



TEAMSTERS

LOCAL UNION No.690 VAL HOLSTROM SECRETARY TREASURER

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URM Drivers & Warehouse ratify new Agreement



Teamsters Local Union 690 membership at URM Stores ratified a fully committee recommended 4 year agreement with URM.

The negotiating Team of Secretary-Treasurer **Val Holstrom**, Business Agents **Larry Kroetch**, and **Ron Vevoda**, and Committee members **Wade Liberty**, **Kyle Carlson**, **Josh Rosman**, **Dan Crowley**, **Rod Whitney**, **Ron Wittkopf** and **Craig Lybbert** negotiated an agreement that included a **fully funded medical package**, **Wage and Pension increases** in each year of the contract and increased job protection.

It was overwhelmingly approved by the members

This Great Job is due to the Solidarity of you the membership.

Be sure to thank the team. They worked hard for you.

NEW CONTRACTS

Also negotiated and ratified in the last few months include, **Kraft/Nabisco**, **Oxarc**, **Univar** and **AlSCO**.

Your negotiating teams are still aggressively negotiating to get good contracts at **Pullman Public Works**, **Neil Public Library**, **Estensen Logistics**, **Sysco**, **Co-Op Supply**, **AGC**, **Central Pre-Mix**, **Lee and Eastes**, **Banner Fuel**, **Peirone Produce**, **First Student**, and **Durham Bus**.

Negotiations are difficult in these tough economic times and take experience, talent and skill to get the very best deals. **Only by showing the employers we are united and strong can we continue to achieve guaranteed wage increases, improved benefits packages and better job security for you and your family.**



Hoffa on fire at Unity

Teamster members have reelected James P. Hoffa as general president. **He showed renewed vigor and enthusiasm at the Unity Conference.** Just hours before being sworn in again as the Union's leader Hoffa called on all Teamsters present, including Local 690 Secretary Treasurer **Val Holstrom**, Business Agents **Ron Vevoda**, **Mark Brandt** and E-Board member **Eric Johnson**, to stand shoulder to shoulder to fight to stop the war on workers.



Robert Stockton from **Central Pre-Mix** representing Local 690 Teamsters at the opening of the new section of the **Spokane North-South Corridor**.



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Roger Evans, newly retired from Pend Oreille County Corrections is congratulated by Secretary Treasurer Val Holstrom



Local 690 members did very well at this year's Transportation Club Truck Driving Championships

Local 690 member participants (left to right) Dan Aff, Tony Mickleson, Roy Garcia, Josh Jenkins (all from Peninsula Truck Lines), Michael Dickinson (URM), and Johnny Malone (Safeway)



Roy (left) placed 1st in the sleeper category and also received the Mel Strand award, Tony placed 2nd in the 4 axle category Josh placed 2nd in the twins category and Michael placed 2nd in the 5 axle category

GRIEVANCE & ARBITRATIONS



Your Local 690 Representatives have been very successful in several recent grievance and arbitration hearings. We have had **2 drivers returned to work with full back pay** to companies under contract. In both cases the arbitrator found fully in favor of the Union and awarded \$60,000 to one driver and \$20,000 to the other for wrongful terminations.

We also defeated another company's attempt to take away a contractual paid lunch for drivers. As a result of the Union demand, the paid lunch is restored and **with full back pay** to the transport drivers.

These are in addition to several other grievance settlements totaling over \$100,000 to our members so far in 2012.

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If this discussion could in any way lead to my being disciplined or terminated or have any effect on my personal working conditions, I respectfully request my union representative, officer or steward to be present at this meeting. Without union representation, I choose not to participate in this discussion.



Local 690 Business -Agents Mike Valenzuela and Larry Kroetch participated in the **Annual Sunrise for Children and UFCW 1439 Sporting Clay Charity Shoot**. This event is sponsored by UFCW 1439 and Sunrise Dental both of who have Teamster members. The Teamsters Local 690 sponsored team finished a respectable second place.



Val Holstrom leads Local 690 at the annual Workers Memorial April 28, 2012

This annual event remembers those workers who have lost their lives on the job. Each lost worker's names are read in remembrance. At last year's event Val read several names including the 2 Washington Teamsters and the Local 690 member who lost their lives at work in 2010.