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CHAPTER 20

Scan Tool mini Vendor Fair *and* Demo Shop Night

July 16, 2024 ~ 6-9 pm

at Main Street Automotive
2040 N Main Street, Ste 2, Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Watch this 30 second [video](#) for directions.

Overflow parking available on the street. 2 blocks from BART

We'll have the Taco Truck there for a delicious dinner



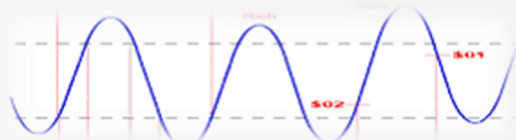
Win a brand new PS-M2 programming power supply from Autoland !



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**Free event ~ Thank you to
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President's Message - July 2024



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Hello from your Chapter 20 President.

Happy 4th of July to everyone. Hope everyone enjoyed this holiday, celebrating our freedom we have here in America. Freedom is a wonderful thing to have that we continually try to maintain and keep. In our industry there can be forces at times, either inside the shop or outside the shop, that can be a damper on this freedom. Having a solid business plan in place and people in your corner can help to elevate these concerns. Ultimately what is your plan in the future for total freedom from work? Having attainable goals put in place can help you stay laser focused on what brings you and your team joy and ultimate freedom.

Our mixer at The Sturgeon baseball game in Martinez on June 10th was a great time. We had young families there, spouses and significant others. The weather was wonderful and we certainly had close seats. This is a unique field where you are pretty much sitting in the dugout area. Good to see many members and guests out enjoying an evening at the ballpark.

Reminder, we have our Scan Tool Shootout coming up on the 16th in Walnut Creek at Main Street Auto. We have several vendors coming and bringing their latest scan tools to demo and give you an opportunity to ask questions and purchase after their presentation. We have a taco truck coming with yummy food and thank you to our tool vendors in helping to sponsor this. Invite your neighbor shops as well to join in this community event.

As always, please feel free to reach out to me or any other members if you need anything.

Trent Courtney - Frank's Auto Service

Editor's note: We're beginning our 20th year of publishing! Thank you to everyone for your support over the years.



ASC-CA Chapter 20 MISSION STATEMENT

"To promote professionalism throughout our industry by upholding our state code of ethics and sharing our successes and failures with our members and future members". "To elevate and unite automotive professionals and give them a voice".



Liberty High School Auto Shop ... Take 2 Saturday, August 17th

Liberty High School Auto Shop Presents:

*Take part
in East Bay
Cruise
Nights after
the show!!!*

CRUISE OUT CAR SHOW

11.5
REDO
Show

Saturday August 17th 2024

Cars line up at 11AM

Show goes from 12PM to 4PM

\$30 Donation for Car Entry

Check in:

North on First Street to Pine St.

**Independence High School Parking Lot
Brentwood, CA**

**May 4th was a rainy affair!
Sun guaranteed for the
August 17th Cruise Out !**



We are the Liberty High School Auto Shop Car Club, and we are going to be having a car show on Saturday May 4th 2024. The students in the shop have several projects they are working on and your support will help them complete those projects.

Banner and Vendor opportunities are being offered again. Chapter 20 will have a booth at the event. This car show has attracted up to 150 cars at previous events, with many members from the community visiting.

For banner or vendor information, contact Jon Dorr at 925-634-3521 x5404 ~ dorj@luhsd.net



WHAT'S ON YOUR WALL?

**ASCCA Educational Summit:
Elevating Skills Through In-Person
Training**
Registration links on banner and on Page 5

In September, ASCCA will hold the much-anticipated Team Weekend Training Event. This is a cornerstone of professional development for automotive technicians across the state. This annual gathering in Irvine will draw a robust crowd of seasoned professionals and aspiring technicians. The event features a comprehensive array of workshops, hands-on training sessions, and networking opportunities, underscoring the critical importance of in-person training in the automotive industry. This translates to your shop, the certificates on your wall, and what this means to customers. What we know, how we display what we know, and how we grow to determine the success of our shop and the industry.

The Highlights of the Event

The ASCCA Team Weekend Training Event was meticulously crafted to address the evolving needs of automotive technicians. Key highlights will include:

1. **Hands-On Workshops**: Technicians had the opportunity to engage in practical workshops led by industry experts. These sessions covered a range of topics, from advanced diagnostics to the latest in automotive technology, providing attendees with the tools and knowledge needed to stay at the forefront of their field.
2. **Expert-Led Seminars**: Renowned figures from the automotive industry delivered seminars on emerging trends, regulatory updates, and best practices. These sessions provide valuable insights into the future of automotive service and repair, helping technicians to anticipate and adapt to changes in the industry.
3. **Networking Opportunities**: The event facilitates numerous networking opportunities, allowing technicians to connect with peers, mentors, and potential employers. These interactions foster a sense of community and collaboration, essential for personal and professional growth.

