



Northwest Arkansas (IAC) Newsletter

Third Quarter. (July, August and September 2026)

Our Council meetings are held on **the 2nd 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!!!

I'm hearing rumors that with the UAW Executive Board elections, President Shawn Fain is bringing several of Ray Curry's team into his ranks, this would bring their expertise in the 2028 negotiations. It also appears President Fain is leaving Margaret Mock and Rich Boyer off his ticket. (I haven't been able to verify this as yet)

Mr. Will Lehman is also running for UAW President. He is a Mack Truck worker; Mr. Lehman's idea is to abolish the UAW International leadership and replace it with each plant representing themselves. That does not sound like "Strength in Numbers" to me.

I understand the ballots will be mailed to each member in October with each member needing to respond and mail back their ballot by November 16th. Please make sure you cast your vote.

UHC members track your rewards: 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.homear@outlook.com with your ideas.

In Solidarity,

Larry Kitson

Larry Kitson/Chairman/Councilor

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Please make every effort to attend our Monthly Meeting, where we do our best to provide the information we receive from our leadership in an attempt to keep all members informed as to their UAW benefits. Plus, you will enjoy socializing with your brothers and Sisters of our great

United Auto Worker's family

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.

A request for the UAW Benefits Trust and all vendors to attend our September 11th, 2026 meeting in Mountain Home. Please mark your calendar to attend this important meeting and learn about the roll out of 2027 Benefits.

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
Legal Services Plan – 800-482-7700 www.uawlegalservices.com
United Auto Workers www.uaw.org
Social Security Administration – 800-772-1213 www.SSA.gov

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

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

LIFE INSURANCE CONTACT NUMBERS

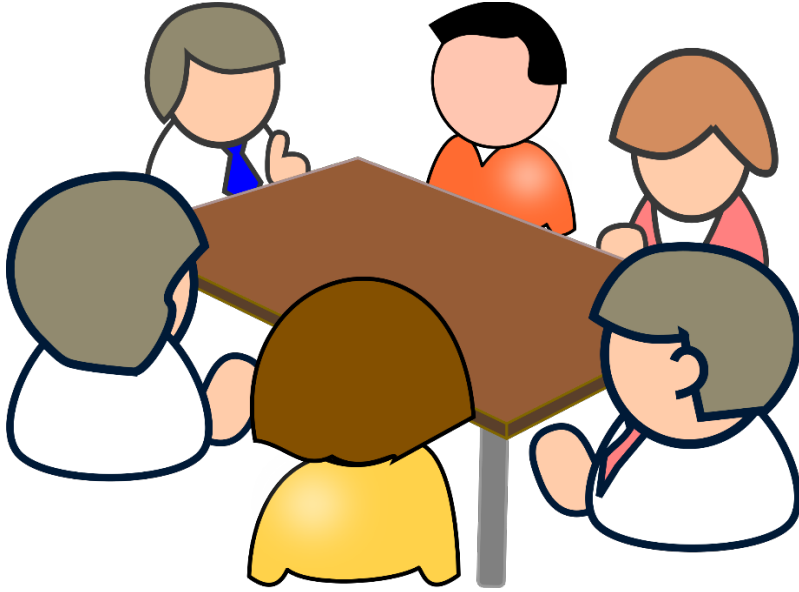
FORD MetLife – 833-552-FORD (3673)
STELLANTIS MetLife (formerly FCA/CHRYSLER) – 800-638-6420
GM MetLife – 888-543-3461

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



ATTENTION BENTONVILLE, AREA MEMBERS!!!!!!!

A request has been submitted for the UAW Benefits Trust and all vendors to attend a meeting for our Northwest Arkansas members that live in or near the Bentonville, Arkansas area.

This meeting will be held to give a presentation of the **2027 UAW Benefits Roll-out.**

Please mark your calendar for **September 9th, 2026**, meeting to begin at **9:00 a.m.** The meeting will be held at the Acropolis Greek & Mediterranean Restaurant located at **905 NW 13th Street, Bentonville, AR 72712, phone 479-273-3872.** Please call me if you have any questions 870-321-8064.