

# **SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #318**

**DATE: 06/22/05**

## **HEALTH CARE BENEFITS** **(DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN UAW & GM)**

Within the past 24 hours, I have spoken with UAW International Representatives regarding the "proposal" GM issued the UAW (approximately 3 weeks ago) intended to lower health care costs. Following discussion between the parties, the proposal turned into an "ultimatum" with GM spokesmen indicating the UAW either embrace the cost cutting measures, or they (GM) would force them upon us by the end of June. As you would expect, the UAW doesn't take kindly to ultimatums and responded by saying, generally speaking, "If you do it...you won't be producing ANYTHING". Since then the UAW has awaited GM's response.

During my most recent conversation with International Union Representatives, the UAW confirms that UAW President Ron Gettelfinger, Vice President Richard Shoemaker, and the International Union Executive Board have been in recent and ongoing discussion with GM leadership about cost saving measures. According to my sources, the goal of each party is to find mutually acceptable solutions to the issues. I am told the current discussions are regarding issues contained within our 2003 National Agreement. International Union officials are committed to sharing information about the "talks" with Local Union President's and Chairpersons. As information becomes available to me, I will immediately share it with our Membership.

## **NEW MEMBERS**

At this time we are expecting thirty-seven (37) new members will report to our facility on Monday, June 27, 2005. These new members are coming from the area hire locations of Anderson Delphi and Anderson Guide as well as the extended area hire Muncie Transmission plant. During the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>, they will participate in a one-week orientation class and will report to their respective departments/job assignments on July 11<sup>th</sup>, following the one-week shutdown. Please give our new brothers and sisters a warm Allison/Local 933 welcome.

## **FITNESS EQUIPMENT AUCTION (UPDATE)**

As was reported in a recent Chairman's report (5-11-05), Allison Transmission is planning an auction of the fitness equipment that is remaining from our former Plant 2 workout center. Initially, the auction was planned to be conducted before the July 4<sup>th</sup> shutdown. However, in working through the details, Allison determined that approximately 47 items were not included in their inventory of equipment for accounting and/or asset recovery purposes. Due to the discrepancy (red tape), the auction will be postponed until late summer or early fall 2005. I will keep the Membership informed of final details (including the viewing and auction dates) as reliable information becomes available.

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