

QUOTAX PRIZE WINNER COLLECTS TV

Lee Wood from Eltham South East London is pictured here as he collected the first prize of a 32inch Phillips LCD flat screen TV from the offices of Quotax Insurance Services. Lee won the TV after completing a Quotax prize draw form when he had his Digitax taximeter upgraded for the April tariff change. Three prizes were up for grabs. The second prize of 4 New Dunlop Tyres went to Rob Fisher and the third prize of a 10'000 Mile Service and 1 Year Digitax Meter Rental went to Dave Marchant. Quotax can be contacted on 020 8691 9691.



GEOFFREY ROBINSON MP VISITS LTI

As the MP for Coventry North West, Geoffrey Robinson recently visited LTI Vehicles. Mr Robinson, a keen supporter of the automotive industry, met with John Russell, CEO of parent company Manganese Bronze Holdings PLC, to discuss LTI's continued investment in the Coventry plant and the ongoing work associated with the company's Chinese joint venture, which is set to transform LTI into a global brand. During his visit Mr Robinson took a tour of the factory, where he saw first hand the recently installed automotive panel press in the press shop.



An MP for Coventry North West since 1976, Mr Robinson has supported LTI for many years. The firm employs near on 400 people at its Holyhead Road plant and also supports the businesses of scores of regional suppliers. "LTI has a reputation to be admired within the manufacturing industry. The fact that it celebrated its 60th anniversary this month is testament to the products it manufactures and the team that builds the vehicles," said Mr Robinson. "As part of my visit, I saw for myself the work being undertaken to ensure success going forward and I'm positive the firm will enjoy even greater rewards in the future."

John Russell said: "It's fantastic to continue to get the support of our local MP. Mr Robinson's visit further underlines our commitment to keeping the local community informed on our progress."



EDINBURGH INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL PROMOTED ON TAXIS

Ubiquitous will be one of the sponsors of this year's Edinburgh International Film Festival in Edinburgh. Taking place between 18th and 29th June, it is the first time Ubiquitous has supported the festival and other sponsors for 2008 include Standard Life, EventScotland and Cineworld cinemas.

Up in Scotland, Ubiquitous is a major player in the taxi advertising market. As part of its sponsorship, Ubiquitous is supplying 20 EIFF branded taxis in Edinburgh until 13th July. Ubiquitous will also be acknowledged as an event supporter in all the festival literature both online at www.edfilmfest.org.uk and offline in literature including press packs, the festival programme and the catalogue.

Andrew Barnett, Managing Director of Ubiquitous said: "We couldn't resist the opportunity to be involved with the UK's leading Film Festival and to provide cabs around such a high profile event. We're looking forward to developing our relationship as sponsor with the festival organisers."



CRUSHING BLOW FOR GATWICK AIRPORT TOUT

It is not just Heathrow Airport that suffers from illegal taxi touts. Sadly it is a fact that these touts continue to work the fliers despite efforts to curb their activities. Over at Gatwick Airport there is no taxi rank as BAA uses Checker Cars, a private hire company, to provide taxi services. The tender for the provision of these taxis services was awarded once again in December of last year and, as a result, Checker Cars has undertaken to make a number of improvements to the service they provide to airport users. This will see much of its fleet replaced with new people carrier vehicles. "The tender process we went through is an important part of ensuring quality for airport passengers," Fraser Brown, Head of Commercial Transport BAA Gatwick said. "Requiring the existing company to retender and inviting proposals from other businesses, ensures our airport passengers are provided with the best taxi service available. Checker Cars will be making a number of changes to benefit passengers and will be looking at ways to make further improvements all the time. We are pleased to see that Checker Cars are to continue the association with BAA Gatwick."

BAA has been cracking down on the problems of unlicensed taxi touts at

the airport and recently one such driver found himself in carless as a result of illegal touting. Arrested back in July 2007, Bamidele Soyoye went on to re-offend and was arrested again in September for driving whilst disqualified. But in January of this year he was once again back at Gatwick touting – even though he had been banned from the airport by BAA. It is reported that the police decided to make an example of this tout and crushed his Chrysler Voyager so that other illegal touts would be deterred from carrying on their illegal activities.

Gatwick Airport is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. The Surrey Aero Club was originally on the site, with work commencing on the modern airport in 1956. It was opened in 1958 by Queen Elizabeth II and cost £7.8 million to construct. The Chief Executive of BAA, Colin Matthews, said: "When it opened, the terminal was innovative in design and put passengers at its heart. We remain true to that principle today and have plans in place to invest significantly to revitalise Gatwick." Now the airport is the sixth largest in the world and passenger throughput is around 33 million a year.