

# **SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #291**

**DATE: 5/25/04**

## **C. O. L. A.**

Cost of Living adjustments are based upon the three-month average of the Consumer Price Index for all items, less medical care. The three-month average for February, March, and April yields an increase of twenty-nine (\$0.29) per hour. A diversion of two cents (\$0.2) from the June 2004 cost-of-living allowance was negotiated, leaving an increase of twenty-seven cents (\$0.27) to be added to the present ten-cents (\$0.10) for a total of thirty-seven cents (\$0.37) per hour. Therefore, effective June 7, 2004, the total cost-of-living received in your paycheck will be thirty-seven (\$0.37) cents/hour.

## **ERGONOMIC SAFETY SHOE (DEADLINE)**

As a reminder, Members should have received (in the mail) their \$125.00 voucher to be used towards the purchase of 100% Union made Red Wing ergonomic safety shoes/insoles. Over 2200 members have already redeemed their voucher and are realizing the many benefits of the ergonomic footwear. **The deadline for redeeming your voucher is June 1, 2004. If you don't use it...you LOSE it.** Don't wait, buy NOW! If you have any questions about the Ergonomic Safety Shoe Program or have misplaced/lost your voucher, please call the UAW Health & Safety department on Ext. 2668.

## **RIDE & DRIVE (TEST TRACK)**

**Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>** has been confirmed as the next opportunity to test drive a vehicle equipped with an Allison Transmission at the Ride & Drive Test Track located immediately west of Plant 7. This opportunity is truly an "experience" and I encourage all active Members enjoy the thrill. Hours for this event are from 12:00 Noon until 6:00 PM, which should enable anyone to take part...regardless of the shift you may be scheduled to work. Simply show up at the test track and you will be accommodated

## **500 MILE RACE (PARKING PLACARDS)**

Parking placards for the 500-mile race are now available in all Plant Manager offices and in the Public Relations department located on the first floor of the Plant 3 Administration Building. Supervisors should be able to make arrangements for you to obtain the placard.

## **PAID EDUCATIONAL LEAVE (MINI-PEL)**

Mini-Pel is a Paid Educational Leave (one-week class) held at the Omni Hotel in Castleton. The purpose of Regional PEL is to involve the entire UAW/GM & UAW/Delphi workforce in study and discussion of the issues facing the Union and Corporation today. Topics covered in Mini-Pel include the economic environment, changing patterns in industrial relations, government and the political process, and much more. Any Member who has not previously attended Mini-Pel is encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity by contacting their District or Alternate Committeemen to begin the sign-up process. Classes for Mini-Pel are held Monday-Friday beginning at 8:30 AM and ending at 4:00 PM. A hotel room is included for the week of class. Currently, there is NO lengthy waiting list for upcoming dates in June, July, and August.

## **UAW REGION 3 DAYS AT KINGS ISLAND**

Discount ticket vouchers for Region 3 days at Kings Island are now available through your District and Alternate Committeemen as well as at the Local 933 Union Hall. The upcoming Region 3 days are May 28<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, and August 6<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>. Adults (ages 7-59) will be admitted for \$25.99, which is a \$17.00 savings. Admission price for children (ages 3-6) and senior's is \$20.99. Enjoy the fun!!!

## **FIGHT THE RISING COST OF GASOLINE**

The UAW Region 3 CAP Council recently held meetings in a joint workshop made up of standing committees. One topic of considerable discussion was the rising cost of gasoline. The "worker to worker" workshop developed a strategy for UAW Members in an effort to demonstrate our discontent with rising gasoline prices. Region 3 UAW encourages all Members **refrain from buying gasoline on Tuesday's.** A similar effort is being implemented within many other Unions on a different day of the week. Let our government officials know we are NOT happy about gas prices. No gas on Tuesday's.

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