

### Sisters and Brothers,

Tuesday August 25th Bridgestone/Firestone Company Representatives met with Goodyear, Cooper and BF Goodrich Company Representatives in Lexington, KY for an explanation of the ratified Goodrich Agreement.

Your Policy Committee met with Bridgestone Representatives on Wednesday August 26th to discuss the Goodrich settlement. The Company showed very little desire to pattern an agreement after BF Goodrich explaining that the BFG settlement doesn't meet their TBR and AG business need. (Greed)

Your Policy Committee is scheduled to meet through the upcoming weekend.

### Definition of the Week: Supplemental Unemployment Benefits

The Company's proposal may virtually eliminate SUB benefits for some affected employees. They have proposed to pay no more than 12 weeks of benefits to employees with 2 to 10 years of service, 18 weeks of benefits to employees with 10 to 20 years of service and 26 weeks of benefits to employees with more than 20 years of service. These totals affect your eligibility for the term of the last agreement and this agreement. The weeks anyone has already drawn would be deducted from the proposed total entitlement.

We are still committed to bringing LaVergne Maintenance, Bloomington and Warren County into the Master Agreement.

Please visit the following sites for more information:

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<a href="http://www.flickr.com/photos/solidaritynews/">http://www.flickr.com/photos/solidaritynews/</a>	<a href="http://groups.to/solidaritynews/">http://groups.to/solidaritynews/</a>
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Yours in solidarity,

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USW Coordinator

**Local 7L**  
Bill Crooks

**Local 138L**  
Tim Cottrell

**Local 310L**  
Al Skinner  
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**Local 787L**  
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**Local 1055L**  
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