

SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #349

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SPECIAL ATTRITION PROGRAM (SAP) UPDATE

The total number of Members agreeing/signed-up to accept the SAP offer/option(s) at Allison Transmission is **463**. The final total breaks down to 354 Production and 109 Skilled Trades. On behalf of all elected and appointed Local 933 representatives, I want to congratulate and thank all 463 Members for your past and continued participation and support in our Local Union. We wish you well in your retirement!!!!

The "release from work" period for those involved in the SAP at Allison Transmission continues to be projected for the October/November 2006 time frame. Once again, this estimate is based on discussion between Local Management and GM Corporate officials that has been communicated to our Local Union. Therefore, the Oct./Nov. release period is NOT set in concrete. The Local Union will immediately communicate any reliable information regarding the "release from work" period as soon as it becomes available. Your patience in this matter is greatly appreciated!

2006 HEALTH & SAFETY AUDIT (Summary)

As reported, the 2006 Joint Health & Safety Audit of Allison Transmission was held June 26th – 29th as conducted by International Union and Corporate Health & Safety auditors. The audit included a walk-around inspection of the entire Allison facility (all plants) as well as a review of records and procedures for each of the 46 health & safety audit modules (topics). Each module was "graded" as acceptable, needs improvement, or repeat-needs improvement. The 2006 audit "scorecard" can be summarized as follows: 40 modules received an acceptable rating – 5 modules received a needs improvement – 1 module (Sanitation) earned a repeat-needs improvement.

I will be providing a more detailed audit report in the upcoming addition of our Local Union publication (The Rocket) that is mailed to your home. I want to thank the Membership for the cooperation and hospitality shown to those involved in the audit.

SKILLED TRADES (REVIEW OF LOCAL ISSUES)

As previously reported, International Union Skilled Trades Representative, Mark Kelly, visited our facility during the week of June 26, 2006. The purpose for his visit was to understand and discuss (in-depth) a wide variety of issues specific to Allison Transmission Skilled Trades that have the potential to "fester" and create difficulties (if unresolved) during the upcoming 2007 Local Negotiations. Examples of such issues include: management of Skilled Trades/construction projects, unresolved grievances, and the inefficiencies/ineffectiveness of WFG and their contract supervision charged with managing construction trades. I am pleased to report corporate involvement in these discussions. Both the Corporate and International Union representatives offered suggestions that may be helpful to the Local parties as we attempt to resolve the issues.

The outcome of these discussions remains uncertain. Additional information is needed to be gathered and provided to both the International and Corporate officials for the purpose of adding clarity as possible solutions are researched. I am unable to report a satisfactory resolution to the "issues" at this time. However, I remain optimistic that talks will continue at the Local level while the Corporation/International Union continue their involvement. Local Union and Management representatives are preparing to meet in an effort to reach an acceptable solution. I will update the Membership as to the progress of these "talks".

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