



PERA's 77th Annual Convention 2023 Program Highlights



Omni Hotel & Resort at the Galleria

Houston, TX

September 20 - September 22

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Making Your Hotel Reservation

Your hotel reservation is just a click or phone call away. Click on or cut and paste the following link into your search engine to reach PERA's Hyatt Regency Greenville reservation page.

<https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/houston/meetings/pera-2023-09182023>

Although it's best to use the above link, you can always call to make your reservation. Call 713.871.8181 and be sure to use our group code 091523PERA.

The guaranteed rate of \$185.00 will be honored until 5:00pm on Tuesday, **September 5th or until our block is full**. After that, the PERA rate will no longer be available. This rate **IS** available three (3) days before and three (3) days after our program **based on availability** so get your reservation in early! **If you desire to come in early or stay late, call** to make your reservation using our group code G-PROD.

Room availability is based on a first come, first served basis. 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 **September 5th** and rooms are available in our block.

Self-parking is available at \$24/night. Valet is \$34/night. If you're not parking overnight, rates are: \$10 for the 1st 4 hours; \$14 for 4-8 hours; over 8 hours the daily rate of \$24 applies. Oversize trucks are \$50.00. Applicable sales taxes will apply. If you are staying in the hotel, your key card will give you in/out privileges.

See page 5 for travel and transportation to and from the airport information.

Wednesday, September 20th

- 8:00-8:05am Working breakfast –
Welcome by President Skip Hartley & Introduction of Keynote Speaker
- 8:05am *Keynote Address: How Do Businesses Make Sure We Have Good Government*
Michael Berry is known as the czar of talk radio by everyday working people and is ranked among the top 25 talk show hosts in America. Berry graduated magna cum laude from the University of Houston with a B.A. in Political Science where he was a student body president, J.D. from the University of Texas School of Law and a M.L. in international commercial law from the University of Nottingham. He was a three-term Houston city councilman and has been hosting radio shows since 2005. He has been a partner in a law firm and was president of a residential property firm. In short, Berry has extensive business experience and knows the importance of supporting a government that understands the important role businesses must play. He will share this knowledge with you at this year’s convention.
- 8:45am *Overcoming Labor Shortages*
Like all members, AER Manufacturing has had its difficulties recruiting a workforce. Adam Skaggs, AER’s VP/COO Manufacturing will share how AER is approaching this issue with some conventional and not so conventional methods.
- 9:30am *Recruiting Top Talent*
The fight for talent is tougher than ever before! Recruiting top talent is a critical process for any organization seeking to build a skilled and capable workforce. Liz Whalen from Whalen Search Group will discuss steps to effectively recruit professional talent such as executives, marketing and engineering in a tight job market.
- 10:00am Break **hosted by Dorman Products**
- 10:30am *A Deep Dive Into The Chevrolet LS/LT Engine*
Skip Hartley of Impaco and Roy Berndt of LKQ Remanufacturing are returning to delve into all the details of the Chevrolet LS/LT engine which is quickly increasing in demand. If you saw them along with Doug Anderson with the 2.7L Ford Ecoboost and the 3.6L Chrysler Pentastar, you won’t be disappointed with the breakdown of this engine.
- 12:00pm Lunch **hosted by AER Manufacturing**

Wednesday, September 20th (continued)

- 12:45pm *Stepping Up To A Cloud-based ERP Solution*
Join Casey Calouette of Cal Grinding as he unveils the trials of completely replacing a 20+ year old legacy ERP system with a state-of-the-art Cloud-based ERP solution. Discover the invaluable lessons learned during this transformative endeavor and gain firsthand insights into the power of embracing modernization.
- 1:30pm *The Lubricant that is NOT an Oil*
Lake Speed, Jr. is THE authority when it comes to lubricants, surface finishes and more. Lake will share his work in how coatings can play an important role in engines and show how the application of different PVD coatings directly impact wear.
- 2:15pm Break **hosted by Dorman Products**
- 2:45pm *Solving Valve Seat Issues*
This will be a four-part series with Chuck Barnett of Dura-Bond Bearing Company talking about powdered metal valve seats, Cathy Molkentine and Daniel Ward of LE Jones discussing cast seats, Ryan Thompson of Rottler Manufacturing explaining the ins and outs of machining the different seat materials and Chuck Lynch of AERA tying it all together from the remanufacturer’s perspective.
- 4:45pm Session ends
- 6:00-7:30pm **Opening Reception hosted by AER Manufacturing**
The Landing (off the main lobby)
- Thursday, September 21st
- 8:00am Working breakfast & welcome back
- 8:15am *Induction Heating for Power Train Remanufacturing Processes*
Adam Morrison of Ajax TOCCO Magnethermic will give you a brief explanation of the history and how induction heating works followed by a more in-depth exploration of many of the successful induction heating applications for powertrain remanufacturing operations. Adam will include videos of fixtures developed and used extensively by PERA member, REVIVA.
- 9:15am Session ends for golfers
- 9:15am Break for nongolfers
- 9:30am Bus loads for Pearland Golf Club

