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## “The CAN-CAN Chronicles”



It has been some time since we visited “Can Land” so maybe it is time to check on their accomplishments. The Can is a very productive center in “L” Bldg, here in East Hartford. Under Supreme Arrogant Ruler ZOOM-ZOOM (aka. Jeff Smith), the CAN is a Vast domain that stretches all the Way from Florida to Maine; but when it applies to work in house it usually ends up everywhere BUT East Hartford.

Mr. ZOOM-ZOOM has gone on record saying that if any work comes from the F135 or C17 it will be done in “THE CAN”, making sure he stays away from specifying which CAN could it be CAN North or Can South?, Can “L” Bldg.? *Your guess is as good as mine!*

He even said that any C17 work is only work for 1 man, ONE day a week that “L” Bldg. will benefit from. In order to make sure that all the attention gets diverted from how much work, he hired the Harassment firm of “Shamitz & Levine” to deceive how the work is either vended out or not brought back in.

Their whole purpose in Life is to terrorize and disrupt the operation by Giving out warnings; harassing Union Officials as well as regular Bargaining Unit employees; walking them out of the plant, suspending them; stalking them with intent to provoke and whatever else is necessary to create a hostile work environment. To make matters worst these “Looney Toons” Partners



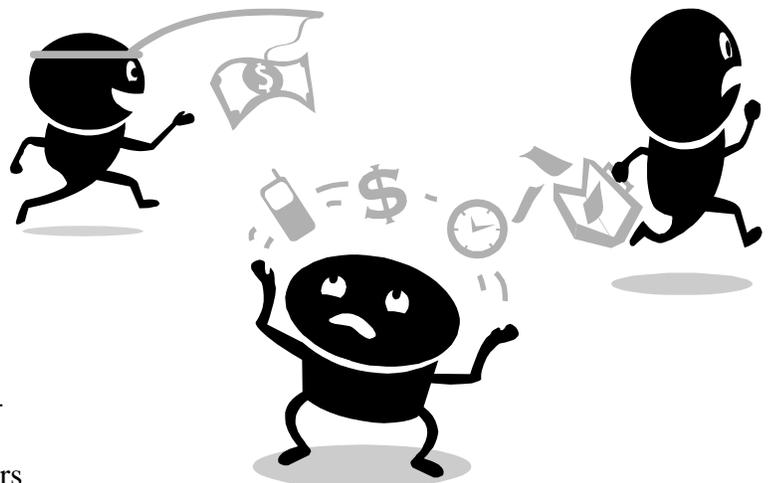
work side by side at the Psychiatric ward in “L” Bldg. They keep in shape by harassing each other when there is nobody else to terrorize.

Then there is our MTS manager Friend WD-40 (aka Waldo Gower ).

He is so busy bringing yellow badges in that sometimes he forgets that there is a UNION Person working the same job that he brought the yellow badge in for. He hasn’t got a clue of what is going on at any given time. He doesn’t communicate with his side kick “Mini-Me” ( aka Shortie / Dave Michaud), so neither one of them know what the other one is up to. Brothers and sisters stay alert, look what is happening to **CARO and Cheshire** and if you remember we wrote about the managers and supervisors harassing and creating hostile work environments in **CARO**. Beware of “DCI” (direct charge indirect). Look how Global used it to inflict pain and suffering on our brothers and sisters in **CARO & Cheshire**.

*Analyze very closely the next “Company Picnic”, Pizza Party, or any other company sponsored activity. According to the Company each one of us cost them \$100K per year.*

*Think very carefully before you eat the next “Slice of Company sponsored Pizza” because in the end it may cost YOU a Lot of Dough!!!!.*



## “HUMPBACKS”

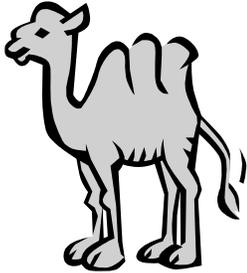
### An F&S Story

F&S supervisor, Dan Hickey will probably be looking for replacements pretty soon. It seems that with his “Drought Policy” of “No Water on the Job” for all those poor souls that are under his command, sooner or later will start yielding some casualties.

For example: you are in a lift 30 feet up in the air and with the rising temperatures, you need a drink! Could I get bottle water please? Not under Hickey! He can’t afford to buy water for his men.

Maybe buy some paper cups for the guys so they are able to drink from fountains throughout the shop? No dice either! It will create litter and it costs money. This “Plumber Boss” definitely has a “Water Problem”. He loves water so much that it must kill him that his men are taking Water Breaks and wasting his beloved H2O in mundane acts like drinking it. But He must have a Plan. All Leaders of Great stature usually do. *Could it be something like?*

***The F&S organization is looking for hard workers able to withstand all kinds of adversities.***



***If You are a “CAMEL” OR A “DROMEDARY”. We are looking***

***for you!!!!.***

***Please show, call or send resume to my office.***

***Humans NEED NOT APPLY.***

***I am Waiting.....***

***“THE WATER BOY”***



## GSP/GPS Are We There Yet?

The wonderful folks at P&W Global Services Partners (GSP) are always looking for new places to send work. It must be Cheaper than here in Connecticut so they figure they must have one of those nice little devices that show you were to go and how to get there.

They got themselves the “TOM-TOM” it is a very nice and useful tool made especially for Pratt Global to make sure they always send the work in the “Right Direction”. This Pratt’s GPS version has been programmed to work as Planned.



Say you want to send work to Cheshire; you key in to go by “ACE Boulevard”. TOM-TOM routes you to Columbus, Georgia. Try Going to CARO using “Concession Lane”; and again it will direct you away from Connecticut, maybe even to DARO.

