

# SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT#385

DATE: 12/06/07

## **NEGOTIATIONS KICKOFF**

On Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, your UAW Local Negotiating Committee attended a meeting at Solidarity House in Detroit, MI. As indicated in Update #384, the purpose for meeting with UAW Region #3 and International Leaders was to discuss a potential timeline as well as bargaining strategies as we prepare for the commencement of local negotiations.

Without revealing sensitive bargaining details/strategies discussed in Detroit, I am pleased to inform the Membership of a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 11, 2007 in Indianapolis to kickoff negotiations between UAW Local 933 and Allison Transmission, Inc. Those scheduled to attend are: UAW Region #3 Representatives (Director, Assistant, and Servicing Rep.), International Union Representative(s) from Solidarity House, Representatives from the Board of Directors of The Carlyle Group & Onex Corporation, Local 933 Negotiating Committee, and Allison Management Committee.

## **HEALTHCARE BENEFITS (TRANSITION BLUE CROSS)**

Employees currently enrolled in M-Plan health care are currently receiving letters from GM explaining the transition from M-Plan to the Blue Cross/Blue Shield Transitional Care Network program. According to the communication, employees will be receiving their new BC/BS cards in late December. The new card(s) should be used effective January 1, 2008 for health care services. If you do not receive your card by 12/31/07, you can contact Blue Cross directly by calling 1-800-482-2210.

## **2008 VACATION ENTITLEMENT ALLOWANCE**

Paragraph 186 of the 2003 UAW-GM N/A states: *"Each eligibility year shall begin with the first pay period following the pay period containing December 31 of the previous year and end with the pay period in which December 31 falls."* **Accordingly, your new 2008 vacation entitlement may not be used until Monday, January 7, 2008.** If you are planning vacation time-off during the week in which we return from the Christmas Holiday's, you must use any remaining 2007 vacation entitlement. **Note: Wednesday, January 2, 2008 is our first scheduled work day following the Holiday period.**

## **COST OF LIVING ALLOWANCE**

The 2007 UAW-GM Collective Bargaining Agreement provides that two dollars and three cents (\$2.03) of the \$2.08 COLA adjustment shall be folded into the base rate, leaving five cents in the "float". The three-month average (CPI-W) for August, September, October 2007 was 197.53 resulting in a COLA decrease of one cent per hour. There were no diversions taken. Therefore, effective December 3, 2007, the total COLA received in your paycheck will be four cents per hour.

## **REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Sunday)**

The upcoming regular Membership Meeting for UAW Local 933 is scheduled for 2:00 PM this Sunday, December 9, 2007 at the Union Hall located at 2320 S. Tibbs Ave. The agenda for this meeting is a regular order of business. Skilled Trades Unit Meeting begins at 1:00 PM.

**\*\*\* As a reminder, initial application(s) for re-employment at GM must be made by January 1, 2008 \*\*\***

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