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Recent activities of ASA's Washington, D.C., office ...

ASA Holds Telematics and Technology Events

On Aug. 27, The Automotive Service Association (ASA) held a webinar on the current state of telematics and new technology policy. Webinar participants heard from representatives of the aftermarket and the original equipment manufacturers, including:

- Donny Seyfer, AAM, chairman of ASA and co-owner of Seyfer Automotive in Wheat Ridge, Colo.
- Chris Gardner, vice president of the Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association.
- Wayne Weikel, senior director of State Government Affairs for the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers.

In addition, ASA and the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers (The Alliance) hosted the third Technology and Telematics Forum (TTF) during NACE I CARS 2016 in Anaheim, Calif. The Forum consisted of several segmented discussions focusing on topics such as cybersecurity, consumer privacy and government oversight. Attendees heard from experts representing entities from across the automotive industry and the federal government.

ASA continues to represent the aftermarket repair community and to serve as a leading voice in the telematics conversation.

ASA Mechanical Leaders Discuss Emissions I/M Strategy

Members of ASA's Mechanical Operations Committee recently joined ASA's Washington, D.C., representative, Robert L. Redding Jr., for ongoing discussions about the impact of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new ozone standards on emissions inspection and maintenance programs.

The EPA's new ozone standard dropped the acceptable amount of ozone from 75 parts per billion to 70 parts per billion. The U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety held a hearing titled "Examining Pathways Towards Compliance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Ground-Level Ozone."

During the hearing, the Subcommittee addressed Senate Bill (SB) 2882, Ozone Standards Implementation Act of 2016, and SB 2072, which would

allow communities to use locally crafted solutions to improve air quality so that they can comply with federal standards. Both bills address the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new ozone standard.

ASA leaders met with EPA professional staff and Capitol Hill leaders in an effort to monitor and discuss the impact of the new ozone regulation on state implementation plans relative to vehicle emissions.

ASA Schedules Third Vehicle Safety Inspection Forum

On Oct. 19, 2016, ASA National and ASA-Texas will host the third annual safety inspection forum in Houston to raise awareness about the importance of periodic vehicle inspection programs to motorists' safety.

Jade Winfree, senior analyst for the Government Accountability Office (GAO), will present the findings of the GAO's 2015 study on state safety inspection programs. In addition, Jojo Heselmeyer, senior manager of the Compliance & Enforcement Service (CES) of the Texas Department of Public Safety, will share her experiences with the Texas vehicle safety inspection program.

"As your industry trade association," said Todd Mehalko, ASA-Texas' executive director, "ASA is tuned into and far ahead of the curve on issues that may affect your business, as well as public safety concerns. You're invited to join us at San Jacinto College in Pasadena, Texas, to learn about issues impacting the vehicle safety inspection program in Texas and across the United States."

To register for the event, please visit www.TakingTheHill.com.

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