



# Thursday Janesville Assembly News



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## Chevy Volt Engine Plant Construction Placed on Hold

As GM's cash dwindles to the disappearance point, and we all wait for word from the Fed on when loans will be forthcoming, the Chevy Volt's heretofore pristine production plans have now shown the first signs of crumbling.

We have heard previously that GM had chosen the 1.4L normally aspirated 4 cylinder family zero engine to act as the generator in the Chevy Volt.

We also heard those engines would be built in a newly constructed engine plant in Flint Michigan. As well that plant would be responsible for making the engine for the upcoming Chevy Cruze.

Today, sadly, GM announced it was putting construction plans for the engine plant on hold. Citing cash management concerns, GM spokesperson Sharon Basel noted "everything that involves heavy cash outlays obviously is under review." Specifically GM has had to delay purchasing of the very expensive steel supply that would go into manufacturing the plant.

Basel hasn't dashed our hopes completely just yet, stating "our intent is to still go forward with a new facility bringing that engine to Flint, Mich." She notes that these expenditures have had to be delayed awaiting word from the fed, and will hopefully only be temporary until the cash situation is resolved.

She further reassures us that Cruze and Volt development plans continue on schedule and that both cars are still planned to arrive in showrooms in 2010.

No news was provided on whether the Detroit-Hamtramck plant where the Volt is to be assembled has been delayed in any fashion.

There are now less than 10 business days left in this month of December that GM said it would be out of cash by the end of without a federal loan.

It may very well be up to President Bush and Treasury Secretary Paulson to decide whether the Volt will make it in November 2010 as we've all been waiting for. - *AutoblogGreen.com*

## Rock Responds Thanks UAW Local 95 / General Motors

"It is difficult to express how much we have appreciated the participation of UAW Local 95 and GM employees in Rock Responds. Rock Responds would not be the successful program that it is today without your contributions that have helped many in our community. Not only did you give through the heart but many of you were able to deliver the donations to the individuals and families. Thank you so much!" - United Way of North Rock County  
-*Rock Responds*

Please remember to clean out your fitness center lockers if you don't intend on using the fitness center in the future.

## Plans for Tuesday

Tuesday, December 23 will undoubtedly be a very difficult, and emotional day for all of us. To commemorate the cessation of line 1, we will be taking departmental photos and circulating a banner for employees to sign. The banner will also be displayed in the area adjacent to Final line (where heritage car show was) on Tuesday, for employees to sign. Afterward, the banner will accompany the truck to the United Way for display and will ultimately end up at the Rock Co. Historical Society.

On Tuesday morning, all employees are invited/ encouraged to be photographed with the last truck at 8:30 a.m., over in the area adjacent to the Final line. You'll remember this is the same area we used for 'Heritage Days'; the space is pretty wide open, so we should all fit relatively comfortably.

Our joint communications team and one professional photographer from the Gazette will be on hand to snap photos. Employees may access photos at <http://uawgmheritagedays.shutterfly.com/> or at the Janesville Gazette website, <http://gazettextra.com/news/specialsections/gm/>

## LIVE UNITED Raffle

Tickets for the LIVE UNITED raffle will be on sale at 'Behind the Numbers' during lunch today. Tickets will also be sold starting at 6 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday next week. Grand prize for the raffle will be the last Chevy Tahoe LTZ off of Line 1 on December 23, 2008. All proceeds benefit the United Way of N. Rock County. For more info. call 608.359.1377 or [www.uwnrc.org](http://www.uwnrc.org)

## Help Needed

One of our UAW/GM employees, Kevin is concerned for one of his fellow community members. The individual that Kevin is helping will be a recipient of the EAP Food Drive and is impoverished. Kevin is hoping a fellow Janesville Assembly employee may be able to donate a bed /mattress and/or a dresser to this person, as he doesn't have much of anything. To help, or for more information, please call Kevin at 755.0199. Thank you.

## Safety Store Sale

The Safety Store will be selling the t-shirts and GM logo glassware at Behind the Numbers on Monday from 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. and on Tuesday 6 a.m. - 1 p.m. Don't miss this last chance to purchase this memorabilia!

## Bush Considers Options for GM, Chrysler Rescue Plan

President George W. Bush said he's "considering all options" for federal aid for GM and Chrysler and he promised to move quickly, reports *Bloomberg*.

Bush, in an interview airing today on *CNN*, said he felt an obligation to "make sure the economy doesn't collapse," creating bigger difficulties for President-elect Barack Obama, who takes office Jan. 20. He gave no hint as to when a decision would be made.

In a news briefing yesterday, White House Press Secretary Dana Perino answered questions from reporters regarding the timing of a decision on a possible aid package. "I think that we are moving with all deliberate speed in order to try to do this in an orderly fashion, Perino said. "But we're not going to be rushed into it just because there is pressure from the media, or others coming through you, on us to do something rash."

Perino would not confirm reports that an announcement regarding the aid would come this week.

## Production Report December 17, 2008

	<b>Direct Run: 88.8%</b>	<b>Goal: 87%</b>
	GMT900	NPR
<u>Scheduled:</u>	400	23
<u>Built:</u>	435	23
<u>Shipped:</u>	448	23
<u>Float:</u>	66	1
<u>DVT</u>	99.1%	
<u>To sched. +/-:</u>	118	2
<u>09 MYTD:</u>	25,818	1,555

## Holiday Weeks Payroll Processing

Distribution of paychecks for Roll 52, week ending 12/21/08 will be as follows:

Due to an accelerated holiday payroll closing schedule, paychecks will be received in the plant one day earlier than normal. Employees at work at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, 12/23/08 will be paid on the job by their Supervisor. Checks for employees not at work will be available for employees to pick up in the Visitor Center from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. After that time, any pay checks that have not been picked up will be mailed to the employee's address of record. Paychecks and EFT drafts will be dated Tuesday, 12/23/08.

If the checks are not received at the plant in time to meet the above schedule, an alternate payoff schedule will be implemented.

Paychecks for Roll 01, week ending 12/28/08, will be mailed to the employee's address of record directly from the Troy, MI Print Center on Monday, Dec. 29, 2008. - *Financial Dept.*

## Dependent Audit

If you have questions or are in need of help with your Dependent Audit, you may call (888) 898-1101 for assistance. - *John Kosharek, UAW Benefit Rep.*

## Thought for the Day

The future is called "perhaps," which is the only possible thing to call the future. And the only important thing is not to allow that to scare you.

...Tennessee Williams



## News from Wall Street

On December 17, 2008 GM stock closed at 4.37.