

# **SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #299**

**DATE: 10/13/04**

## **FLU SHOTS**

It has been widely reported that one of the worlds major manufacturers of the flu vaccine had (at least temporarily) its license suspended. This means the United States will receive about half of the supply it was anticipating. As a result, the Center for Disease Control has asked for help from the general and public health community as well as the medical community to make sure the available vaccine goes to those truly needing it most...such as children (6-23 months), adults (65 years or older), persons (2-64) with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, health-care workers, residents of nursing and long term care facilities, etc. etc.

The GM Corporate Medical Director recently stated the company would not be providing flu immunizations to GM employees unless the vaccine supply increases significantly. GM Health Services will continue to monitor the situation and provide an update should conditions change. I will communicate any new developments to the Membership.

## **PERFORMANCE BONUS PAYMENT**

As a reminder, the 2004 Performance Bonus payment will be included in your paycheck issued (October 14 & 15, 2004. The payment will equal 3% of "qualified earnings" (less applicable Union dues) for the 52 consecutive pay periods immediately preceding the September 20, 2004 pay period.

## **SCHOLARSHIP FOR DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Recently, the Tuition Assistance Plan (TAP) office at the UAW-GM Center for Human Resources (CHR) has taken over processing applications for the Dependent Scholarship Program (DSP). Until now, DSP applications had been processed by a contract service. The CHR has brought that work into the TAP office due to ongoing problems with the contracted work. While the long-term results of this move may be beneficial, we will most likely see processing delays in the short term during the transition period. As always, feel free to contact Sharron Anderson-Oatts (Ext. 3057) or Dave Crawley (Ext. 2160) for help or information regarding this program.

## **SAFETY GLASSES (NEW SIDE SHIELD POLICY)**

Effective November 1, 2004, a new wall-to-wall side shield policy (as directed by the National parties and OSHA) will go into effect at Allison Transmission. The policy applies to all hourly, salaried and contract employees at all GM manufacturing facilities. Employees who require prescription safety eyeglasses must have ANSI approved frames and lenses with side shields intact.

General Stores and our on-site prescription safety glasses vendor both have adequate supplies of side shields for those who may already have ANSI approved safety glasses and just need to add side shields. For those who do not require prescription safety glasses, the standard safety glasses issued on-site already meet the approved requirements.

## **REGION 3 SHOP COMMITTEE MEETING**

The UAW Region 3 Shop Committee Meeting will be held October 21-23, 2004 in Louisville, KY. I will be attending this meeting along with Zone Committeemen Dan Gibson and Gary Stonehouse. The following Bargaining Representatives will serve as our replacements during this absence from the plant:

Chairman	Phil Doyle	Pager #235-7369
Zone #2 Committeeman	Jim King	Pager #990-7180
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