

Honoring the UAW Sit-down Strike victory of Feb 11, 1937



3-5:30 pm Monday, Feb. 11 - UAW Local 909
5587 Stephens Rd, Warren – program begins 3:30 pm

In December 1936 the Flint autoworkers had had enough! They took a stand against the brutal working conditions at GM, forcing the company to sign its first UAW contract after occupying the factories for 44 days. GM said NO to unions, but the workers strategized, organized and fought back. The women mobilized militant support. With the backing of the community, and intervention by the governor, the workers won!

Today GM workers are facing challenges across our hemisphere – 5 plant closings in the US and Canada, mass layoffs in Colombia and Brazil (S.A.) It's part of GM's restructuring aimed at even more profits at the expense of workers and their families, throwing them under the bus. They don't care what the plant closures will do to our towns, including Warren and Detroit.

Workers are fighting back. In Oshawa workers protested GM's plans with a sit-down of their own, halting production on two shifts. Their union (Unifor) held a protest rally in Windsor, and Unifor members rallied with US autoworkers, environmentalists and others at a boisterous protest at the Detroit Auto Show. They were joined there by autoworkers who travelled from Brazil! Solidarity House held a vigil in Hart Plaza. In the meantime, 40,000 industrial workers in Mexico are waging and winning wildcat strikes against U.S. companies along the border, causing parts shortages at US auto plants.

It's time autoworkers connect with each other and the community, and with our proud working-class heritage that GM would prefer we forget.

Speakers, film, labor songs, discussion and literature tables

Light refreshments provided by the Wobbly Kitchen

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