

SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #337

DATE: 03/01/06

SCHEDULED TIME OFF (2006 Independence Week Shutdown)

Pursuant to Paragraph 202c of the National Agreement, Management has notified the Union that Allison Transmission, Indianapolis will observe a one-week Independence Week Shutdown July 3rd-7th, 2006. The group scheduled to work during this period is Stationary Engineer, Powerhouse (all plants & shifts). Should work become available for other classifications, employees may be asked to work on a voluntary basis.

C. O. L. A.

Effective March 6, 2006, the C.O.L.A. (cost of living allowance) will be **reduced** by \$0.12 bringing the total COLA to \$1.49.

CLOTHING STORE ALLOWANCE (Deadline)

The deadline for spending your 2005 clothing allowance is Friday, March 31, 2006. Any Member having a remaining allowance must use it before the deadline...or LOSE it!!!! You may begin using the new (2006) allowance on Monday, April 3, 2006. Remember, waiting until the last minute could result in a shortage of available merchandise.

PLANT 12 PRODUCT LINES (HD & PTU)

As has been reported, the Muncie Transmission plant is transferring their Power Take-Off (PTU) product line to our Plant 12 facility. This project is progressing ahead of schedule whereas requisitions for manpower are expected to be submitted/filled within the next few weeks. Members should be aware the addition of the PTU work means Plant 12 will be manufacturing and assembling two product lines (HD and PTU) that are significantly different. HD product line work is relatively low volume and involves large/heavier parts. Conversely, the PTU work will involve higher volumes and smaller/lighter parts. Therefore, Members exercising Shift Preference rights and requesting Transfer Agreement placement within Plant 12 could be placed in either product line. At this time, PTU classifications will include Assembler – Skilled, FMS, and Coordinator/Jobsetter.

DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Members seeking reimbursement are experiencing unreasonable delays in receiving their money. As you may know, reimbursement is where you pay the school “up front” and then apply for reimbursement form GM. Choosing this option has resulted in delays ranging from 6 weeks to 3 or 4 months. Making application online for a voucher (GM pays the school “up front” to the extent of entitlement) has proven to dramatically reduce your wait time. In fact, you can file online and have a voucher the same day, or within 4-5 days if you withhold taxes “up front”. Whichever option you choose, it is recommended you contact Sharron Anderson-Oatts (x-3057) or Dave Crawley (x-2160) to assist you with the application process. They are completely familiar with the rules for the Dependent Scholarship Program and can deal with the bureaucracy and help you avoid mistakes or delays.

UAW/GM WORK/FAMILY PROGRAM (DID YOU KNOW???)

The UAW/GM Work/Family Program is a comprehensive negotiated interactive program that provides information and unique tools designed to help you better manage and maintain a balance between work duties and life responsibilities. In addition to making employee referrals to services for substance abuse and mental health issues, the program can help direct members to other services such as: **School age services**—child care (day care), homework hotline, after school programs such as tutoring-sports programs-summer camps, test preparation courses, etc. **Elder Care** – helps you gain access and consultation about today’s elder care needs/issues and make referrals regarding adult day care, in home care, transportation, recreation, hospice, bereavement issues, etc. **Convenience and concierge** – provides assistance with travel, tickets to sporting events/concerts/tours, gift buying, flowers, restaurant reservations, event planning, etc. **New to this service is the ability to access and make purchases by going online (www.workfamilyprogram.com) login ID (UAWGM) password (HELPNOW).** You may also call 1-888-refer02 to obtain these services. If you have questions or need help with any Work/Family services, contact your Local 933 representatives Bill Lively and Terry Slater (x-0324).

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Sunday)

The Local 933 regular Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 12, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Union Hall. The Skilled Trades Unit meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

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