



UNITED TRANSPORTATION UNION

LOCAL 298

"The Voice of Transportation Labor"

Providing Exclusive Representation of Trainmen and Equal Representation of Engineers

January 2010

Next Meeting: February 8, 2010 @ 9am RR INN

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CURRENT UTU DUES Trainmen \$97.95 Engineer \$97.95

2010 VACATIONS COMPLETE

For vacation changes:

Conductors contact: LC Tom Porter
 Engineers contact: LC Jamie Modesitt

Trainmen Meal Increase Effective January 2010

Pursuant to the 2008 UTU National Agreement:

ARTICLE V - EXPENSES AWAY FROM HOME

Effective January 1, 2010, the meal allowance provided for in Article II, Section 2 of the June 25, 1964 National Agreement, as amended, shall be increased by \$2.00. (*\$12 dollar meal allowance will be increased to \$16.*)

NEED JOB INSURANCE?

United Transportation Union Insurance Association

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

IRS MILEAGE RATE CHANGE

Be advised this office has received notice that CSX's mileage reimbursement rate for use of personal vehicles for travel on company business (pursuant to B&O Agreement Rule 56) has been changed to 50 cents per mile effective January 1, 2010, in uniformity with the IRS rate.

NORTH BALTIMORE

The initial meeting is currently scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2010. We will keep you posted on the latest news as it becomes available.

NEW LOCKER CLAIM AGREEMENT

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.

UTU, carriers begin bargaining Feb. 10

The UTU national rail contract negotiating team will hold its first formal bargaining session Feb. 10-11 with the National Carriers' Conference Committee (NCCC).

The national rail contract became open for amendment Jan. 1. The sides exchanged desired amendments Nov. 1.

The NCCC is representing BNSF, CSX, Kansas City Southern, Norfolk Southern, Soo Line, Union Pacific and numerous smaller railroads in negotiations with the UTU over changes to rates of pay, benefits and work rules.

Some 40,000 UTU members are affected by these national contract talks, which frequently set patterns for negotiated agreements on other carriers.

Other railroads, including Amtrak and U.S. operations of Canadian National, negotiate individually with the UTU.

The existing national agreement remains in force until tentatively negotiated amendments are presented to UTU members and ratified by them under the craft autonomy provisions of the UTU Constitution.

The UTU negotiating team is being led by International President Mike Futhey. Its members include Assistant President Arty Martin; International Vice Presidents Robert Kerley and Delbert Strunk; General Chairpersons John Lesniewski (GO 049) and Pate King (GO 680); Alternate Vice President Doyle Turner; and UTU General Counsel Clint Miller.

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