



Production Worker Training Coming Soon

The UAW and DaimlerChrysler recognize that the auto industry is rapidly changing. New processes in the building of vehicles require production workers to have the knowledge and skills to compete with their counterparts throughout the world.

The TTC has been working with production workers and their training representatives from Local Technical Training Committees (LTTCs) in order to identify training needs.

The guiding principles in the development of this training are to:

- Assist workers in performing their jobs better.
- Give workers a better understanding of the processes related to the product and/or plant.

As topics are identified for training, some production workers may be asked to participate in Focus Groups or

course development task forces.

Stay tuned for more details as production worker training at the TTC continues to develop.

Big Success in the Big Easy

Union and company apprentice representatives attended the Apprenticeship Conference on April 18 and 19, 2000, in New Orleans at the Fairmont Hotel. Attendance was excellent.

Some of the topics covered included:

- Sexual Harassment Update
- Dynamics of Diversity
- Roles and Responsibilities of the Apprentice Representative
- Manufacturing Process Review and Update



The new TTC is just down the road.

- New TTC Facility Development
- Health and Safety/Apprenticeship Program
- Reports on Plant Location Testing
- New Language/Contract Discussion
- Overview of New DaimlerChrysler Product Designs

Also, individual plants reported on their Apprenticeship Programs.

Presenters used a workshop style discussion format in which participants were able to interact and ask questions.

Sessions were very informative and helpful to the Local Apprentice Committee members.

New Facility Update

The renovation of the new UAW-DaimlerChrysler Technology Training Center in Warren, Mich., is well underway.

The interior of the building has been entirely gutted in order to make way for the state-

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of-the-art facilities to come.

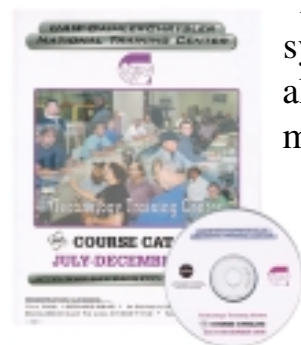
The newly renovated facility will provide much larger work areas for technology classes, apprentice hands-on projects and health and safety labs.

Detailed plans are nearing completion, and reconstruction will start very soon. The target for completion is Fall 2001.

New Course Catalog Distribution

Issued twice a year, the TTC Course Catalog is the source for complete course descriptions and scheduling information.

The TTC has begun providing the LTTCs with printed copies of the catalog as well as a CD-ROM version. Skilled trades have been notified of the change in distribution with a letter.



This new system will allow LTTC members to work at the plant level with interested

people to identify training needs and provide course recommendations.

The CD-ROM version allows the catalog to be quickly

searched and individual pages to be printed for distribution.

The course catalog is also posted on the NTC's Web site, www.uaw-daimlerchryslerntc.org. Visitors can view or print catalog pages online.

The other benefit of the new distribution system is to make the LTTC's presence better known and understood at the plants.

SPOTLIGHT ON...



SLC 500 FAMILY

The TTC has a variety of courses to handle the training needs of those who install, maintain, or troubleshoot SLC 500 family processor controllers.

SLC is a family of simple and affordable controllers used to automate and control manufacturing processes.

In the 6200 and ICOM courses, the TTC uses the SLC 5/04 processor. This is a newer and lower-cost alternative to the PLC-5 and can replace the PLC-5 in some applications.

Most plants have both PLC-5s and SLC 500s. Participants can transfer knowledge gained in a SLC 500 class for use on the PLC-5.

Those who are already familiar with the PLC-5 have to adjust to the fact that the SLC 500s are all software-controlled.

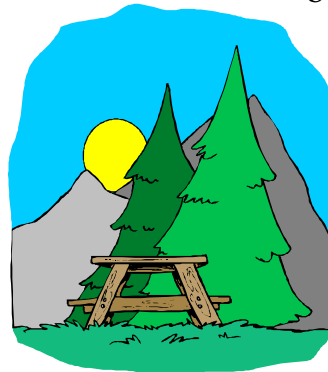
Classes at the TTC cover hands-on configuring and communicating using the SLC 500s. A primary focus is communication. Participants choose the course that includes the software they use at the plant: 6200 or ICOM.

The current advanced course utilizes the 6200 software.

The TTC also offers a course with RS Logix software (BAT 320). Participants in this course must have taken either of the basic 6200 or ICOM courses.

Another course addresses both the RS Logix software and SLC 500 equipment training (BAT 325). This course is two weeks.

For more information about SLC 500 course descriptions or class schedules, consult a copy of the *TTC Course Catalog* or talk to your plant training liaison.



Grounding & Bonding Piloted

A new course, *Grounding and Bonding (IET 210)*, was recently piloted at the TTC.

The course focuses on the grounding requirements related to the installation, testing and inspection of industrial power systems.

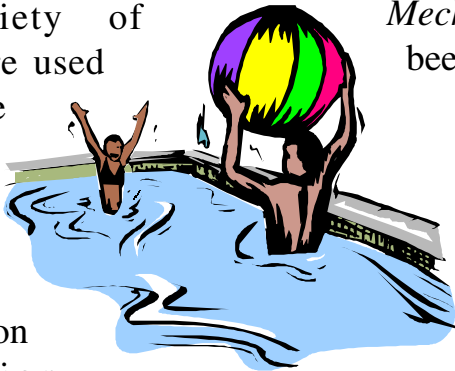
Subject matter is based on Article 250 of the National Electrical Code.

Topics include how to minimize the risks of electric shock, fires and explosions; common elements for clearing ground faults; and protection against lightning strikes and electrostatic discharge.

A variety of methods are used to teach the course, including lecture, discussion and hands-on workstation activities using a modular simulator.

The course is designed for technical personnel who are involved in the inspection and maintenance of electrical, electronic and/or telecommunications systems.

The 40-hour class can accommodate up to 12 participants. There are no



prerequisites.

A complete course description can be found in the latest edition of the *TTC Course Catalog*.

Fluid Power Reference Materials Now Available

In late 1999, the TTC began offering certification through the Fluid Power Society. The first course, *Fluid Power Certification – Hydraulic Mechanics (FLT 400)*, was piloted in November.

Since then, *Fluid Power Certification – Pneumatic Mechanics (FLT 410)* has been added.

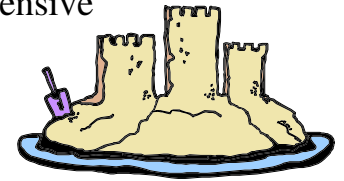
Both courses are designed for participants with prior knowledge of hydraulics or pneumatics. The purpose of these courses is to provide a review of material in preparation for

the Fluid Power Society's certification tests, which include both written and hands-on sections.

Certification provides professional status and membership in the Fluid Power Society.

Most participants have been very comfortable with the hands-on segment. However, some have felt a need for a more extensive

review of the written material.



To remedy the situation, one LTTC suggested that copies of the course materials be given to all LTTCs. The TTC went ahead with distribution.

Participants now have the opportunity to review the subject matter before arriving at the TTC. They can study the sample test, see where they may need extra practice, or decide what questions to ask when class begins.

All participants will receive their own set of course materials on the first day of class; however, reviewing materials beforehand should greatly increase the chance of becoming certified.

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