

# MECHANICAL OPS NEWS

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

**Congratulations to Pete Rudloff**

Delaware shop owner and MOC member Pete Rudloff was honored with the ASA Communicator of the Year Award during the Celebration of Excellence at NACE | CARS in Anaheim. Pete was recognized for his efforts as a contributor to AutInc. magazine and his tireless work in helping to educate fellow shop owners and the industry at large on several important issues.

**Webinar and Meeting on PMVI**

The ASA Mechanical Division Operations Committee (MOC) continues work 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 and will participate in a PMVI webinar scheduled for Sept. 27.

**New EPA Ozone Regulations Could Expand  
Emissions I/M Programs**

The MOC is working with ASA's Washington, D.C., representative to help identify potential leaders to help in the development of Emissions Inspection and Maintenance (I/M) programs in states where the stricter ozone regulations may require new or updated periodic vehicle emissions inspections. The goals are to make sure ASA members are represented as part of the discussion at both state and national levels and to open a communication process to address emerging needs as the timeline develops on the new regulations. The MOC will be tracking developments as the situation develops.

**Telematics and Technology Forum**

MOC members at NACE | CARS attended the Technology and Telematics Forum to hear the latest updates on this important issue. MOC members continue to be engaged in telematics discussions representing the needs of the service and collision

repair communities 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. Ongoing dialog on best practices for qualifying an individual providing automotive diagnostic and repair services in the proper handling of potentially sensitive data will continue going forward to identify existing resources that could be leveraged to achieve a secure vetting process.

**CARS at AAPEX**

The MOC is working with the ASA board to help grow CARS into the signature brand for ASA management and technical training events across the country. The final events for 2016 are scheduled for Chicago during the ASA-Illinois C.A.N. Conference and at the 2016 AAPEX show in Las Vegas in November.

MOC members will continue to 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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