The Importance of In-Person Training

While virtual training has become increasingly prevalent, the ASCCA Team Weekend Training Event highlights the irreplaceable value of in-person training for automotive technicians. Here's why face-to-face training remains crucial:

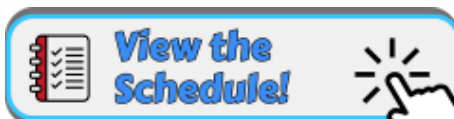
1. **Enhanced Learning Through Hands-On Experience**: Automotive repair and diagnostics are inherently hands-on fields. In-person training allows technicians to physically interact with tools and vehicles, enhancing their understanding and proficiency. This tactile experience is something that virtual training simply cannot replicate.
2. **Immediate Feedback and Problem-Solving**: During in-person sessions, technicians can receive immediate feedback from instructors, enabling them to quickly correct mistakes and refine their techniques. This real-time interaction fosters a deeper understanding and quicker mastery of complex skills.
3. **Building Professional Networks**: In-person events provide unparalleled opportunities for networking. Technicians can build relationships with industry leaders, peers, and potential mentors. These connections can lead to job opportunities, collaborations, and a supportive professional community.
4. **Staying Updated with Industry Trends**: The automotive industry is rapidly evolving, with new technologies and regulations emerging regularly. In-person training events often feature the latest advancements and provide a platform for discussing and understanding these changes in depth.
5. **Motivation and Engagement**: Attending a live event can be highly motivating. The energy and enthusiasm of a group setting can inspire technicians to continue learning and improving their skills. This collective motivation is a powerful driver of professional development.

So let's get ready and book our trip to Irvine. It is time to show off what is on your wall in the shop, and see your team grow!

Andrei Obolenskiy, State Vice President ASCCA, Council Representative Chapter 20 ASCCA

USEFUL LINKS & CONTACTS

ASCCA 2024 Annual Training Conference



ASCCA Calendar at a Glance

Monthly ASCCA Newsletter for Members

<https://www.ascca.com/news/wyntk-archive>

June 2024 edition

*Includes May Team Weekend wrap up, and
BAR Vehicle Safety Inspection Program roll out Link (see below)*

ASCCA Benefits Summary Page

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Legislative Update for June 2024

Jeff Stich & Kathy Smith/Chapter 20 Scholarships

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ASCCA training video library



NWACA - June Dateline Newsletter

Bureau of Automotive Repair Launches Online License Printing
www.bar.ca.gov/license-print

BAR - Citation and Remedial Training Programs
<https://www.bar.ca.gov/citation>

Inspections begin July 8th. Link to Manual:

BAR - Vehicle Safety Systems Inspection Program
<https://www.bar.ca.gov/pdf/manuals/VSSI.pdf>

RATCHET + WRENCH

Understanding and Training your Young Technicians

Developing young techs and helping them reach their goals is vital to the industry

July 30, 2023, Nolan O'Hara, Reprinted with permission

When Ross Colket made the decision to open Colket Automotive Technical Services in Lansdale, Pennsylvania, back in 2007, he knew exactly who to call. At the time, Colket taught classes at the Carquest Technical Institute (CTI), and he had a student who stood out to him.

"I was very impressed with his mechanical skillset," Colket says.

So Colket gave him a ring when he opened up his shop, and that student worked for Colket for about two years before taking the leap and diving into shop ownership himself. Since then, Colket has made a habit of hiring and developing young, fresh-out-of-school technicians, with many having gone on to see success throughout their professional careers.

Finding and developing good young techs is vital to the industry as older techs retire and fewer people enter the field, leaving a widespread shortage of technicians. At the same time, it's just as important for shops to create pathways for fresh techs to develop and reach their personal career goals.

But finding good young techs and establishing pathways for their personal and professional development doesn't come without its challenges.

Generational Challenges

Colket has successfully found good, fresh techs fairly regularly—he says he currently has two good younger hires working for him now—but he's well aware not every tech who makes it through school is guaranteed to succeed or will be the right fit for his shop.

In reality, he says, really only two out of every 20 students in a graduating class will be poised for success in the industry. There are a couple of reasons why.

When Colket was growing up, he lived on a farm and his family ran a brick manufacturing business. He grew up with a very mechanical background, having worked on cars and farm equipment for the family business and all before he'd entered the auto industry.

But he says nowadays with how complex car repair has become that fewer and fewer people are growing up fixing their own vehicles, and thus have lost that mechanical background. On top of that, there are fewer opportunities for the current generation to gain experience with vehicle repair prior to school.

This article appears in the [July 2024](#) issue of Ratchet+Wrench. For additional articles visit www.ratchetandwrench.com

Read the rest of the article [here](#)



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Use your email address registered with the ASCCA office for this login creation. Your username will automatically be

FirstName.LastName.

[Create your login here](#)

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Chapter 20 Meeting & Mixer Calendar

2024

All Meetings and Mixers begin at 6 pm and are subject to confirmation from speakers and venues

-JANUARY-

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EVs, Jack Rosebro, at Techzone

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Family Fun Night, Skee Ball Tournament at Dave & Busters

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Jack Molodanof, at The Greenery

-APRIL-

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Mixer at Morgan Territory

-MAY-

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Team Weekend in Walnut Creek

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Martinez Sturgeon Baseball - Ch 20 ASCCA Night

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Scan Tool Shootout at Main Street Auto

-AUGUST-

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Shop Night and Round Table

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Mixer at Massés

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AI and Your Business, plus Board Elections

-DECEMBER-

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Mixer at Morgan Territory, plus Christmas Toy Drive



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CORE PURPOSE: To elevate and unite automotive professionals and give them voice.

CORE VALUES: Integrity, Compassion, Professionalism, Unity

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