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I hope GM files for Chapter 11, and does so quickly. This means that they will finally be able to trim the UAW, and eliminate so much of the stupidity that accompanies unions.

It costs General Motors around seventy-five dollars an hour per employee, whereas Toyota does it at under thirty-five. In many cases, General Motors is as, or is more efficient than Toyota, and the 'imports' . It's embarrassing.

One dude I know who 'used' (he got bought out) to work for GM, said that the culture of the workplace was against productivity. For example, if an assembly line worker got a device stuck in the vehicle, or whatever, they would have to bring a totally different guy down, have him punch in the time, and then fix the task which takes seconds. A regular employee could do this, but no, the UAW insists that it's someone else; if you do a little extra in the workplace, you get shit for it.

I too, used to work for a union, and it was the same shit. I nearly got fired from an old workplace because I helped a guy from a different department take out his garbage; turns out one of his co-workers was the union rep, and he threatened me because I exceeded my jurisdiction.

I love General Motors. My truck is a GMC, and it's almost as old as I am, and I have yet to ever have a problem with it. Meanwhile, my neighbour has owned three Toyota trucks within the same time frame, and each one has had problems, be it with the engine, frame, or other internals. Every GM my family has owned has been rock solid; compare that to our old Mercedes, which started fucking up within three years due to shitty electronics.

The cars they build are excellent, and meet or surpass the competition. (Same goes for Ford.)

Hopefully, GM will be able to recover, and come out swinging. It'll be a shame for such a storied company, which has contributed so much to the North American economy, and other world economies, and America's defense, not to mention our driveways... to end up dying.

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