



## **Northwest Arkansas (IAC) Newsletter**

Second Quarter. (April, May and June 2026)

Our Council meetings are held on **the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday** of each month at [LITTLE B'S RESTAURANT 1310 HWY 62 W, Mountain Home, AR 72653.](#)

Our council's executive board meets at 11:00 a.m. and the general monthly meeting starts directly after

If you need help with your medical bills, HELP is available, by calling (870)321-8064. Please leave your name, phone number, and a brief message. Your call will be returned as soon as possible. Please be respectful of the time of your call as I work from home. You can also bring all your paperwork regarding your medical issue to the monthly meeting. If you are in doubt about a medical bill, **do not pay it until** you talk to your counselor.

[2026 is an election year for International Officers as well as UAW Constitutional Convention. Be sure that your formal local has your address so you can receive a ballot in the mail.](#)

[LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD! CALL THE SWITCHBOARD FOR YOUR U.S. SENATE & HOUSE REPRESENTATIVE at \(202\) 224-3121.](#)

**UAW IAC Mountain Home Arkansas Executive Board Council Officers:**

Larry Kitson, Chair

Mark Corso, Vice Chair

Lynn Kitson, Recording Secretary

James Norgaard, Financial Secretary

Trustees: Robert Hoover, Ray Neumann and Gary Hoesly

Sergeant at Arms, Mike Nuckolls

## From the Chairman

UAW is fighting for our core issues: Quality Healthcare for all and a dignified retirement. Please have your voice heard by going to the polls and casting your vote. That shows the country that we reject a politics of scarcity, division and hate. In 2028 we have a chance to use our power to demand fairness. Together we win!!!

**We are attempting to get authorization to start holding meetings for those living in the west part of Arkansas twice a year with BC/BS, UHC, Davis Vision, Delta Dental, TruHearing and the UAW TRUST but before we can make headway with this endeavor we need to know if there is an interest from our members that could be affected. Therefore, I am asking you to please email me ([uawiacmt.home@outlook.com](mailto:uawiacmt.home@outlook.com)) if you are interested in attending a meeting and learning about your benefits.**

Volkswagen workers make history by ratifying their first Union contract at major southern auto plant.

UHC members track your rewards: [myuhcmedicare.com/retiree/rewards](http://myuhcmedicare.com/retiree/rewards) or call 888-219-4602

If you have any ideas or topics you'd like covered in our newsletter, we'd like to hear from you. Email us at: [uawiacmt.home@outlook.com](mailto:uawiacmt.home@outlook.com) with your ideas.

In Solidarity,

*Larry Kitson*

Larry Kitson/Chairman/Councilor

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Region 8 Director

Tim Smith

Has authorized a survey of the members living in the following Arkansas Counties to find out if there is enough interest in holding meetings with the UAW Trust in attendance to explain your benefits and help with your concerns. Please respond to this notice by calling the Chairman of Northwest Arkansas IAC 870-321-8064 or emailing your response to:

**[Uawiacmt.home@outlook.com](mailto:Uawiacmt.home@outlook.com)**

BENTON

BOONE

CARROLL

CRAWFORD

FRANKLIN

JOHNSON

LOGAN

MADISON

NEWTON

POLK

POPE

SCOTT

SEBASTIAN

WASHINGTON

### **Voluntary Retiree Dues**

Retirees, spouses, and surviving spouses are encouraged to participate in Retiree Dues Checkoff. Please know that these monthly voluntary dues (\$3.00 or more) are vital to the survival of the Retired Workers Program and our Council. If you are not currently participating, or would like to increase your donation, please complete, and return the appropriate card at the end of this newsletter. Each card is color coordinated to the specific company. Pink is Ford, Blue is Stellantis, and Green is General Motors. White cards are for non-big 3 locals. Please complete the appropriate card and return it to the UAW Retired Workers Department, 8000 E. Jefferson, Detroit, MI 48214.

### **Associate Member Dues**

We encourage spouses of UAW retirees to participate and join retiree chapters and councils as Associate Members. Associate dues of \$3 per month, or \$36 per year, can be paid via check to the UAW Retired Workers Department, or can be added as a deduction to the retiree monthly pension check.

