



SUMMER EDITION



Hello Everyone,

I hope you are all having a safe and enjoyable summer. This summer is shaping up to be one of the worst for crew levels. We are short in every department, and members are being called in on days of rest. Time off is almost impossible, but I have been assured by crewing that requests for time off will be processed in order of receipt. If your time off is denied, they will revisit the request before granting any new time off requests to anyone else. If you have any concerns with this, please contact myself or Karen Sopow.

We had a float in the Sea Cavalcade Parade this year, and I want to thank Sean Graham for coming over from Nanaimo, and driving it in the parade. I also want to thank Sophia Ridge and Julie Woods for walking with the float and handing out candy. We ran out of candy and Frisbees quite quickly, and we will make sure to triple our supply for next year. We are already brain storming on what to do for next year. Any ideas on a theme for the float, please let me know, and I

will add it to our notes.

We have the start of a team for the Corn Shucking Team for the Labor Day picnic. If you want to join in, please let me know as we need a team of 4 and we only have 2 so far. Glen will talk more on the event in his article on page 2.

In closing, everyone work safe and try and have some fun this summer, as it's half over. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact one of your local executive members, or a shop steward. Contact lists are posted on the bulletin boards.

In Solidarity

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Note Pad - Your mini posting board.



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- **Aug 8:** Local 19 Meeting
Guest: LRO Dave Katler
- **Aug 9 & 10:** Coaster's Car Club - Sleepy Hollow Show & Shine in Sechelt.
- **Aug 16:** Deadline for Second Vice VOTE.
- **Sept 2:** SCLC Labour Day Picnic - Dougall Park
12:00 - 4:00

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On the Inside!

By Laura Lee McNab

Summer is half over! Hasn't it been great!! If you are like me, there is no time to do everything you wanted to do, and you can't even get time off!

Once again, I have been busy with home renovations, as well as the usual work, home and union stuff. I feel as if my body is constantly trying to catch up with my sore feet! ☺ I keep waiting for things to get back to normal. It seems there are still the usual complaints, but not time to do anything about them other than vent. That's healthy, but remember if you do have an issue, please come to us, we will do all we can to help you.

I think the new hires have been great this year, and hopefully they will stick around. Providing this summer hasn't scared them off. They will be a welcome part of our family. Again, if there is anything I can do for you, please contact me and I will do my best... Enjoy the rest of your summer!!

Laura-Lee McNab
[Communications]



Well it's been a Hot Summer, both weather-wise and Labour-wise here on the Sunshine Coast. We started off with the BCGEU 1703/District of Sechelt strike back in June. Through good leadership; strong stick togetherness; and the support of the labour community, they settled the dispute, and 1703 were satisfied with deal reached.

Details can be found at:
<http://www.bcgeu.ca/node/12409>

This strike lead to the development of the Local Presidents Communications Network. A means of communications for all Presidents of Union Locals on the coast provided by the Sunshine Coast Labour Council. This is the first time anything like this has been put in place on the coast,



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and I believe it will increase dialogue between Unions and strengthen organized labour on the coast. Already, we have seen three more locals affiliate to the Sunshine Coast Labour Council.

Labour Day Picnic, our annual celebration of Labour will take place in Dougall Park on Monday September 2 – 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. EVERYONE WELCOME! We're also looking for help with set-up, operations, and teardown. So if you would like to get involved with one of the best events on the coast, don't hesitate to contact me. Also, as Lisa mentioned - Local 5 needs a team for the Corn Shucking Contest. Each team peels a box of corn in a race-style competition. Winners hold the SCLC Corn Shucking Plaque for 1 year. Be sure to contact Lisa to join the team.

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