



PERA's 70th Annual Conference 2015 Program Highlights



*Sheraton Downtown Hotel
Nashville, TN*

September 16 - September 18

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If you would prefer to make your reservations by phone, call central reservations at 615-259-2000 and use Booking Code: Production Engine Remanufacturers Association – Annual Conference.

The guaranteed rate of \$249 will be honored until 5:00pm on **August 14th**. After that the PERA rate will no longer be available. This rate is available for early arrivals or later departures if rooms are available.

NOTE Early Departure fee: You will be assessed an early departure fee of \$100 if you check out before your scheduled departure date.

Room Availability is based on a first-come, first-served basis. A limited number of rooms have been reserved for PERA. Once the PERA room block is filled, additional rooms will be subject to availability, but the guaranteed rate will apply only if the reservation is made prior to **August 14th**.

Parking is available at prevailing rates: Valet - \$32.00 daily with in/out privileges. Self-parking - \$29.00 daily with in/out privileges.

Wednesday, September 16

- 8:00-8:30am Working Breakfast –
Welcome by Frank Owings
- 8:30am Keynote Address
Richard Bryan
“Good business is just common sense... unfortunately common sense is not common practice.” Mr. Bryan will share real life lessons to grow your business and yourself. He is an international speaker, author and business owner who knows what it takes to grow your business and increase your bottom line.

Mr. Bryan’s participation has been made possible by the generosity of S.B. International in sponsoring his keynote address.
- 9:45am Camshaft Design
This presentation by Brian Sipple of Engine Power Components will discuss new camshaft designs, materials, design and durability demands. He’ll also address future challenges and the fact that one size does not fit all anymore.
- 10:45am Break
- 11:00am What’s Changed with HazMat
This presentation by SafetyKleen will be addressing the changes from the old MSDS format to the new SDS format. It will also talk about the proper way to handle hazardous materials and the proper disposal methods.
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 12:45pm Variable Valve Timing & Displacement on Demand
This 3 part presentation will cover the ins and outs of variable valve timing (VVT) and both mechanical and electronic displacement on demand (DOD).

VVT and mechanical DOD issues will be addressed by representatives of Schaeffler Group USA, the leader in supplying VVT components to the OEs.

The electronic side of DOD will be discussed by TBD
- 2:45pm Break
- 3:00pm The Affordable Care Act (Obama Care)
Katie Mahoney, Executive Director, Health Policy U.S. Chamber of Commerce invites you to come and hear what businesses need to know and what legislation would help facilitate compliance, increase flexibility and reduce unnecessary costs of the ACA.

Wednesday, September 16 (continued)

- 4:00pm What’s happening with oil pumps?
Mike Osterhaus of Melling Engine Parts will talk about some of the recent and not-so-recent design changes that are having a big impact in your reman operations. Included will be a discussion on variable pressure oil pumps.
- 5:00pm Session ends
- 6:00-7:30pm Opening Reception hosted by AER Manufacturing**
- Thursday, September 17
- 7:30am Working Breakfast
- 8:00am Large Risk Insurance Issues
Greg Acker of ANBTX/Sleeper Sewell Insurance Services will discuss risk management techniques regarding product liability issues after the product leaves your doors, your exposure and how to limit that exposure.
- 9:00am Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP)
Jason Pieper of Jasper Engines will talk about how VPP promotes effective worksite-based safety and health by establishing cooperative relationships between management, labor and OSHA.
- 9:30am Election of new directors
Recognize outgoing directors
Other awards
- 10:00am End Session
- 10:30am Load bus for golf outing
- 11:00am Lunch and alternative tour for non-golfers
- 12:15pm Load buses for Nissan assembly plant tour – Smyrna, TN
- 4:30pm Buses return from golf and Nissan tour
- 6:00pm Load buses for General Jackson Riverboat
- 10:00pm Buses return from General Jackson Riverboat

Thursday Evening Aboard the General Jackson

Enjoy an evening cruise on the General Jackson to get a full feel of the South with mouthwatering favorites served buffet style prepared by award-winning Chefs aboard this 300-foot paddlewheel riverboat. A breathtaking view of downtown Nashville and a new show for 2015, HOT COUNTRY NIGHTS, will be heating up the Victorian Theatre stage.

Our thanks to QualCast, LLC for hosting this fabulous evening of fun and entertainment.