

IAM Member's Son Fulfills Olympic Dream

Canada's first Olympic ski jumping team since 1992 flew higher than many expected at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino, Italy. The four young jumpers, including Calgary's Graeme Gorham, the 18 year-old son of Local 1681 member and Air Canada employee Arthur Gorham, expected the 2006 games to be just a warmup for the 2010 Winter games in Vancouver, Canada.

Gorham and teammate Stefan Read made it to the medal round in the K120m Large Hill and finished among the top 50 in the world.

The Canadian team

also placed 15th in the team competition. Gorham started ski jumping while still in elementary school and made his first large hill jump at age 12.

"For our family, having Graeme in the Olympics has been both overwhelming and the most gratifying experience in our lives," said Arthur Gorham. "It wouldn't have happened without the generous support of our friends, co-workers and IAM brothers and sisters on both sides of the border. Thank you all."



Graeme Gorham flies high at the large hill ski jump competition at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Italy. Gorham is the son of Local 1681 member Arthur Gorham of Calgary, Canada.

Future Auto Techs Showcase Skills

Dozens of future automotive technicians showcased their skills at Local 701's 6th Annual Chi-Town Tear Down Pit Crew Competition. The fast-moving competition, hosted by the World of Wheels Custom Car Show in Chicago, IL, pitted nineteen high school and six college teams against the clock to see who could tear down and reassemble an automobile engine in the fastest time with the fewest mistakes.

Students at Willowbrook High School in Villa Park, IL won the high school division and students from the Universal Technical Institute won the college division. Ford Motor Company, a major sponsor, donated two vehicles and 30 V-6 engines. Each division held a drawing for one of the vehicles and every school kept the motor they worked on for their respective programs.

"We're proud to help sponsor this event that showcases future auto technicians' valuable skills," said Midwest General Vice President James E. Brown. "It's the foundation of a long partnership between the IAM and the automotive industry."



Student teams in the college division race to tear down and reassemble auto engines at the 6th Chi-Town Tear Down Pit Crew Competition.