



UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION

LOCAL 298

"The Voice of Transportation Labor"

Providing Exclusive Representation of Trainmen and Equal Representation of Engineers

April 2010

Next Meeting: May 10, 2010 @ 9am RR INN

UTU OFFICERS		
President	Rick Mitchener	260-897-2767
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CURRENT UTU DUES Trainmen \$97.95 Engineer \$97.95

FELA Designated Legal Council This Month

DANIEL J. DOWNES, P.C.

LEGISLATIVE		
Legislative Rep.	Bo Babbitt	260-553-0012
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LOCAL CHAIRMEN		
L.C. Trainmen	Tom Porter	260-466-4557
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VLC	Ron Hollandsworth	260-415-1039
VLC Engineers	Doug Fyfe	260-223-0352
VLC Engineers	Kevin DeCoursey	260-615-3819

NEED JOB INSURANCE?

United Transportation Union Insurance Association

GREG HALE: 574-286-5902 www.utuia.org

TRUSTEES

Brian Cornell
Max Teders

FLAGMAN JOBS STARTING UP AGAIN FOR SUMMER

When called for a flagman job remember to claim 100 miles at yard rate. Additionally, claim your driving miles if you use your personal vehicle. The code is "90" and the CSX/IRS driving expense is .50 cents per mile.

SAFETY OFFICERS		
Kevin DeCoursey	Chairman	260-615-3819
Ron Lutz	Vice Safety Chair.	260-241-5752
Bill Schamper	Secretary	260-235-0730

DUAL-SENIORITY CONDUCTORS BEING REQUIRED TO OPERATE A LOCOMOTIVE FOR CERTIFICATION-RIDE

If you are asked to operate a locomotive while working as a Conductor because the RFE needs to obtain his annual certification ride with you; then please follow the below information to submit the proper claims.

1. **File a "QC" claim for the amount of money you would be due in certification pay for that tour of duty (\$15).** I don't see any specific contractual support for this, but as I understand it, the Carrier is paying the certification pay because of the operation of the locomotive.

2. Progress a claim for a separate day under code "97" for working in another craft as an engineer (which will almost certainly be declined); and put a note in the box for the 1st out conductor for the time the job was left without a conductor (which will also almost certainly be declined). We will then process the denied claims through LCAT.

LOCKER CLAIM UNDERSTANDING

We have listed some key points below:

- The Agreement will become effective on December 14, 2009.
- If you have no locker, a request must be made in writing to the Terminal Trainmaster (email is acceptable). Note: include your LC.
- If a locker is not provided within 30 days, a 2hour penalty claim should be submitted for each day that a locker is not provided.
- Con Code "**NL**" should be used to file all locker claims.
- GO TO WWW.UTU298.COM to download a example and all the contacts needed for each location.

New agreement on CSX southern lines

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. -- The UTU and CSX southern lines have reached a tentative five-year wage agreement, including a performance bonus package, expanded seniority rights and increased job security, covering conductors and yard employees on CSX predecessor railroads Atlanta & West Point; Chesapeake & Ohio; Louisville & Nashville; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; and Seaboard Coast Line.

Ratification ballots are being sent to affected members on CSX southern lines, who will vote under the craft autonomy provisions of the UTU constitution. Ballots will be counted April 30.

CSX conductors and yard employees covered by this agreement will be eligible for payments from a performance bonus plan that links a portion of their compensation to company financial performance. Those employees will also be eligible for a stock-based individual performance award program tied to their individual performance, and are guaranteed wage rates to match rates negotiated in national handling.

Other provisions of the agreement deal directly with the unique working conditions and bargaining history on the CSX southern lines, and include expanded seniority rights, preservation of a conductor or yard foreman on every train and yard job, and 401(k) retirement benefits in addition to Railroad Retirement.

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