The year 2010 starts optimistically. Then the Company announces layoffs for the MTC. Some of the laid off workers join the MDA-UAW. Recall election withdrawal. Negotiations confrontational at times but in the end a new agreement is reached. Contract is ratified by membership. Moves to New London with many more to come. We look forward to the New Year and anticipate what the future will bring.

JANUARY

Region 9A Director Bob Madore announces he will not seek re-election as director of Region 9A.

President Robert Canova, Second Vice President Tracy A. Nickerson and six (6) members of the Civil & Human Rights Committee attend the UAW Region 9A Civil & Human Rights Dinner in Hartford, CT.

 The six (6) Officers and Dan Ogden Councillor at CSC in Norwich negotiate a new four (4) year labor agreement for the MDA-UAW Local 571 members that work at CSC.

FEBRUARY

Electric Boat announces layoffs for the MTC. The laid off workers will be given preference in applying for 110 MDA-UAW Design jobs.

New Hire Committee begins distributing portfolios to the membership handing out 1600 in one month.

UAW 2121 at Foxwoods ratifies first Union contract negotiated under Tribal law. The agreement is for two (2) years.

Chris Ferguson wins Member-at-Large election.

MARCH

Ed Faubert announces that he is withdrawing from the recall election for President of the MDA-UAW Local 571.

CAD classes begin for the laid off MTC workers who chose to accept a job in Design.

By-Law Chairperson Ken Rowland presents two (2) By-Law changes to the membership. Article IX-Committees, Section 1 – Standing and Special Committees and Article XV Delegates from Local Union.

The Local receives the call for the 35th UAW Constitutional Convention June 14- 17, 2010 in Detroit MI.

APRIL

New Hire Co-Chairman Jim Schiessl starts meeting with new hires to the MDA-UAW from the MTC to give them their new hire packets and meet their Councillors and Officers.

The AFL-CIO Worker’s Memorial Ceremony was held at Washington Park in Groton, CT on April 28, 2010.

Election for Delegates to the Constitutional Convention takes place. Those elected to represent the Local at the Convention were Robert Valentine, Joseph Wessell, Carol Mauro and Lisa Daley.

 MAY

President Robert Canova, Second Vice President Tracy A .Nickerson and Treasurer William E. Louis attend the UAW General Dynamics Council in Pittsburg, PA.

President Robert Canova, Recording Secretary James M. Hanrahan and four (4) members attend the Electric Boat Black Engineering Council 15th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet.

Members Velma Oliver and Kim Wood attend the 66th Annual Eastern Seaboard Apprenticeship Conference (ESAC) in Portland, ME.

JUNE

President Robert Canova announced the six winners of the 2010 John F. Saffomilla and E. Roy Colville Scholarships. They are as follows Janelle Medeiros, step- daughter of member James Hanrahan, Amanda Jengo, daughter of member Kelly Jengo, Mackenzie Bensko, son of member Bruce Bensko, Kaitlyn King, daughter of member David King, Lindsey Mahn daughter of member William Mahn and Julia Berry daughter of member Kevin Berry.

The Six (6) Officers plus members Doug Witt and Paul Losacano begin negotiations with the company. Ed Nevins and Jason Thompson are brought in later to complete the team.

2010 Region 9A UAW Annual Charity Golf Tournament was held June 27th, 2010 at the Stanley Golf Course in New Britain CT.

For the 21st consecutive year, Flag Day buttons were distributed to the membership.

Electric Boat opens a pharmacy in Groton, CT at 60 Clover Avenue.

The Annual MDA-UAW Local 571 Family Picnic at Lake Compounce, Bristol CT.

It is announced that Electric Boat is purchasing the Pfizer’s facility in New London, CT.

MDA-UAW Local 571 Veterans Committee Chairperson Dave Bliven and members collect $3700.00 for the American Legions Veterans Housing at the gates from Electric Boat employees.

The Delegates chosen to represent MDA-UAW Local 571 attend the Constitutional Convention. Bob King is elected UAW International President and Julie Kushner is elected Region 9A Director.

 JULY

Negotiations between the Local and the Company conclude with a new 76 month labor agreement.

Members start moving into the Pfizer Facility in New London.

 AUGUST

The Contract Ratification vote is held and the local overwhelming accepts the contract, 1323 accepts & 206 rejects.

Solidarity Day Picnic is held at Washington Park Groton, CT on August 14th 2010. Good time had by all in attendance.

 SEPTEMBER

The Company begins to have informational group meetings with the membership on their health care choices starting on January 1, 2011.

The Company host an open house in Groton, CT for employees and their families and the Local supports a booth at the open house.

The 17th Annual Pete Johnson Golf Day was held at the Cedar Ridge Golf Course in East Lyme, CT.

 OCTOBER

President Robert Canova, First Vice President William Giustini and nine (9) members attend the One Nation Rally on the National Mall in Washington D.C.

First Vice President Bill Guistini and Financial Secretary Wayne Burgess attend a rally with other UAW Veterans to show support for Attorney General Richard Blumenthal.

The Officers and the Company attended the contract signing dinner at Lake of Isle, North Stonington, CT.

NOVEMBER

The Local hosted a retirement and financial planning seminar at Groton Motor Inn for those members interested in learning what some of the options and choices are available for retirement and financial planning.

The Company has an open house at the Norwich facility.

DECEMBER

The Annual MDA-UAW Local 571 Holiday Dinner Dance was held at the Groton Motor Inn on December 4, 2010.