

UAW Local's 3520, 5285, and 2404 come together to celebrate Labor Day

This Labor Day the UAW Locals 3520, 5285, and 2404 participated in the 20th annual Charlotte Labor Day Parade. We were able to proudly display Freightliner and Western Star trucks that were built by our members at our Cleveland and Mt Holly, North Carolina facilities. GM CCA, Local 2404, proudly displayed a new line of GM products to show support for our GM-UAW brothers and sisters. The Labor Day Parade is a great opportunity each year to show we exist in numbers, diversity, and show solidarity as we walk proudly under the UAW Logo. It was a great day of fun and solidarity, finalized by each Local coming together with their families. We finished out the day with an old fashion cook out and fellowship.

We should take time to remember that Labor Day is the one day of the year set aside to recognize America's workers and their hard fight for the rights we have today. Men and women gave up everything to come to America. They worked a lifetime of hard labor with no rights, but they continued to fight for those rights. These workers fought to organize, gain rights, and respect in the workplace. We should never forget our previous generations accomplishments that afforded us the opportunities that has built the middle class.

We must not neglect the struggles of the American worker today. Wages are decreasing and cost of living is increasing. We are in a time that corporations are generating very high profit. The GDP is up, corporate worth is at its highest point in history, and the market has grown to historic levels. Corporations are using their power to make political gains and to take our rights away from us. Just as our forefathers fought for the rights we enjoy today, we must find our own voice, be seen and heard at every opportunity, and stand strong for the American workforce. This is our time to re-unionize America!

In Solidarity, Corey Hill, President UAW Local 3520