

# 'ANGUS BARKS'

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## ***Work & Manpower - Plants I & II***

As expected, the workload is down in some areas of Plants I&II, and up in other areas. Management adjusted manpower accordingly, laying off in slow areas, and adding jobs in busy areas.

Since January, overall orders declined due to cancellation of some commercial spares and engines. The Company has not changed its' commitment to the Union to avoid layoffs to the street in 2009.

Several key areas are still waiting introduction of new machinery already on-site, or programming of new work already identified. Successful introduction will add much needed base hours for 2009. Further delays will make job preservation more difficult.

Five new programming positions were hired this month from the Planning ranks. Local 201 members will interview for 2 Planning positions in Plant II and 1 in Plant I. Future retirements may cause more upgrade opportunities for our members into Planning.

Plant I spent \$300K for a huge new foundation, and new tooling for a 240-inch Broach. This machine is critical to Lynn's future. It will allow farm-in of 5 parts currently broached in Connecticut. It will allow smooth introduction of JSF disks. It can act as a back-up for Wilmington disks. It will be a lifeline to our broach area, which suffers from expensive down-time and maintenance costs caused by 50-year old machines. The new broach machine was originally scheduled for delivery last November. It's arrival would signal the Company is planning for the future in Lynn.

### **2009 AREA UPDATE**

**40 LEPM-** Lost more than 1/3 of last year's volume of large commercial engines. 8 LOW's

**BLDG 85-** Busy with bubble of J85 work. 7 ADDS

**Flame/Hirss-** Flameholders down to one shift production. 3 LOW's. HIRSS holding steady. 1 ADD

**40 SEMO-** T700 going strong. MJT work coming in. 3 ADDS, 1LOW

**BLDG 77J-** Big potential for T700 shell farm-in. New lathe & milling machines running. New MJT arriving.

**PTO-** 5 current TLOW's in Prep Room, 2 in Heat Treat.

**1-74 TPMO-** T700 going strong. 3 positions being backfilled.

**1-74 RPMO-** Helped by TF34 spares. New milling machine needs installation. New broach expected. 1 LOW, 3 ADDS

**1-74 TEPM-** Waiting to start CF34-10 shells and increase C-Sump. 2 Milling centers need installation. 4 LOW's, 1 ADD

**2-74 MEMO-** Spool work steady. 2 ADDS

**2-74 SPMO-** Ring work plentiful. 3 ADDS

**BLDG 64-** Farmed-in 305, 306, 377's. Inertia welder installed. 2 VTL's need installation. 4 positions unreplaced.

