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To: All AMFA Locals and Members

Re: **National Secretary/Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2011**

Dear Members:

The month of January started out a bit rough but has been getting steadily better. I was off on bereavement leave the first week of the year as my father, Frank Nowak, passed away on January 3rd; He would have been 94 this February. Dad was my initial education and inspiration to becoming actively involved in Unions. He had worked 36 years at Cadillac Motor Car Company in Detroit, MI, and almost as many years retired. I remember as a child when he went on strike with the UAW. After he retired, Dad continued to be involved with the UAW and he helped found the retirees chapter of Local 22 where he served for 35 years, mostly as Chairman. At the funeral, I was talking to one of his good friends from the UAW who told me they often joked about who would beat who to heaven, when Dad would say that his time was coming first, Randy told him that when you get there Frank, do me a favor and organize them. Knowing my Dad, he is probably collecting cards right now!

The second week of January the NEC met face-to-face at the National Office. We discussed and debated many matters and issues. I also completed the Grapevine and approved the proofs for printing and mailing. All members should have received a copy of the Grapevine; if you have not please let me know at newsletter@amfanatl.org

The third and fourth weeks of the month were back to the normal business of conference calls and administrative tasks. I continued to work on the preparations for the February Joint Advisory Council (JAC) and NEC Meetings to be held next week in PHX. I also completed the paperwork for AMFA's sponsorship of the AMT Societies Maintenance Skills Competition and arranged to attend. I have started work on revising some training materials and looking into courses to provide recurrent training to the Local Officers.

I am looking forward to the meetings in PHX and hope to get the opportunity to meet with some of the AMFA Members while there.

In Solidarity,

Steven A. Nowak

National Secretary/Treasurer