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## “Tanker Update”



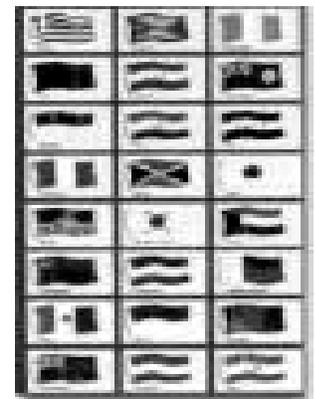
The fight over the Air Force decision to outsource the manufacturing of our nations tanker fleet continues. Labor leaders, union members, politicians and private citizens have all taken up the fight to stop the despicable decision that awarded the contract for the next generation of tankers to Airbus. Boeing the corporation that submitted the American made proposal has formally challenged the Air Force decision to send this work to foreign soil. Company executive's state, "Our competition likes to talk about offering more, more, more, but in reality, the KC-30 will cost more to operate, more to maintain, and more to house, with the U.S. taxpayer footing the bill."

Now we realize the readers of insight have a keen awareness when it comes to political issues that affect their jobs. We all know that a Boeing win would bring a lot of business to Pratt & Whitney and the Airbus model won't be using Pratt & Whitney power. We also know that when it comes to the defense of our nation it should be American workers who manufacture the hardware used by our military, RIGHT! Well if that is the case then why is Pratt & Whitney not out there fighting side by side with the workers, the union, the politicians and the rest of America. Why is Steve Finger asleep at the wheel? It must be because he feels very strongly on both

sides of the issue. While he would love to join the fight and get the engine order for the tankers, he doesn't want to make Airbus angry! After all they may want to buy some engines and if Stevie boy makes them angry they may buy someone else's rather than Pratt's! We have seen Pratt's suck up to the customer routine before. Remember when they displayed the flag of Japan on the experimental assembly floor in hopes of receiving an order from JAL that never materialized, or when they flew the flag of China in front of Pratt so they could schmooze an order from that country. If any of you see, Stevie sleeping at the wheel give him a little wake up tap. Try not to startle him though, and maybe he will get the company involved in the fight before it is to late.

The staff of insight likes to give politicians their just due regardless of party affiliation as long as they are doing something positive for the working men and women of this country. On May 7<sup>th</sup> politico.com reported, "When the full House Armed Services Committee takes up the legislation next week, its ranking Republican, Rep. Duncan Hunter of California, may propose tightening "Buy American" restrictions in a way that could overturn the Air Force tanker decision. Now wouldn't that be refreshing news!

Brothers and sisters the fight is not over yet! Contact your elected official and let them know that the American military needs to use hardware produced by American workers, ANYTHING ELSE IS UNACCEPTABLE! Lets keep the work in America and help Pratt get the engine order!





## Incompetent Management

The complete incompetence of CARO management is driving customer business away from Connecticut. Interestingly enough during the last round of bargaining management's dog and pony show for repair operations showed higher productivity in other repair units and CARO lagging behind. Now we all know there must be a reason! If the workforce has tools to perform the work with the machinery and coaters to perform the operations the work is done. If management is unable to provide the necessary equipment the result is obvious. Another piece of the puzzle is those running the unit. Problems have existed with management for years. Clive Vacher was beating his head against the wall with upper management, Bob Littlefield was in way over his head, and now Lori Gillette is the one charged with fixing the mess. So how does she plan to do it? With less people that's how!

Its interesting brothers and sisters but now after years of prodding by the union they intend to ex-

pand the third shift. What a concept, if you have machines running 24 hours a day you might actually improve turn times. They plan to eliminate the AWW, probably because they never had a clue how to staff it so it could run efficiently and make the unit more productive.

They are also masters of deception! After telling the union HF Clean would be up and running at the beginning of May now, they are going to ship out the process while reducing the headcount! Doesn't seem like Lori and her bosses want to play by the rules now does it!

Lets make a few things clear if Lori Gillette and her crew think they are going to surplus workers while eliminating processes and product and this union is going to sit back and watch they have another thing coming!

We suggest that management think about this a little more, and remember there is a contract book that may get in the way. When you start shutting down processes, surplus workers and eliminate products without changing the mix and bringing an equal or greater amount of work back you are violating the contract and this union will do everything in its power to protect jobs. In case Lori and the gang want to do a little research on their own, the staff at insight recommends viewing some documents written by Janet Hall!

