

SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #379

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NATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS (UPDATE)

Yesterday, I received an update from Ron Gettelfinger, UAW President, and Cal Rapson, Vice President/Director of UAW General Motors Department, regarding National Negotiations between UAW-GM. The following information represents a condensed version of their remarks:

“On behalf of the national negotiators, and ourselves, we want to express our most sincere appreciation for the solidarity that you have demonstrated prior to and following the contract expiration.” “We have made progress in many areas of the discussions with GM but there are several major issues separating the parties that must be resolved.....recognizing that the negotiations process must accelerate in an expeditious manner or we will be forced to establish a firm deadline.” “From the standpoint of your negotiating team, we intend to keep the discussions at the bargaining table and we see absolutely no justification for trying to negotiate through the media.” “Obviously, there are some unnamed sources who are leaking “so called” inside information to the media.....these stories are based on reports from people who are either not involved in the negotiations or from people inside the building who have little or no knowledge of what is actually taking place.” “Once again, we want to thank you for your patience, understanding and support as we work hard on your behalf to bring back a tentative agreement that protects our current and future retirees and addresses the needs of our membership.”

EMPLOYEE MEETINGS WITH NEW OWNERS

Local Management recently informed me that our new owners (Carlyle/Onex) will be sending representatives to our facility on Tuesday, September 25, 2007. An agenda for the representatives has been determined which includes an early afternoon meeting with Local Union Leadership. Thereafter, they will introduce themselves and meet with **Plant 6 employees** (day & afternoon shift) to communicate their vision for the future of Allison Transmission. According to Management, this initial employee meeting will be held in the Bob Clark Auditorium/Powerama on **September 25th** with meeting times being communicated to employees through their Supervisor.

Management states that all employees other than Plant 6 will be shown a *video/tape recorded version* of the meeting. Accordingly, the Union requested that ALL employees be accommodated and attend a “live session”. In response, Management indicated every effort was made to conduct “live” meetings for ALL employees. However, they were unsuccessful because of scheduling difficulties with Carlyle/Onex representatives. Therefore, employees other than those working in Plant 6 will soon be notified of their scheduled meeting days/times to view the video.

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