If you are stubborn enough and still want to send some work to either CARO or Cheshire; you could key in all kinds of variables like: “Overtime Cut Lane”, “Capitol Avenue”, “Vaseline Truck Alley”, to no avail it still programs you to Singapore, Japan, or anywhere but Connecticut.



Now, if you don’t give up and decide to ask TOM-TOM for a satellite picture; curious to see what is going on? You will probably find that Pratt has surrounded both locations with “ONE WAY” Streets, all of them of course going away from there.

Brothers and Sisters beware if the Company wants to give you an anniversary present that looks like a GPS, especially if it has been made and endorsed by GSP with TOM-TOM, pictures on it. If you live in Connecticut, you’ll never find your way back home. Toss the TOM-TOM. The Struggle continues.

## “Pratt and Whitney” Cancer Study



Part one: The study is alive and well. Exposure reconstruction for brain cancer epidemiological study in seven Connecticut jet engine manufacturing facilities. This investigation is done in many different parts. Dr. Nurt Esmen, Ph.D. is the principal Investigator with his staff, Scientist, Steven Lacey, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, Kathleen Kennedy, MS Project manager, Roger Hancock, Senior research specialist, They are at the University of Illinois at Chicago, division of Environmental and Occupational Health services.

There are many pieces of this puzzle they are working on, They had to develop a job dictionary, Occupational groups, job groups, chemicals used, PW job codes, Department files. There are currently 257,742 entries, this dates from 1954 to present. These are sorted into categories. There was also part and process dictionaries which consisted of part families and processes, then put into the mix; characterization of ionizing radiation data, the characteristics of metal working fluids exposures, electromagnetic fields, metal dusts and exposure times. This is very complex and Dr. Esmen's staff are working very diligently on the cancer issues. They keep the information flowing and in turn, I pass this on to concerned parties.

Part two of the study: The epidemiology and biostatistical component of the Pratt and Whitney Cohort Mortality and cancer incidence study is conducted by: Dr. Gary Marsh, Ph.D Principal investigator, Jeannine Buchanich, Ph.D co-investigator, and Frank Lieberman, M.D Co-Investigator. This is done through the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate

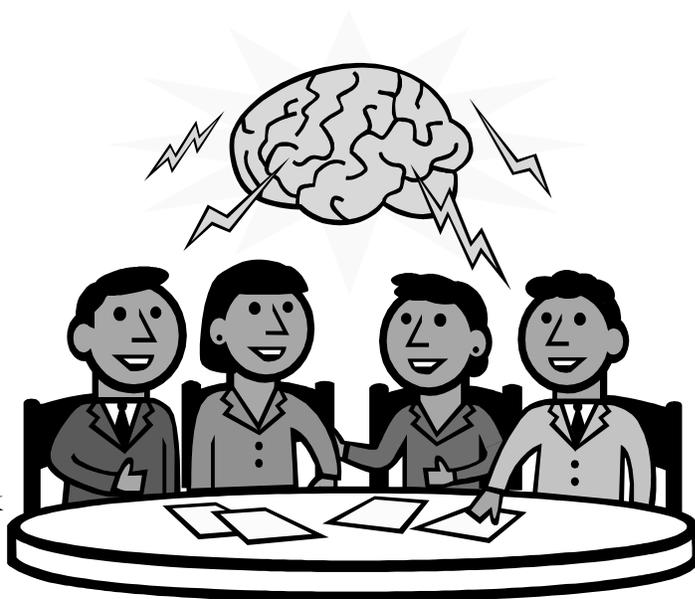
School of Public Health, Department of Biostatistics. There are several parts to this as well. They collected 223,000 plus unique individuals for data bases. Data was collected from the IAMAW Union, and the Company records. The researchers went through microfilm and work cards for every employee that worked at PW. They could have worked there for one day or many years, they are on record. This was very intensive to pull the data. A company called DATA BANQUE was hired to compile all of this information. Dr. Marsh as well as Dr. Esmen spoke to many of PW employees gathering more health and work information. Their work histories were combined in this process, which are rather extensive.

There is vital Status tracing, Cancer incidence tracing, Case control Study, Genetics study, There was also a manuscript printed in the journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, 2008a, 2008b, also in the American Journal of Epidemiology (2009 Buchnich) In phase 3 work, they will be combining factors from Dr. Esmen and Dr. Marsh's information. The Connecticut State Department of Public Health and the Conn. Cancer and brain tumor registries are a large part of information. (There are also many other states involved)

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**The Next Monthly Meeting is  
October 18th @11:00 am**

*“All members are encouraged to attend”*



**Medical files** are a very important part of your employment. For your own sake, Please get a copy of your medical files from the Pratt and Whitney Medical Dept. Review them carefully. Make sure all of your information is current and up to date. If there are any discrepancies, bring them to the attention of your Union EH&S rep to help you get them resolved. *To get a copy of your reports, you must submit a release form and submit it to the medical department. To get a copy of the release form, you may go to the Medical dept and request one or see a union safety rep for more information.*



The Machinist Club will have it's first dinner on **Friday, October 30, 2009** from 4 PM to 8 PM. The menu will be Prime Rib Dinner and Fish and Chips.

**Call 568-4234 to order**

*Tony Lee Band will play at 9 PM*



**Thank You and Congratulations to Dian Mitchell for her faithful service of 40 years to the Local Lodge 1746 family.**

**EAP Corner**

**For IAM Local Lodge 1746: P&W in East Hartford and UTC Power in South Windsor.**

*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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**Don't Forget to Wear RED on Fridays**



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