Thursday, September 21st (continued)

- 9:45am *Automating Your Blasting Operation*
Jeff Paduano of ESCA Blast will discuss the advantages of automating your blasting operation to increase your productivity.
- 10:45am *Reclaiming Roller Lifters: Should you or shouldn't you?*
Benjamin Baloga of LKQ Remanufacturing will look at the process, benefits and disadvantages of reclaiming these little devils. From harvesting, pre-cleaning and disassembly to final cleaning, qualification, assembly and testing Benjamin will tell all.
- 11:45am Lunch **hosted by Dorman Products**
- NOTE:** Due to technical difficulties, there will be no tour on Thursday.
- 12:45pm *Retaining Top Talent*
You've spent a lot of time recruiting your professional top talent. How do you keep them happy and engaged? Retaining top talent is crucial for the long-term success and growth of any organization. Liz Whalen returns to discuss key strategies to effectively retain your top talent through their first few days with your company and the years to follow.
- 1:15pm *10 Tips For Success In Business and Life*
Jim MacIngvale, also known as "Mattress Mack", is known for owning and operating the Gallery Furniture retail chain, based in Houston, Texas. MacIngvale is not only a hugely successful businessman, but a true believer in sharing his knowledge and resources in many philanthropic endeavors. You will walk away totally motivated to inspire yourself to make a difference.
- 1:45pm *"WAR" with Jasper*
Scott Hoffman will head up a group of Jasper associates to talk about a daily problem solving that starts with the TL in production and allows for opportunities to be leveled up to each level of leadership and support area. This allows for support to be harnessed and directed where the greatest need is. Scott says this process "has really helped us get to root cause of items and create lasting change." Take advantage of this opportunity to see if this problem-solving technique will help you improve your processes as well.
- 2:45pm *Internet Uses On The Shop Floor*
Industry 4.0, IIoT, AI - What is it? How can it help? Where to start? Floyd Dickson uses his 40 years of manufacturing experience to highlight how these new technologies drive a company-wide digital business strategy for success.
- 3:30pm *Roundtable: AI is here, can you taking advantage?*
Share your uses and concerns of AI in your operation.
- 6:00pm Free Evening

Friday, September 22nd

- 8:05am *The Evolution of Aqueous Cleaning*
Jack Daul of Allen Woods and Associates will leverage his vast experience in helping manufacturing operations make vast improvements in their cleaning operations through the use of state-of-the-art aqueous cleaning equipment.
- 9:15am *The Right Chemistry Is Critical For Perfect Results*
Your cleaning operation is unique and selecting the right chemistry to make it the most effective possible is critical. Dr. Steve Preece, Madison Chemical Company's Technical Director, will discuss differences in various chemistries, how to pick the right one for you, environmental, safety and health considerations.
- 10:00am Break **hosted by Dorman Products**
- 10:15am *Understanding The Cummins Diesel*
Cass Choate of Choate Engineering Performance has been a popular speaker for the past two years covering the Ford and GM diesel engines in pickups and LD trucks. He has agreed to return this year and do his magic on the Cummins Diesel family.
- 11:45pm *Tour Overview*
Scott Miller will introduce us to LKQ Best Automotive, the core processing facility for all LKQ operations. Join us on this tour to see the effective way they handle cores of all types.
- 11:50pm *Closing*
Casey Calouette & Skip Hartley
- 12:00noon *Lunch hosted by Silver Seal & U.S. Tool & Mfg.*
- 12:45pm Load buses for LKQ
- 4:00pm Return to Omni
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- 6:00pm *An Evening With Christine & Skip Hartley***
- Christine and Skip Hartley have invited everyone to their home in Webster, TX for an evening of fun, food and relaxation. Entertainment will be provided by The Fab 5, a fantastic Beatles cover band, and the catering will be provided by Houston's finest, Gringo's Tex-Mex to include margaritas. Tours of the bayou will be available on Skip's pontoon boat. An open bar will round out the offerings.
- 9:30pm Return to Omni

