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**Recent activities of the ASA Mechanical  
Division Operations Committee ...**

**Focus on PMVI Projects Continues**

With summer in full swing, the ASA Mechanical Division Operations Committee (MOC) continues work on several projects while also preparing for 2016 NACE | CARS in Anaheim, Calif.

Discussion and research continues on a Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) best-practices document to explore the creation of a generic program profile that can be used across the country in those areas that do not currently have a formal safety inspection program. The ASA MOC will have a presence at the next PMVI Forum scheduled for Oct. 19 in Houston. Other updates from our last newsletter include:

**Technician and Shop Licensing**

The MOC continues working with ASA's Washington representative to investigate the value of technician and shop licensing. Delaware shop owner and MOC member Pete Rudloff recently met with his state senator in Delaware, who suggested the best path forward may be through the professional regulation process. Current efforts along these lines are focused there because of the interest in licensing within the state. We will report on developments as they occur.

ASA supports shop licensing and technical certification regulations that include, but are not limited to, proper training; compliance with Federal, state and local regulations; certifications of technicians; minimum level of insurance; and minimum level of equipment standards for automotive shops.

**Telematics and Cybersecurity**

ASA is engaged in discussions about vehicle security and telematics representing the needs of the service and collision repair communities with the support of the MOC. The next industry work group meeting on the topic is scheduled for Aug. 2. Working in an advisory capacity, the MOC is currently reviewing information to provide input into the process to ensure that all stakeholders are aware of and clearly understand industry needs

when considering any proposed regulation of the process of providing access to this information and qualifying an individual providing automotive diagnostic and repair services in the proper handling of potentially sensitive data.

Telematics will continue to dominate the discussion in many industry forums throughout 2016 and beyond, and several MOC members will be participating in the Technology and Telematics Forum scheduled for NACE | CARS.

**The Future of CARS**

The MOC provided valuable input into the discussion around the evolution of the Congress of Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) and how it will grow in outreach and importance within the industry. ASA is working with various industry associations and partners to help grow CARS into the signature brand for ASA management and technical training events across the country. One example of this cooperation between ASA and our industry partners is the presence of CARS at the 2016 AAPEX show in Las Vegas in November.

MOC members will help identify relevant and important training topics for consideration at CARS events moving forward. In addition, the process continues to integrate the Automotive Management Institute (AMi) accredited management training into CARS, with an eye toward providing a venue to allow those shop owners and managers not currently holding an AAM accreditation to achieve one, and those with a current AAM to continue their professional development with a Master AAM program.

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