countering GOP demands for the passage of the three seriously-flawed trade deals, the targeted, informational ad campaign on Facebook unveils the truths behind the proposed agreements and the effects each will have on the U.S. jobs deficit.

"This is a campaign to save American jobs," explains IAMAW International President Tom Buffenbarger.

"NAFTA has already cost the U.S. 682,900 jobs. The pending free trade agreements are projected to cost even more." he added, "Before passing any new trade deals, Congress must first establish a new and fair U.S. trade policy that puts the interests of workers first. Sound trade policy must be based on fundamental human rights and not provide more incentives for U.S. corporations to move our work to other countries."

See the IAM's new ad campaign on Facebook at:

(<http://www.facebook.com/MachinistsUnion?sk=info#!/MachinistsUnion?sk=info>)

For more information, visit www.goiam.org



MONTHLY LODGE MEETINGS

August 13, 2011

September 10, 2011

10 AM TO NOON

5621 BOWEN CT

COMMERCE CITY, CO.

**Cesar Alvarado chosen to attend
"Youth Symposium" at IAMAW
National Staff Conference in
Toronto Canada** 

The IAM National Staff Conference was held June 13 thru 17 in Toronto Canada this year.

This conference was especially notable, because IAMAW locals were encouraged to send members that were 25 years old and younger to represent their local at the first ever "Youth Symposium" that was held in conjunction with the conference.

Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 chose "Cesar Alvarado" from Stolle Machinery to represent our lodge at this Symposium.

Cesar (bottom right) is shown here interacting with other young members at the Symposium.



There were nearly 600 machinist and guests that attended this conference. IAM International President Tom Buffenbarger opened the conference by calling attention to the youngest members of our union (25 years and under). President Buffenbarger asked each of the young members to stand and be recognized.

He stated to delegates, "This is our future. If you look around this room and you look beyond those young faces that may be seated next to you, take a look at what you see. It is an aging leadership in this union," he also said "It's hard to plan for our future many are looking at the exit door." he then said "We must look to our younger members. We owe them the same great organization that was left to all of us 123 years ago," and finally stated, "They have a lot of ideas, but we have to ask them. We have opened the pathway for those ideas to be floated out. That begins today."

Cesar was thankful to be chosen and stated "It was eye opening experience and I learned a lot about the Union and met the President and other leaders, I'm glad I got to go to it."



Check the newest IAM website created for younger IAMAW members at:

<http://youngmachinists.iamaw.org/>

Correction: In our first Newsletter we had some misspelt names and titles. Here are the corrected names and titles of Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 Officers:

President	Garry Harper
Vice President	Barron Criswell
Secretary-Treasurer	Dave Kern
Recording Secretary	Chris Raasch
Trustee	Johnnie Miller
Trustee	Reggie Jones
Trustee	Tom Putman
Sentinel	Joe Gallegos
Communicator	John Keisler
Business Manager	Garry Harper



Rocky Mountain Lodge 47

Labor Day Rally

It's Time for a get together

Location is pending

Date is September 5, 2011

Noon until 5pm

All Members, family and friends.

Fun, Food, Drinks & Games

More to be announced later, but plan on being there and bring the family.

The Your Newsletter is an IAMAW Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 monthly publication created to enhance communication with members.

Members are encouraged to submit articles for this newsletter they feel is important or informative. You may submit an article to Attn: Communicator IAMAW Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 at

Executive Board Members and Editor

President:	Garry Harper
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Editors:	John Keisler
	William Mericle

Visit your Rocky Mountain Lodge 47 Website at:

<http://iamawlocal47.org>



The Name Your Newsletter Contest Has been extended to August 5, 2011

Because of difficulties in publishing the first newsletter and the lateness of getting it out we have extended the contest to August 5th, in order to give everyone a better chance at submitting their suggestions.

Members can get involved in a Local Lodge event! They can do it by coming up with the name for this newsletter. You can submit more than one entry, but all entries must be received by August 5th.

Simply submit your idea for a name that you think would fit best for the "Rocky Mountain Lodge 47" newsletter.

Make it one word or up to four words.

Use nothing derogatory, inflammatory, racial, etc.

The name chosen for the newsletter will replace the title "Your Newsletter " that is on the first page of this newsletter.

The winner will receive a \$50 gift card and will have the privilege of knowing their creation is part of this newsletter.

Deadline for submissions is August 5, 2011

Executive Board Members and Newsletter Editor are not eligible for this contest.

The official newsletter contest form is inserted with this newsletter. Just fill it out and send it to us at the address on the form, or send an email with your information and suggestion to:

websetward@iamawlocal47.org

Can't wait to see the submissions.

Good Luck everyone!

Name Your Newsletter Contest

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Name (s) Suggestion:

Mail To: Rocky Mountain Lodge 47

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