

# Local 1853 UAW Chairman

June 27, 2013

## MIKE HERRON - BARGAINING CHAIRMAN MESSAGE

As we approach our annual Summer Shutdown period, on behalf of myself and the UAW 1853 Shop Committee, I want to recognize all of you for your continued hard work and dedication.

There is important work that takes place at this time of year, and if it is not done, and done correctly, it will impact our ability to build the High Quality Equinox's that our customers are looking for. With our skilled trades and production workforce on the job, I know it will be done right, on time and under budget, as we prepare to launch the 2014 version of this great vehicle. To all of you working...thank you for giving up time with your families to help make us successful.

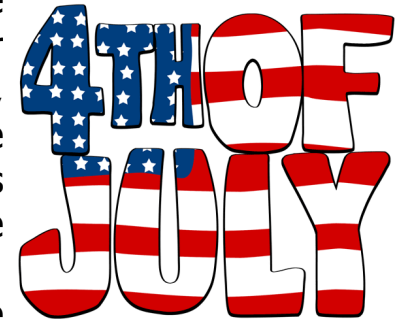
Some of our other teams will be working to make parts for other facilities that we supply. Our UAW Brothers and Sisters are counting on us to get them those parts and components, so they can build their high quality UAW/GM vehicles. To all of you, I say thank you also for giving up time with your families.

For all members who will be off for either one or two weeks, ENJOY! Take the down time, be safe and have fun with your families and friends. Re-charge your batteries as they say, as we need everyone back to continue to build great Equinox's and all the components we produce each day.

If you are traveling, please buckle up and never drink and drive. The life you save may be one of your children, spouse or significant other in the vehicle with you. If you are out in the sun drink lots of fluids, use sun block and take advantage of any shade you can. Heat stroke and exhaustion is dangerous and can lead to serious health problems or worse. A few precautions up front will insure a safe and fun time for everyone.

If you are celebrating the 4th of July with fireworks, please be careful. Every year hundreds of people get hurt, some very seriously by taking short cuts.

Enjoy, have fun, and we look forward to seeing everyone safely back to work after the shutdown!



In Solidarity,  
Mike Herron  
Chairman Local 1853

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Michael D. Herron'.



## Unemployment Filing Information

During this summer shutdown period, some of our members will have to file for Unemployment Compensation. An example of this would be a entry level person that is working in the flex area where work has not been made available for these members. For those of you who do have to file, please know that there are some changes in how and when you file. I am including instructions on how to file for UC during this 2 week period.

For members of the GM unit, there is also information on how to file for SUB.

If you have further questions or need additional help, please contact the UAW Benefits Reps at the numbers listed below. These folks will be available Mon - Friday during both weeks, EXCEPT for the 4th of July.

How to file for Unemployment and SUB: 3 Step Process - UPDATED 6/26/13

1. Open or Re-open Claim or File Partial Claim by Phone (877) 813-0950 or Internet: <https://ui.tn.gov/>
2. Certify with the State of Tennessee by Phone (800) 689-9799 or Internet: <https://ui.tn.gov/>
3. File for SUB by Phone (800) 489-4646 or Internet: [www.layoffbenefits.com](http://www.layoffbenefits.com)

### Open or Re-open your Claim (on the first week of layoff):

During the first week of layoff, you must either call the State or go Online: Press Apply for Unemployment to open or reopen your claim.

If this is your first layoff in recent years or you have never been laid off, you have to open a New Claim with the State. If you haven't been laid off in recent years or have never been laid off, it is considered a "Waiting Week". If you are eligible, you will receive full SUB for that first initial "Waiting Week". Remember, even though it is your Waiting Week with the State, you still need to Certify for that week with the State. (see Certify with the State of Tennessee Unemployment below)

- A Monetary Determination (Mondet) if you don't have one, will be mailed to you from the State. The Benefit Year Ending date (BYE), Monthly Benefit Amount (MBA), Weekly Benefit Amount (WBA) has to be entered into the SUB System to be able to apply for SUB Benefits. The date on your Mondet affects your eligibility for SUB Pay.

### Certify with the State of Tennessee Unemployment:

The following week: Certify for Unemployment

- Online: Press Weekly Certification to certify for the week
- If the last digit of your Social Security Number is even (0,2,4,6,8) your assigned day is Sunday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for Internet. By Phone the hours are 8:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
- If the last digit of your Social Security Number is odd (1,3,5,7,9) your assigned day is Monday 7:00 am to 6:30 pm for Internet. By Phone the hours are 7:00 am to 12:00 midnight.
- If on phone, you will be told whether or not the answers have been accepted after all the questions have been answered. At that time, if a potential issue is detected, you will hear "Your claim has been accepted, but it cannot be processed for payment." You will need to call the UI Claims Center (877) 813-0950 to resolve problem.

### File for SUB:

- If the State opened a new claim, you are going to have to input your Monetary Determination in the SUB system online or phone first. Then file for SUB. (Waiting week from State will receive full SUB).
- File for SUB after you Certify Unemployment. You can call or go online Monday-Friday 3:00 am to 12 Midnight.
- If you have an existing State Claim and your Monetary Determination has not expired, you can file for SUB.

### If you have any questions, contact Benefit Reps:

Marilyn Morgan	(931) 489-4734	5:00 am to 1:00 pm
Cheryl Offutt	(931) 489-4891	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Lorene Austin	(931) 486-5706	11:00 am to 7:00 pm

### Additional Contacts:

During the 2 week shutdown period, both the UAW Union Hall and the UAW Office in GA will be open during normal operating hours. Both offices will be closed on the 4th of July.