Spouse Tours

[See more details on our home page www.pera.org](http://www.pera.org)

Wednesday, September 20th

10:00am The Landing at the Omni: *Build Your Own Hat Party*

Join Christine and her friends from Monarca Fashion Boutique to “build” your very own hat in the Landing off the lobby of the Omni. You’ll have your choice of different style suede hats from fedoras, cordobez and cowboy that you will accessorize with bands, pins, brooch’s, feathers and other personal styling of your choosing. Lunch will be served in the Landing following your “party.” Christine is encouraging all of you to check out Monarca and all they offer and don’t forget to show off your hat at the opening reception!



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Thursday, September 21st

8:20am Departure

Return to the Omni by 3:00pm

NASA: The Johnson Space Center

This will be a private tour of the Johnson Space Center that will include stops at the Saturn 5 rocket that was the workhorse of the space program in propelling astronauts to the moon. You will also tour Building 9, the astronaut training facility and the center itself with all its artifacts. Lunch afterwards will be at Landry’s in Kemah, TX.



Friday, September 22nd

9:15am Departure

Return to the Omni by 2:30pm

Bayou Bend Tour

The Bayou Bend Collection is one of the nation's foremost assemblages of American decorative arts dating from 1620 through 1876 reflecting the tastes, values, and aspirations of Colonial-era Americans. The collection is one of the finest showcases of American furnishings, silver, ceramics, and paintings in the world. The house is situated on 14 acres of organically maintained gardens in Houston’s historic River Oaks neighborhood.



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Travel Information

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Driving to the Omni Hotel & Resort

The Omni is located in Uptown at 4 Riverway, Houston 77056. Use this link for driving directions from your location:

[Omni Houston Hotel - Google Maps](#)

Airport to the Omni

There are two airports serving Houston, George Bush Intercontinental (code IAH) which is north and Hobby (code HOU) which is south. Both are approximately 25 minutes from the Omni. **Be sure to match your return flight to the same airport!**

There is no Omni shuttle from either airport. Your best option is taxi or share ride services.

Name: _____
 Badge Nick Name: _____
 Spouse Full Name: _____
 Spouse Badge Nick Name: _____
 Company: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone: _____ **Mobile:** _____
 Email: _____

If you have multiple people from your company using the same credit card or check, use one form to calculate all charges and **Use separate forms** for the other names, spouse tours, golf handicaps and club info. The fields will automatically calculate when you enter the number registered.

The Bill Levy Memorial Golf Tournament
Thursday, September 21st



Golf Chairman Cully Calouette has selected Pearland Golf Club for this year's tournament. Pearland offers state of the art Club Cars with GPS systems to enhance your golfing experience. It offers challenging greens, deep bunkers and a tight course.

Registration Options:

Member (First 2 registrations) # reg _____ \$725 each _____
 Member (add'l regs. above 2) # reg _____ \$375 each _____
 Member Spouse # reg _____ \$225 each _____
 Non-Member # reg _____ \$950 each _____
 Non-Member Spouse # reg _____ \$325 each _____

(Attending Spouses Must Register)

Golf # reg _____ \$80 each _____
 Golf clubs # reg _____ \$35 each _____

Total _____

Payment information:

All checks should be made payable to:

Production Engine Remanufacturers Association

Fax to: **817-628-0909**

Credit Card Number:

Exp. Date _____ Security # _____ Card _____

Name as it Appears on the Card:

Cardholder's Signature:

Convention Cancellation Refund Policy

Cancellations will be accepted through August 10th for a full refund. A 50% refund will be issued for cancellations received Aug. 11-Sept. 1. There will be **NO REFUNDS** for cancellations after September 1st.

Member Handicap _____ Fee: \$80.
 Spouse Handicap _____ Fee: \$80.
 \$35 Rental Clubs Men Yes RH LH No
 \$35 Rental Clubs Women Yes RH LH No

Note: Rental clubs are on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Ladies Program Signup

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