JANUARY

The company notified the union of its intention to layoff 169 members effective March 31, 2006.

The union signed MOAs regarding members assigned to Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Virginia and Puget Sound.

The 13th Annual Region 9A UAW Civil Rights Awards Dinner was held January 13th at the Radisson Hotel in Cromwell, CT.

FEBRUARY

The local and MTC met with our congressional delegates to discuss the workload at Electric Boat.

the Tri-Annual Executive Board Elections were held on February 28th.

The company decided to drastically reduce the 2nd shift starting in April.

MARCH

Newly elected executive board members assumed their elected positions. President John Worobey thanked Scott Riccitelli, Mark Ciliano, Jason Thompson and Sue Mack for their years of service to the Union.

Signed MOA for this year's Performance Award of $500.00 and a "stretch" award for an additional $250.00.

Signed MOA for EWA travel package for members supporting availability in Pearl Harbor Submarine Base, Pearl Harbor, HI.

Trustees performed their semi-annual audit and filed all necessary paperwork. The trustees reported all books and records were in order.

 APRIL

The AFL-CIO Worker's Memorial Ceremony was held at Washington Park in Groton, CT on April 28, 2006 at 6:00 AM.

The Local voted to sponsor a "Hole" and "Green" for the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center Golf Tournament held June 12, 2006 at Stonington Country Club in Stonington, CT.

MAY

The Contract Ratification vote was held on May 11 and was overwhelming approved by the membership. The 2006-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement is dedicated in memory of Peter Johnson, former 1st Vice President and Recording Secretary, who passed away in November 2005.

The geographical Tri-Annual Councilor election was held on May 4th and 5th.

Signed MOA for EWA travel package for members supporting availability in Puget/Bangor, WA.

Susan Klinefilter and Chris Ferguson graduated from the Union Community Action Network training sponsored by the AFL-CIO Southeastern CT Central Labor Council and United Way of Southeastern CT.

JUNE

A retirement seminar was held on June 22, at the Colonel Ledyard School with a question and answer opportunity for those members planning to retire in the near future.

President John Worobey, 2nd Vice President Bill Giustini, Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess, Recording Secretary Paul Losacano and Melvin Olsson attended the AFL-CIO COPE convention in Hartford, CT.

President John Worobey, 1st Vice President & Delegate Bob Canova, Treasurer & Delegate Lisa Daley, Financial Secretary & Photographer Wayne Burgess, Delegate Patrick (Bud) Gallogly and Delegate Lynn Demato attended the 34th Constitutional Convention in Las Vegas, NV. The convention included the retirement of current Region 9A Director Phil Wheeler and the election of incoming Region 9A Director Bob Madore.

A 2005 Recognition Award Ceremony was held at the Groton Inn & Suites for our members who volunteered their own time for community and union activities.

The 36th annual UAW Region 9A Golf Tournament was held at Tallwood Country Club in Hebron, CT.

The Local awarded 6 John F. Saffomilla & E. Roy Colville $2,000.00 scholarship awards. The recipients were Kayla L. Garceaux (Alfred Garceau-member), Alexander W. Lew (Sonny Lew-member), Nathan S. Lloyd (David Lloyd-member), Sarah R. Pellegrino (John Pellegrino-member), Daniel J. Perrotta, Jr. (Daniel J. Perrotta, Sr.-member) and Rebecca A. Rioux (Alan Rioux-member).

For the 17th consecutive year, Flag Day buttons were distributed to the membership.

Local received award from the AFL-CIO representative to The United Way of Southeastern CT for the Local's outstanding long-time contribution to The United Way.

 JULY

The 2006 Family Day Picnic at Lake Compounce started out a little wet this year, but as the day progressed the weather improved and all 800 in attendance persevered and enjoyed the barbeque, attractions and comradery.

AUGUST

The Company announced it would become a tobacco-free facility July 1, 2007 and would provide assistance to help individuals quit. Subsequently the Union sent the company a letter protesting the failure of the Company to negotiate the subject matter.

Trustees performed their semi-annual audit and filed all necessary paperwork. The trustees reported all books and records were in order.

The treasurer attended KI software training in Detroit, MI.

SEPTEMBER

The layoff schedule for 09/08/06 was rescinded.

The Company informed the Union of their intent to recall eighty (80) laid off design discipline members.

The 13th annual Golf Tournament was held at Cedar Ridge Golf Course. There were 32 teams with two shotgun starts.

Signed MOA for EWA travel package for members supporting Bath Iron Works in Bath, ME.

Signed MOA for EWA travel package for members supporting availability in Kings Bay, GA.

United Way Day of Caring was held at Camp Harkness in Waterford, CT with MDA members participating.

Held a voter registration drive sponsored by the Company, MDA and MTC.

 OCTOBER

First Vice President Bob Canova, 2nd Vice President Bill Giustini and Treasurer Lisa Daley attended the KI/UAW Users Conference in East Lansing, MI.

President John Worobey, 2nd Vice President Bill Giustini and Recording Secretary Paul Losacano attended the UAW General Dynamics Council meeting in Dearborn, MI.

The Local was well represented at the AFL-CIO convention in New Haven, CT.

Many of our members participated in political rallies, debates and manned phone banks in support of our local candidates.

Signed MOA regarding continuation of Safety Shoe Program.

Signed MOA regarding continuation of Safety Eyewear Program.

President John Worobey and 1st Vice President Bob Canova attended Regional Director Phil Wheeler's retirement and testimonial and presented Phil was a Nautilus (SSN571) plaque on behalf of the Local.

NOVEMBER

Meetings were held for retirees concerning the Over 65 Health Care and Prescription Drug Plan insurance coverage for 2007 at the Groton Inn & Suites, Groton, CT and the Quonset "O" Club in North Kingston, RI.

The Company informed the Union of their intent to recall all the remaining members on layoff status.

The 9th Annual Region 9A Veterans Dinner Dance was held at the Wellesley Inn & Suites in Elmsford, NY.

The 2006 Electric Boat Community Service drive was held with participation from the Local.

DECEMBER

Safety Committee Chairman Dave Reagan attended the ConnectiCOSH Convention at the Region Hall in Farmington, CT.

The Annual MDA-UAW Local 571 Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Groton Motor Inn on December 2, 2006.

Turkeys were distributed at the plant to all employees. All unclaimed turkeys were donated to the Gemma E. Moran United Way/Labor Food Center.

The Local 571 Retiree Holiday Luncheon was held at the Seamen's Inn in Mystic, CT.