

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I am writing this report after visiting the remaining three spreads on the TransCanada Keystone Project. Although the weather was extremely hot and humid, the membership was able to share with David and I their comments and concerns for their particular jobs and the local union. We also had a meeting with TransCanada Keystone, along with the contractor's management team over the issue of no pancake hoods on their projects. We were able to present the welders' concerns over the safety of the pancake versus the flip down hood, and I believe that all parties were able to openly discuss their problems and to offer solutions so that all will come away achieving the desired results. Although this issue is not settled as of yet, I feel confident that everyone involved is working diligently toward a common goal.

I wish that we could get out to every job in the field because your input is not only important to us, it is the most enlightening and enjoyable part of my job. Also this week, the ladies that work in dispatch along with Kevin Leeper visited the Price Gregory spread in Stillwater, OK. They did this visit on their own time so that they might better familiarize themselves by gaining a visual into the pipeline right-of-way so that they can serve you better. I applaud you ladies for giving up your Saturday for the betterment of the local. I would also like to thank Welder Foreman Stan Campbell, and Spreadman Paul Cumbie for escorting and coordinating this event.

Lately, many of our new members when faced with job choices from the dispatch office seem to lean towards the jobs with more mileage, which on face value makes sense. But many times the geography and topography is a better measure of how long a job will last. Kevin usually has an estimated length of time for each job, so ask and use this information wisely. What might seem like a small job may last longer as far as work days, than the job with big mileage.

One of the things that is always on the front burner on my desk is the PLA (project labor agreement) with TransCanada Keystone XL. Although this project will not start until next year, UA Pipeline Director Phil Stephenson, Assistant Director Tom Gross, UA Director of Political Affairs Rick Tervin, David, and I, along with your UA General President Bill Hite started on negotiating a PLA well over 18 months ago. I still believe that we can achieve this if we refuse to quit communicating. I hope and pray everyone has a safe and fun Labor Day. Remember who brought it to you - the Labor Movement of America. As always I am proud to say, **"I work for you, the finest pipeliners in the world."**

Fraternally,

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