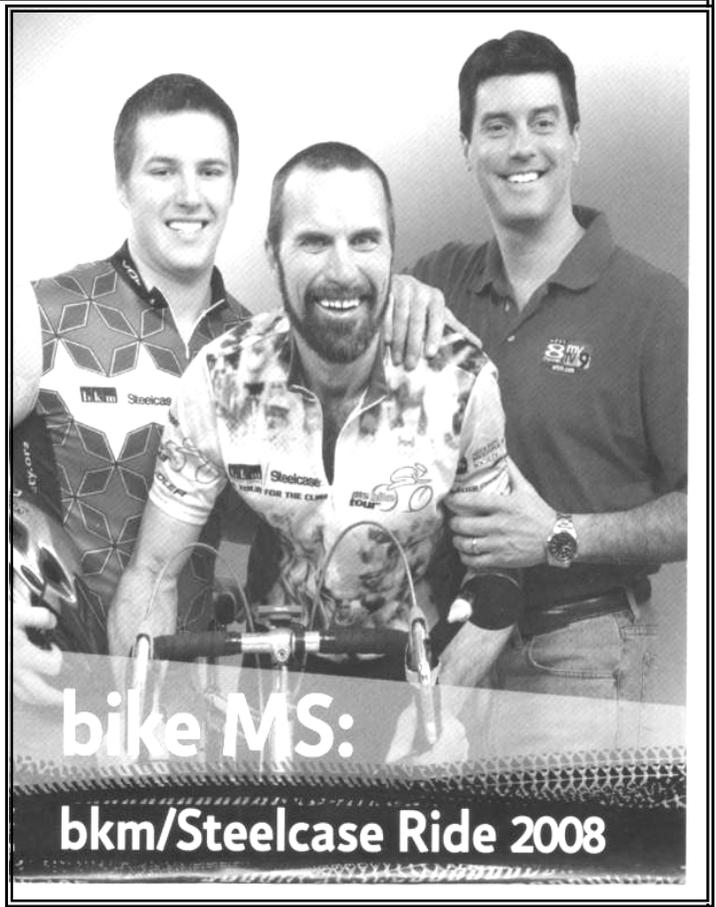


## Brother to Ride in bkm/Steelcase Ride 2008 For Multiple Sclerosis

Pratt & Whitney employee and our Union Brother Jeff Dubois will be riding his bicycle to raise money for the MS Society Connecticut Chapter in the 2008 bkm/ Steelcase fundraiser this June. The CT Chapter of the National MS Society will be sponsoring two rides; Sunday, June 1 in Windsor, and Sunday, June 22 in Westport. Rides from 2 miles to 100 miles will raise money to help those with MS.

An avid cyclist, Jeff {pictured in the center} works in East Hartford as a maintenance mechanic in D-26. He was diagnosed with MS 17 years ago. His 19 year old son, Corey will ride with him for 25 miles on June 1<sup>st</sup> in Windsor. If you wish to donate to Jeff's efforts, or join in the ride, please call Amanda Barry at 860-714-2300, ext. 227 or you can log onto:

[www.ctfightMS.org](http://www.ctfightMS.org).



## Identity theft information

*By Deb Belancik*

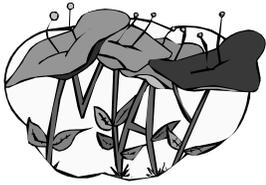
1. With all the news on Identity theft, one must be very careful about who you give your Social Security number to,
2. Never give your Social security number over the phone, You never know who is on the other line. It could be a scam artist who sounds sincere.
3. Identity theft is a serious crime, It occurs when your personal information is stolen and used with out your knowledge to commit fraud or other crimes, Be stingy about giving out your information, When it doubt, don't give it out. Do not give out your personal information on your cell phone, I've came across people in stores just chatting away and given out personal information, I had enough to get a credit card in their name, Don't do it,
4. When using charge cards, watch who is looking over your shoulders, It could be someone fishing for information and numbers. If lost or stolen, report it quickly as possible.
5. Make copies of all your credit cards front and back. Keep them handy.
6. Periodically check your credit report.
7. Maintain your banking and financial records.
8. Here is a helpful web site, Please use this valuable information,

***Identity theft is nothing to avoid. The person you save may be your self.***

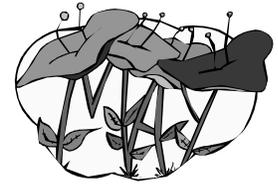
**[www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html](http://www.usdoj.gov/criminal/fraud/websites/idtheft.html)**

**Or you can google identity theft and many items come up for you to view,**





# The Next Monthly Meeting is May 18th at 11:00 am



*May we see you at the meeting!*

## Thank You

For everyone who walked and donated to the cause!

**A ROUGH guess of what was collected by our team is 5,500-\$6,000.00!**

Food share will give me the exact total in a couple of weeks



*Best wishes,  
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IAM Local Lodge 1746  
Community Services Committee  
Pager 860-708-1355*



Enjoy NASCAR on the big screen every  
Sunday during race season  
Come in, relax, shoot some pool, play darts or just chill out!!!



### EAP Corner

For IAM Local Lodge 1746: P&W in  
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*Please feel free to contact me with  
any of your issues or concerns  
and know that it will be in  
total confidentiality.*



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*Lenny Ward*

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