

GM division announces sponsorship of Giant

A spokesman for A.C. Delco Division of General Motors in Detroit has announced Vic Cook's Giant will be receiving corporate sponsorship funds in addition to the Delco Series 2000 solar batteries for 1991.

The environmental work of art, which serves as Cook's home, complements A. C. Delco's advertising campaign for 1991 and enforces the corporation's support of solar energy's use for the future, according to the spokesman.

General Motors Division, A.C. Delco and Delco Remy initiated support for this project by supplying the Delco Series 2000 solar batteries on an as need basis in 1989. G.M. Division Inland Fisher Guide is also providing 12 V. D.C. lighting units to the experimental work.

The electrical energy from the sun is stored and used when needed in the Delco 2000 solar battery; thus, the Giant is not dependent on any outside energy sources.

"We were quite impressed with the Giant, you're to be commended for your determination and tremendous commitment," a letter to Cook from A.C. Delco headquarters read.

A G.M. official on the design team of the G.M. Sunraycer, a solar-powered car, called the Giant "the pinnacle of environmental science anywhere in the world."

Cook said he believes that 20-30 percent of the homes over the next 8-10 years will be powered to a great extent by solar electric energy, which should greatly increase the market for Delco batteries. The Delco batteries used in the Giant are a product of the local Delco division.

Local 662 United Auto Workers President Dick VanNatta said he is excited about opportunities to use products on projects like this. The UAW is interested in meeting customers' needs, as well as those of the environment, he said.