

# SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #308

DATE: 3/2/05

## COST-OF-LIVING ALLOWANCE (COLA)

The United States Consumer Price Index average for the period of November 2004, December 2004 and January 2005 is sufficient to increase the Cost-of-Living Allowance for the next quarter. Accordingly, hourly-rate employees will receive an increase of six cents (\$0.06) per hour in the COLA for hours worked on or after March 7, 2005. Thereafter, until further notice, the COLA will be seventy-three cents (\$0.73) per hour.

## 2005 INDEPENDENCE WEEK SHUTDOWN (July 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>)

Pursuant to Paragraph 202c of the National Agreement, Allison Transmission will observe a **one week** Independence Week Shutdown meaning there will be **NO SCHEDULED WORK** for the week of July 4 – July 8, 2005. The ONLY employees scheduled to work (exempt from shutdown) during this period are all members classified **Stationary Engineer, Powerhouse**.

For 2005, there will be **NO VACATION SHUTDOWN WEEK**, traditionally observed during the week following Independence Week Shutdown. All hourly employees will be scheduled to work July 11 – 15, 2005) with the following exceptions:

- All Members assigned to Plants 20 & 39 will NOT be scheduled to work July 11-15<sup>th</sup>.
- Material Services (Trucker) in Dept. 3488 will NOT be scheduled to work July 11-15<sup>th</sup>.
- Exp. Transmission Mechanics in Dept. 3425 will NOT be scheduled to work July 11-15<sup>th</sup>.

**NOTE:** *Should work become available for those NOT SCHEDULED TO WORK during the Independence Week Shutdown and/or Vacation Shutdown Week, employees may be asked to work on a voluntary basis.*

## UAW SUB COUNCIL MEETINGS (Absence from Plant)

UAW Sub-Council meetings will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. during the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> 2005. The following replacements will be available during this absence from the plant:

<b>Chairman</b>	(March 7-10, 2005)	Jim King	Pager #990-7180
<b>Zone 2 Committeeman</b>	(March 8-11, 2005)	Joe Murphy	Pager #235-2123
<b>Zone 3 Committeeman</b>	(March 7-9, 2005)	Gary Rance	Pager #235-4248

## UAW/ATD CLOTHING STORE

As a reminder, our current 2004/2005 clothing allowance expires March 31, 2005. Members are encouraged NOT to wait until the last minute to spend their negotiated allowance. In the past, store inventory levels are diminished toward the end of the allowance period. Don't wait, shop now!!! Remember, if you don't spend your clothing allowance, YOU LOSE IT!!! It does **NOT** roll over to the following year. The NEW 2005-2006 clothing allowance may not be used until Monday, April 4, 2005.

**NOTE:** For the convenience of midnight shift Members, store hours will be expanded on Tuesday's and Friday's during the months of March and April when the store will open at 5:30 AM beginning March 8, 2005.

## ERGONOMIC SAFETY SHOES (Reminder)

I encourage all Members to take immediate advantage of our negotiated Ergonomic Safety Shoe program by redeeming their 2005 voucher at a local Red Wing shoe outlet. Anyone who has lost or not received his/her voucher should contact the UAW Health & Safety Department (x.2668).

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### S H O P C O M M I T T E E

Dan Gibson (235-9568)  
Tim Behrens (235-9610)

Gary Stonehouse (235-2511)  
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John Neargardner (259-8477)

Ron Dowell (235-9531)  
Gary Rance (235-4248)