### **V-CAP**

The UAW is involved in political action because our ability to make progress for workers and retirees at the collective bargaining table is intertwined with our ability to elect pro-labor candidates to office. Federal, state, and local governments make countless decisions that have a major impact on the well-being and quality of life for all working Americans. We must remain actively involved in the political process to advance the interests of workers and retirees on issues like workplace health and safety, trade policy, the right to organize, the right to a fair collective bargaining process, pensions, Social Security, Medicare/Medicaid, and Civil & Human Rights.

### **Voluntary Community Action Plan (V-CAP)**

The easiest way for us to do that is to support V-CAP through V-CAP checkoff. V-CAP is the UAW's political action program, which includes the Union's Political Action Committee (PAC). The PAC fund is made up of voluntary contributions from UAW members, both active and retired. The money is used to support pro-worker political candidates who have earned the endorsement of the UAW Community Action Program (UAW CAP). This voluntary contribution is usually made through automatic payroll deduction, called V-CAP checkoff, by law, union dues cannot be used to support any federal candidate. V-CAP will give not only UAW sisters and brothers, but all men, women, and children, young and old a voice and hopes of leveling the playing field.

I'm moving!



**If moving is on your agenda, please remember it's the UAW's policy that the local where you retired from be notified to update/record your change of address. If the local you retired from is no longer an open local, then please call the Retired Workers Department at: 313-926-5640.**

If you would like to receive the Solidarity magazine by mail, please send the following information to:

UAW Retired Workers Department  
8000 East Jefferson Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48214

Member Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4 of SSN: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Retired From: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Union: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

The symbol that you see is a scannable QR code which takes you directly to UAW.org, where you can find all the latest information regarding the UAW.



## **IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS AND WEBSITES**

FCA US Retiree and Alumni [www.fcaretirees.com](http://www.fcaretirees.com)  
Legal Services Plan – 800-482-7700 [www.uawlegalservices.com](http://www.uawlegalservices.com)  
United Auto Workers [www.uaw.org](http://www.uaw.org)  
Social Security Administration – 800-772-1213 [www.SSA.gov](http://www.SSA.gov)

### **FORD – GENERAL MOTORS – STELLANTIS (formerly FCA/Chrysler)**

Blue Cross/Blue Shield – 877-832-2829 [www.bcbsm.com](http://www.bcbsm.com)  
Davis Vision – 888-234-5164 [www.davisvision.com](http://www.davisvision.com)  
Delta Dental – 800-524-0149 [www.deltadental.com](http://www.deltadental.com)  
Medicare – 800-Medicare (800-633-4227) [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)  
Retiree Health Care Connect (RHCC) – 1-866-637-7555  
[www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html](http://www.benefitsweb.com/rhcc.html)  
Silver Sneakers [www.silversneakers.com](http://www.silversneakers.com)  
TruHearing – 844-394-5420 [www.truhearing.com/uawtrust](http://www.truhearing.com/uawtrust)  
UAW Trust – 866-637-7555 [www.uawtrust.org](http://www.uawtrust.org)  
UnitedHealth Care Medicare Advantage Plan (Medical Benefits)  
844-320-5021 [www.retiree.uhc.com/uawtrust](http://www.retiree.uhc.com/uawtrust)  
UnitedHealth Care Medicare Rx (Optum Rx - Prescription Drug Benefits)  
855-409-0219 [www.uawtrustpdp.com](http://www.uawtrustpdp.com)  
Trust HRA Benefit (WEX) 844-440-4300  
Trust OTC Benefit (CVS) 844-487-2770

### **LIFE INSURANCE CONTACT NUMBERS**

FORD MetLife – 833-552-FORD (3673)  
STELLANTIS MetLife (formerly FCA/CHRYSLER) – 800-638-6420  
GM MetLife – 888-543-3461

### **PENSIONS**

MyPenPay (Stellantis) – 866-471-0368 <https://FCaretiees.mypenpay.com>  
General Motors Benefits and Services Center – 800-489-4646  
NESC (Ford) – 800-248-4444  
Ford UAW Retirement Board – 1-800-829-8833

Area Agency on Aging, 800-986-3505; SSA, 800-772-1213

## **PLEASE SAVE THIS CONTACT LIST**