

SPEEDWAY CHAIRMAN'S REPORT #431

DATE: 9/09/09

SUNDAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING (New Products Update)

In addition to the regular order of business at Sunday's (9-13-09) Union meeting, the Speedway Chairman's report to the Membership will include explanation of the \$62.8 million (**plus Allison matched funds**) recently granted Allison Transmission, Inc. by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). As reported, the DOE grant is to design, develop, and manufacture a cost competitive commercial hybrid truck drive-train. However, little more has been explained about the project and the impact it has on our workplace.

First and foremost, the hybrid truck drive-train project is NOT what is being produced at Plant 15 (electric drive for hybrid bus). It is NOT the same as the AX-12 work referred to in our 2008 Collective Bargaining Agreement. The hybrid truck drive-train with its associated architecture will help secure and potentially grow many existing Allison product lines into markets occupied by our competitors, thereby extending product life expectancy. Using existing Allison products (3,000, 4,000, 1,000/2,000 series) coupled with the hybrid truck drive-train system/technology, fuel costs are expected to be reduced by 30% in many applications through the use of an energy storage system (ESS), power electronics drive motor/generator, and other critical components developed/manufactured by key suppliers involved in the overall project. In order to be considered for federal funding for the overall hybrid truck drive-train project, Allison officials presented its blueprint for manufacturing of key components as well as assembly and test operations to the DOE.

The hybrid system is expected to add Speedway bargaining unit jobs and create additional work for Plant 17. There is much more to share about the new hybrid truck drive-train project that *this* report does not allow. To learn more, Members are encouraged to attend the upcoming Sunday, September 13, 2009 regular Membership meeting where many details of the technology and its projected impact on future growth and employment opportunities will be presented as the Membership is being addressed.

FLU SHOTS

According to the Allison plant medical department, it is anticipated that flu shots will be available (free of charge) sometime during the end of October. Schedules are not available at this time, but will be shared with the Membership as soon as details can be finalized.

\$125.00 ERGONOMIC SHOE VOUCHER (Last Chance)

The deadline for redeeming your \$125.00 ergonomic shoe voucher is **September 12, 2009**. Please be sure to bring your voucher and plant ID to any Red Wing shoe store at the time of your transaction. Remember, if you do NOT use your voucher by September 12th.....**YOU LOSE IT!!!**

ANTHEM / ST. FRANCIS (Resolved)

Differences between Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield and the Sisters of St. Francis Health System have been resolved. Therefore, St. Francis Hospitals and/or its affiliated physicians will remain Anthem Blue Cross/Blue Shield network providers.

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