

# **SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #292**

**DATE: 6/02/04**

## **RIDE & DRIVE (REMINDER)**

**Saturday, June 5, 2004** is the next opportunity to test-drive a vehicle equipped with an Allison Transmission. This "Ride & Drive" session will begin at 12:00 Noon and end at 6:00 PM. The Allison test track is located immediately west of Plant 7. Interested active Members wanting to experience this rare and exciting opportunity need only show up at the test track and enjoy the thrill.

## **SENATOR BAYH VISITS PLANT 14**

Indiana Senator Evan Bayh paid a visit to Allison Transmission (Plant 14) Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. As published in his press release, Senator Bayh thanked Allison workers for their hard work and to announce funding (\$37 million) for new transmissions to replace those in battle-damaged tanks. As a member of the U.S. Armed Services Committee, Bayh secured committee approval of the \$37 million for Allison Transmission to produce tank transmissions. Senator Bayh's work will also help secure the longevity of 200 Allison manufacturing jobs in Plant 14. The \$37 million funding comes in addition to a \$67 million contract with the Army that Bayh secured in February. Once again, on behalf of the entire Membership, I thank Senator Bayh for his effort in securing work and jobs at Allison Transmission...and for keeping our troops safe.

## **ALLISON RECEIVES WORKPLACE SAFETY AWARD**

On Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, the Joint Health & Safety Committee, which was representing Allison Transmission, received the Governor's Workplace Safety Award for Partnerships during a luncheon hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. The intent of the award is to recognize those Indiana businesses that have achieved marked improvements in Health & Safety due to programs and initiatives driven by senior leadership from both the Union and Management. Some of the indicators that demonstrate our progress in Health & Safety are as follows: 1.) OSHA recordables and lost workdays dropped sharply over the past three years (63% reduction in recordables and 48% in lost workday cases. 2.) Overall occupational injuries reduced by 14% over the past three years. 3.) Joint Health & Safety audit results (past 2 yrs.) show the highest percentage compliance since the audit process began.

Allison Transmission has made tremendous strides regarding Health & Safety. While the Governor's Workplace Safety Award was presented to the Allison Director of Operations and myself, I would personally like to give credit to the entire Membership for their hard work and effort to make safety an automatic part of our business. **Congratulations!**

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