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A bi-monthly news update from ASA's Mechanical Division.

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

Scan Tool Information Available

Need help selecting the right scan tool? Don't forget to check out AutoInc. for the scan tool series authored by Pete Rudloff. These monthly features provide detailed information and share his hands-on experience with OE-specific scan tools. May's issue provided a scan tool review on Toyota/Lexus/Scion & Honda/Acura; followed in June by Volkswagen/Audi. To view current or previous issues online, visit www.AutoInc.org.

Are you heading for Detroit? Make plans to attend Pete's class Saturday, Aug. 2, 8:30-11:30 a.m., titled "Understanding the Mysteries of Chrysler Diagnostics."

Richard Flint to Deliver Keynote Address at CARS!

ASA is excited to have Richard Flint as the keynote speaker at this year's NACE & CARS shows! A popular and familiar face at our trade shows, Flint is regarded as one of America's top personal development speakers and coaches, and will be speaking on the "Power of Working Together" during the opening General Session July 31 at 8 a.m.

Meetings of ASA Mechanical Leadership in Nation's Capitol

- ASA Mechanical Division leaders led by Bob Wills, Mechanical Division director, visited Washington, D.C., for meetings with top federal officials.

- A key meeting was held with National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) Administrator David Friedman and senior NHTSA officials. Two issues for discussion were the importance of periodic motor vehicle inspections and how repairers may assist NHTSA in providing information for the Office of Defects Investigation.

- Additional meetings with Capitol Hill leaders on committees of importance to independent repairers included the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee, the U.S. Senate Commerce Committee, U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, among other committees.

ASA, AASA Cooperative Efforts Continue

• Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection (PMVI) Survey

With the success of the Parts Warranty and Labor Claims survey, ASA and AASA recently launched the Periodic Motor Vehicle Inspection survey. The purpose for this survey was to check the pulse of repairers on this

subject. The results of the survey are under review and more information regarding PMVIs will be provided to ASA members soon.

• Meeting in Detroit: AASA Warranty Task Force

The first meeting of a recently formed AASA Warranty Task Force will take place Wednesday, July 30, in Detroit. The purpose for the meeting is to continue dialogue about parts warranty and labor claims. Bob Wills, ASA mechanical division director, and Terry Wynter, former committee member, will participate. Also in attendance will be Dan Risley, ASA president and executive director, and Robbie Haas, division manager.

Volunteers Wanted: You Can Make a Difference

ASA is a member-driven association. To ensure continued success, members must volunteer to serve and be involved with the association, not just at the local or state level, but also at the national level. The search to find ASA members to serve on the 2015 Mechanical Division Operations Committee has begun. The committee is comprised of shop owners and managers just like you. These volunteers, along with the elected division director, form a team that serves on behalf of all ASA mechanical members. If you are interested or want to recommend someone, contact Robbie Haas, mechanical division manager, at robbea@asashop.org or call direct at (817) 514-2924.

Closing Comments from Bob Wills

The entire Mechanical Division Operations Committee is dedicated to serving ASA and our members. Together, we will pursue building a better automotive industry. I look forward to seeing you in Detroit, and thanks for your continued support of ASA.

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